



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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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 (C) Mass Book p.82 Sunday 2nd December 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 1 st Dec	6.30 pm	Patricia Bradley	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 2 nd Dec	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Irene Weireter John Derek Ogden RIP Pro-populo	First Sunday of Advent (C)
Mon 3 rd Dec	10.00 am	John Moyse RIP	St. Francis Xavier
Tue 4th Dec	9.30 am	John Sheanon RIP	Feast of St. Osmund
Wed 5 th Dec	10.00 am	Mary Gillett RIP	Feria
Thur 6 th Dec	10.00 am	M O'Brien RIP	St. Nicholas
Fri 7 th Dec	10.00 am	Maxine DaCosta RIP	St. Ambrose
Sat 8 th Dec	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Mass for Parents who have lost Children Alice & Camilla Codrington	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 9 th Dec	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Special Intention for Jen Wood	Second Sunday of Advent (C)
Last week's:	Mass count: 432	Offertory: £1528.79	Second Collection: (Catholic Youth Services) £219.67

Reflection - While We Wait for God

They had to wait for it, and so do we. Advent is the consecration of waiting in our lives. Human life is full of waiting: people wait for trains, buses and planes; they stand in lines at shops; they sit nervously in dentists' waiting rooms; they wait in anguish for news of a lost loved one. They wait for the slow process of healing to take its time; they wait for the birth of a child. Waiting can be very different in these different situations, according to our attitude.

In an age of "instant" products any delay can be viewed as purely negative, for "time is money." Yet some things cannot be skimped or hurried; we have to let them take the time they need. You can't make the grass grow by pulling it, as the proverb wisely warns. [We often think] of faith as a breakthrough, the leap towards the invitation of the Lover. But it is not like that all the time. In between those obviously creative moments, faith can demand long, patient waiting, when nothing seems to be happening, and this is just as necessary to growth. We sometimes have to go on doing the small, ordinary things while we wait for God, as Mary did while she waited for the birth of Jesus; we have to wait for his moment, and wait for his work to ripen in ourselves. It may sometimes be more fruitful in the end if we live with a lingering question, and grow slowly towards wisdom, than if we find a quick answer partly dictated by our own desires. The waiting changes us, schools us, teaches us to know God.....Sr. Maria Boulding, *The Coming of God*

Maria Boulding (1929–2009) was a Benedictine nun of Stanbrook Abbey in England. She was a theologian, spiritual writer, and translator of the works of St. Augustine. She authored 'The Coming of God' and edited 'A Touch of God'.

Diary of Events

- **Today, Sunday 2nd December, 4.00pm** there will be an Ecumenical gathering at St Michaels for an Advent Service. Rev Stephen Stavrou, Vicar, has kindly moved this Service from its usual time to 4.00pm as not to clash with our 6.30 pm Mass and insure as many of us are free to attend. The music has been specially chosen and readings given by members of each of the 6 Churches in Barnes.
- **Tuesday 4th December** is the Feast of St Osmund, patron of our parish. 9.30am Mass to include the school children. Happy Feast.
- **Saturday 8th December, 10.00am.** Mass for parents who have lost a child. Please read more about this special mass below.
- **Monday 17th December, 6pm.** Service of Carols led by children of St Osmund's School.
- **Friday 21st December, 7.30pm** in the Hall. A concert of carols and poems.
- **Saturday 22nd December.** Confessions: 10.30 to 11.30am; 5.30 to 6pm.
- **Wednesday 26th December,** St Stephen, First Martyr, 10.00am Mass.

Christmas Services

- Christmas Eve Mass, 6.30pm.
- Midnight Mass, 11.15pm. Carols leading to Midnight Mass of the Nativity
- Christmas Day Masses, 8.30am and 10.30am.

2019 Events

- Saturday 5th January – Twelfth Night. Party after Mass w/Supper and Music. Save the date!
- Sunday 6th January – Children's Epiphany after 10:30 Mass. Party with food and piñatas!
- Saturday, 23rd March 2019 - St Osmund's School Charity Ball.

FHC - Today at the 10.30 Mass those who are to receive their First Confession and First Holy Communion will be enrolled in the programme.

Mass for parents who have lost a child -

Saturday 8 December, 10:00am. At this Mass we will pray for each child and light a candle in their precious memory. If you wish to attend and want your child's name read out please email the parish at barnes@rcaos.org.uk. Tea and coffee to follow.

Symbolism of the Advent Wreath Candles Set -

On the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the centre of the wreath. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Saviour.

Church Ramp and Car Park – The works to refurbish the outside of the church have started at last. As such, the ramp up to the church entrance is out of use for the next week. It also means the car park at the back is out of use until late December. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The Crypt - Please contact Leah in the Parish Office to arrange an appointment to view and collect any belongings you may have previously stored in the Crypt. Items left in the Hall will be sold or donated as the crypt can no longer be used for storage purposes.

Gift Donations - We are now collecting small Christmas Gifts for the Homeless via Glass Door Homeless Charity. Please leave NEW socks, gloves hats, underwear, toiletries, razors etc in the space provided in the Narthex. Thank you.

BCA Christmas Festival - The BCA is organising community carol-singing on December 7th as part of the Christmas Festival. Barnes Concert Band will play carols at the Sun Inn from 7pm- 7.45pm There will also be bellringing outside M&S, a choir in front of Rose House and singers outside the Olympic Studios. Father Christmas will be visiting the Castelnau Centre and then the OSO where there will be craft stalls selling festive gifts.

BMC Charity Cards are on sale – 26 October - 15 Dec at the Methodist Church. Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. Sat 10am-1pm, except 10 Nov and 8th Dec when open 10am-4pm. Closed Sundays.

Christmas Day Lunch and Tea – All Welcome. Barnes Green (Age UK) Centre. From 12.30 - 3.30pm. Local transport can be arranged. Call Julia on 0208 878 2359 or info@barnes-ca.org.

Going into Hospital - Hospitals may no longer inform the Chaplain of you being a Catholic unless you request them to do so. Please ask your assigned nurse to call the Chaplain.

Gift Aid Envelops - Our Gift Aid Coordinator, Adrianna Whish, is trying to determine who is using GA envelopes #23, #121 and #130. Please identify yourself to Leah in the office.

Church Cleaners - Many thanks to those who keep the church clean and tidy every week. They are much appreciated.

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.