



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

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Sunday 3rd December 2017 (Mass book p.82)

| Date | Time | Intention | Feast |
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| Sat 2 nd Dec | 6.30 pm | John Derek Ogden RIP | First Mass of Sunday |
| Sun 3 rd Dec | 8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm | Kayleigh Sandnell RIP For the soul of Walter Herbert Reginald Holloway Pro-Populo | First Sunday of Advent (B) |
| Mon 4 th Dec | 10.00 am | Ben O'Connor RIP | St John Damascene |
| Tue 5 th Dec | 10.00 am | Nora O'Flaherty RIP | Feria |
| Wed 6 th Dec | 10.00 am | Kathleen Corrigan RIP | St Nicholas |
| Thur 7 th Dec | 10.00 am | Tommy Joyce RIP | St Ambrose |
| Fri 8 th Dec | 10.00 am | | The Immaculate Conception |
| Sat 9 th Dec | 6.30 pm | | First Mass of Sunday |
| Sun 10 th Dec | 8.30 am 10.30 am 12:30 pm 6.30 pm | Hannah Linehan RIP Baptisms – Jack Bradley, Anna Messeri | Second Sunday of Advent (B) |
| Last week's: | Mass count: 427 | Offertory: £1,184.31 | Second collection: £ |

Catholic Education

Catholics are being asked to show their concern about the future of Catholic education by petitioning the Education Secretary to ask for the Government to fulfill its manifesto promise to remove the cap which currently limits the number of Catholic students to be admitted to some new Catholic schools to 50% of total admissions. The cap was placed by the Coalition Government in 2010 on faith admissions in new schools, which has meant that only 50% of places could be allocated to pupils on the grounds of their faith if the school was oversubscribed. This means that many Catholic pupils would be denied a place. By forcing Catholic schools to turn away Catholic school children on the basis of their faith, the very principle of a Catholic parent's right to choose a Catholic education is under threat. Bishop John Wilson (Westminster) explains: 'The Government has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and it is vital that the Catholic community makes its voice heard on this issue.' He pointed out that in 2016 'the Prime Minister reiterated her belief that the cap should be removed, and the 2017 Conservative Party manifesto promised to do so. However, the Secretary of State for Education is now reviewing this decision and there is no guarantee this promise will be kept. If the cap is not withdrawn, it will remove the right of parents to give their children a Catholic education and also remove the right of children to receive a Catholic education. 'Catholics are therefore asked to petition the Secretary of State about this 'deeply concerning and important issue to the Catholic community'. The petition can be found on the Bishops' Conference website: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap>

Diary of events

Sunday 3rd December 10:30am Mass

First Holy Communion enrolment

Monday 4th Dec 10:00am - Patronal Feast St Osmund

At the 10.00 Mass we will be celebrating our Patronal feast. The children and staff of the Primary school will join the Mass followed by a Tea party in the hall.

The Tea party is for parishioners and parents and will be lovingly prepared and served by Year VI.

Saturday 9th December 6:30pm – Midnight

Pilot's Homecoming Blitz Party (more details below)

15th December at 7:30pm in Church Hall

Parish Carol Concert. Friends and family are welcome

18th December at 6PM

Service of Carols led by children of St Osmund's school

2018 Events

Twelfth Night – 6th January 2018

Quiz Night – 3rd February 2018

Afternoon Tea – 21st April 2018

General information

First Holy Communion enrolment Mass

At Sunday 10.30 am Mass we welcome 39 children and their parents in a special way as they begin their preparation classes to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. At Mass the children will be given 4 candles tied together in purple ribbon to take home in order to make their own Advent wreath. This is a simple reminder for them and their parents to pray each day around their Advent Wreath in preparation for the coming of Jesus and for receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Please remember their catechists who give their time and energy to ensure our children are well prepared to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Communion. The 2018 dates of First Holy Communion are: 12 May and 19 May.

Pilot's Homecoming Blitz – Saturday 9th December

Please join us in the St. Osmund's Church Hall Fundraiser for an entertaining evening to celebrate the end of our first Alpha course and the safe homecoming of our pilots. The evening will be a fantastic 1940's themed event with an amazing swing band "The Silver Ghosts". Food and drinks are included in the ticket price. Ladies are encouraged to dress in 1940's style and men in their RAF, Army or Navy attire. 6:30pm - midnight

£80/Family, £35/Individual, £10/Student

Tickets are available after mass or by emailing pilots.st.osmunds@gmail.com

Alma Redemptóris Mater

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!

Mother of Him Who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

Mass for parents who have lost a child Saturday 16 December 2017 – 10:00 am

Christmas can be an especially sad time for parents who have known the sorrow of the loss of their child. This Mass is for them. At this Mass we will pray for each child and light a candle in their precious memory. If you are hoping to attend and want your child's name read out please email info to: info@st-osmunds.org

A prayer: O sweet mother Mary, who knew the sadness of mourning those your heart loved most, Jesus, your Son, and Joseph, your devoted husband, pray for all in their loss. Amen

Children's Liturgy Group

For two age groups: 2 to 4 year olds (parents may accompany), and 4 to 7 year old (no parents). Please ensure children are signed in each week so we have a correct register should there be an emergency. The children's Mass will be on the first Sunday of every month, at 10.30am. **Next week's helpers are: Tricia, Katrina and Holly**

Red Mission Boxes

Whilst at Missio a Parish Priest rang to ask me to put detonators in Red Boxes in order that they would self-destruct if they were left at the back of the Church for more than a month. (we laughed!) I now understand his problem; have a look at the Narthex and you will see abandoned Red Boxes. If you kindly would collect yours and please take it home. Carmel, our parish promoter, will let you know when to bring the Box back.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019

To celebrate our 60th Birthday since the Consecration of the Church, a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being organised. We will be spending 10 days in the footsteps of Jesus. The chosen dates are Tuesday 26 March to Thursday 4 April 2019, flying with BA from Heathrow. We are travelling with McCabe Travel who have years of experience organising trips to the Holy Land. As arranged, Lynne McCabe from McCabe Travel showed a DVD and gave a presentation. She has left brochures that detail the 10 day itinerary of places and shrines to be visited. The brochures are in the Narthex and have a bright red cover. For more information please contact Mia at MiaGibbons@gmail.com.

Magnificat and Magnificat Advent Companion

Both of these booklets are available in the Narthex for sale. Both are designed as 'vade mecum' to accompany you through the spiritual journey of Advent.