



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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(Weds to Fri; 10.00am to 2.00pm)

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Mass Times

Sundays: 6.30pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm
Weekdays: (Mon-Fri) 10.00am
Holydays: 10.00am & 6.30pm

Confession: Saturday 5.30 to 6.00pm

Baptisms and weddings by arrangement

Sixth Sunday of the Year (B) - Mass Book p.137 Sunday 11th February 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 10 th Feb	6.30 pm	Camilla Codrington RIP Anniversary	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 11 th Feb	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Michael & Karuna Wood Rev. Frank Ryan RIP Tom Phillips RIP	Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)
Mon 12 th Feb	10.00 am	Pro-Populo	Feria
Tue 13 th Feb	10.00 am	Ann Kelly RIP	Feria
Wed 14 th Feb	10.00 am	Rev. M. Laurenson RIP Day of Fasting and Abstinence	Ash Wednesday
Thur 15 th Feb	10.00 am	Parents/Grandparents of McCormack & Ryan Families	Feria
Fri 16 th Feb	10.00 am	Felix & Mary Anne McCabe	Feria
Sat 17 th Feb	6.30 pm	Eamon Dolan RIP Anniversary	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 18 th Feb	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Georgina Chevallier & Jozef Langiewicz	First Sunday of Lent (B)
Last week's:	Mass count: 405	Offertory: £1,251.05	Second collection: £

PROGRAMME OF RENEWAL TO BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Our parish was established 60 years ago this year thanks to the generosity and vision of generations before us. We have a duty to follow in their footsteps by ensuring that our church buildings are properly maintained and developed so that they continue to be fit for worship and the community. The parish broadly breaks even each year with donations meeting basic annual running costs and maintenance but they do not generate the funds we need to tackle larger projects - some of which need to be tackled now and some over the next three to five years.

MASTER PLAN The finance committee has drawn up a 3-5 year master estate plan to address areas for repair and improvement including work to the outside of the church and refurbishment of the hall. Please see accompanying leaflet. Many parishioners have commented on the parlous state of the curtilage and entrance of the Church and the poor facilities in the Hall. **Stage1:** The proposal is not only to undertake essential repairs to the steps at the entrance but also to meet health and safety requirements and improve our disability access. Then there is the driveway and car park behind the Church and a serious need to delineate Church property to discourage cars being left on the property. Above all, the front of the Church needs to be accessible and inviting which new lighting will provide. We have a strategic location on Castelnau yet the front of the Church looks run down, unattractive and unkempt. This alone must send a message to the hundreds who pass each day on buses, in cars and on foot as to the how the Catholic Community want to present ourselves. Moreover the Church should be a show-case for our Community in Barnes, especially for major sacramental occasions. We need to demonstrate we are a vibrant and happy Community who take pride in our appearance.

Let's make our buildings, now over 60 years old, a legacy for the upcoming generation!

St Osmund's Newsletter

Diary of Events

1st March – Talk by Shirley Williams, Baroness Williams of Crosby, see more below
25th March – Easter Eggstravaganza, see below
21st April - Afternoon Tea
17th May – Talk in the Hall, “Luther – 500 years since the Reformation”, see below

General Information

Tom Phillips RIP

It was deeply moving to see so many at Tom's funeral Mass on Monday last. He had no relatives and to see so many at his funeral was a tremendous response and witness from the parish. It is a corporeal work of mercy to bury the Dead.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the First day of Lent. Masses and Ashes are available at 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. This year the day falls on St Valentine's day (ouch) because it is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Parish Lenten Appeal

Next Sunday we begin our parish Lenten Appeal. Last year we helped Sr. Georgina and Brother Kiely in Rustenburg, South Africa. This year we will be supporting the Sr. Ancy Mathew and Adoratives Sisters in the battle against human trafficking in London. Sr. Ancy will be talking at all Masses.

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter for Lent is available. Please take a copy home with the newsletter. His letter begins: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday when we begin the Season of Lent, and the readings at Mass will speak to us of the need for prayer, of fasting, and almsgiving. We might be forgiven for feeling a little dispirited and despondent at the prospect: first a day of fasting and abstinence, and then six weeks of penance to come! With that thought in mind I am looking out at the sleet and rain drifting down in the bitter north-easterly wind, and I'm sure that you, like me, long for the first signs of Spring.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP - Attend a presentation in the hall (dates to be announced) • Make a donation to the development fund • Pledge a regular amount each month, quarter or year • Offer a loan to the parish • Remember St Osmund's in your will • Help identify charities that may support this appeal • Attend / organise fundraising events. **Remember Gift Aid can increase your donation by 25%!**

The Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

Sunday 25th March after 10:30 mass in the hall. All welcome! Arts & crafts, cookie decorating, egg hunt, face painting and tea and coffee for mums and dads. Children £6, Tickets at door.

Children's Liturgy Group

For two age groups: 2 - 4 (parents may accompany), and 4 - 7. The children's Mass will be on the first Sunday each month, at 10.30am.

Call for Catechists

WHAT IS A CATECHIST? The Catechist is a person of faith who leads others in understanding the faith. The role of the catechist is a vital ministry to the Church. It is a gift that has tremendous value to the world community at large because through the catechist's word and action, the message of Christ continues to have a place in all human affairs.

WHAT DOES A CATECHIST DO? The primary goal of a catechist is to model God's love to others. As a result, the primary requisite of a catechist is a love for God and a love for others. The catechist passes on to students a set of shared meanings and values that are Catholic and Christian. A catechist also initiates others into the faith community, into its life, its worship, symbols and practices.

WILL I GET ANY SUPPORT? Yes an experienced Catechist will offer training and support you and introduce you to the lessons and resources to use. Training is offered at a time to suit you and will involve 2 or possibly 3 sessions lasting 40 minutes each. Megan has kindly offered to do this and invites

volunteers to respond mwfrost3@icloud.com
HOW MUCH TIME AND COMMITMENT WILL IT TAKE? The First Holy Communion programme will involve 12 hours with the Children and probably another 12 hours of meetings and preparation - Total of 24 hours in one year. Confirmation 8 hours of contact and another 8 hours preparation – Total of 16 hours in a year. Meanwhile I will be cajoling volunteers – you may wish to keep your head down!

Talk night by Shirley Williams

Shirley Williams, Baroness Williams of Crosby, CH, PC is a British politician and academic who represents the Liberal Democrats. Originally a Labour Member of Parliament (MP) and Cabinet Minister, she was one of the "Gang of Four" rebels who founded the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in 1981. Baroness Williams is coming to speak on her life and faith on **Thursday 1 March. 7:30pm drinks, 8PM talk and questions in the Hall.**

Thursday 17 May 7.30 pm 'Luther – 500 years since the Reformation'

A talk in the Hall by Professor Richard Rex - Professor of Reformation History, Faculty of Divinity University of Cambridge and Polkinghorne. Professor Rex will be bringing copies of his book: The Making of Martin Luther.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2018

A 1-Night parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. We will visit together both the Catholic and Anglican Shrines. Dates: Wednesday 11 July, returning the next day. B&B accommodation. (ensuite £48, not ensuite £34/night). Contact Mia at MiaGibbons@gmail.com for more information. **Closing Date – 4 March 2018**

Ave Regina Caelorum:

*Ave, Regina Caelorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.*