



# The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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## Mass Times

**Sundays:** 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

**Weekdays:** 10.00am Mon, Wed, Fri &  
6.30pm Thurs

**Confession:** Sundays 9:45am – 10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

**Baptisms and Weddings:** Contact the Parish

**Office Hours:** 10:00am - 2:00pm Wed, Thurs & Fri  
The parish email account is monitored regularly.

## Sunday Newsletter

**Mass Book p. 95-103 & p.109**

**Sunday, 25 December 2022 & Sunday 1 January 2023**

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm Mass 6.30pm Mass 11.30pm Mass	Ellen Mary Moran RIP Oscar Chevallier RIP and Andrzej Kedzierski RIP Alfred and Eileen Clark RIP	Vigil of the Nativity
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Fr Paul Graham OSA RIP Pro-populo	The Nativity of the Lord
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Justine Estaphanos RIP	St Stephen
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Service of the Word	St John
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Caitlin O'Keefe RIP	The Holy Innocents
<b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>St Thomas of Canterbury</b>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am Mass	Patrick O' Neill RIP	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Grace Noonan RIP For the welfare of Andrew O' Connor Pro-populo	Solemnity of the Mother of God
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10.00am Mass	Charles and Jean McGarvey RIP, Phil Phillips RIP	St Basil and St Gregory
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word	Holy Name of Jesus
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.15pm Mass	Funeral mass for William Capstick RIP	Feria of Christmas
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30pm Mass		Feria of Christmas
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Felix and Mary Anne McCabe RIP	Feast of The Epiphany
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo	Baptism of the Lord

## Reflection

*With this candle*

Where there is light,

There is hope.

Where there is friendship –

Peace and truth.

Christmas is the time

For celebrating the special people

In our lives.

When I cannot find my way,

I light a Flame.

and at Christmas –

I think of you. (Anonymous)



Thanks to you - a lot happens to get the Church ready for Christmas. So a huge thank you to one and all for all you do, especially at Christmas, to support the parish, and your commitment, to the choir and servers, collectors, counters, catechists, children's' liturgists, sacristan, florists, readers, ministers, cleaners, welcomers and helpers. Thank you above all for your smiles and good humour. Wishing you every blessing at Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Parish Office will be closed over Christmas and New Year, re-opening on Wed 4 Jan 2023.

### **Christmas and New Year services:**

Mon 26 Dec, Feast of St Stephen: 10.00am Mass

Tues 27 Dec: Service of the Word

Wed 28 Dec: 10.00am Mass

**Thurs 29 Dec: NO MASS**

Fri 30 Dec: 10.00am Mass

Sun 1 Jan 2023: Solemnity of the Mother of God.

Masses at usual times: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Mon 2 Jan: 10.00am Mass

Tues 3 Jan: Service of the Word

Wed 4 Jan: Funeral of William Capstick RIP,  
12.15pm

Thurs 5 Jan: 6.30pm Mass

Fri 6 Jan: Feast of the Epiphany (Day of obligation):  
10.00am and 6.30pm Mass

### **Words of Pope Francis**

The New Year begins under the sign of the Holy Mother of God, under the sign of the Mother. A mother's gaze is the path to rebirth and growth. We need mothers, women who look at the world not to exploit it, but so that it can have life. Women who, seeing with the heart, can combine dreams and aspirations with concrete reality, without drifting into abstraction and sterile pragmatism. And the Church is a Mother, this is what makes the Church feminine. For this reason, we cannot find a place for women in the Church without allowing the heart of the Woman and Mother to shine. This is the place of women in the Church, the great place, from which other places, more concrete and less important, are derived. But the Church is Mother, the Church is woman. And since mothers bestow life, and women "keep" the world, let us all make greater efforts to promote mothers and to protect women.

### **Join Pope Francis in January praying:**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### **Confirmation - register your interest**

St Osmund's will host a Confirmation Programme for children in Year 8 in 2023. If your child is interested in participating, please email the parish office: ([barnes@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barnes@rcaos.org.uk))

### **Together in Barnes Annual Ecumenical Service.**

Taking place in Barnes Baptist Church, Lonsdale Road on Sun 22 Jan at 4pm. Join our neighbours and friends in thanking God for one common baptism and collaboration through Glass door and FiSH.

### **The Barnes Fund are recruiting a Volunteer Treasurer Trustee**

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate amongst other things, a solid financial background, an ability to explain the financial consequences of the charities' strategic plans clearly and succinctly based on sound analysis, and experience of oversight of auditing professionals. The Board holds approximately 12 meetings a year, often in the evenings. For more details see: [www.thebarnesfund.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.thebarnesfund.org.uk/get-involved)

### **From the Chair of Finance**

Thank you for all of your support and generosity over this past year. Just a reminder, that priests do not receive a salary and rely on the collection taken at Christmas and Easter for their annual income. Donations can be done via the collection bucket at Christmas Mass, bank transfer with "Christmas Donation" as the reference, the electronic portals in the back of the church or via the parish website. Thank you.

### **45th White Knights' Ball**

Tickets for the White Knights' Ball on 7 Jan are still available. Champagne reception and dinner at Grosvenor House Hotel, with funds going towards the Order of Malta Volunteer's work with adults with disabilities and illnesses (<https://www.omv.org.uk>). Tickets £170 until 30th Dec. There is also the option to get after dinner dance tickets at £60. See: <https://www.whiteknightsball.org.uk>

### **Sick List**

For the sick and the suffering, especially Susan Durie, Mark and his family, Elizabeth Robertson, Susan Kelsey, Maggie Danby, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Philippa Couttie, Charles Stiller, Serge Moussalli and Bridget Jabour.

### **In Remembrance**

For those who have died recently including Kevin Keating, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Caitlin O'Keefe, Justine Estaphanos, George Noonan, Victor Robbins, Fr Frank Ryan, John Browne, Thomas Whittaker, Grace Noonan, Esther Maddicks, John Arthur Pollard and Winifred Phillips.

### **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.*