



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.

Third Sunday (A) Mass Book p. 127 Sunday, 22 January 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 22 nd Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Rev Frank Ryan RIP James Farragher RIP Carlos Estrada RIP	Third Sunday (A)
Mon 23rd Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	Feria
Tues 24 th Jan	10.00am	Service of the Word	St Francis de Sales
Wed 25 th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	The Conversion of St Paul
Thur 26 th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	Sts Timothy and Titus
Fri 27 th Jan	NO MASS	NO MASS	St Angela Merici
Sun 29 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the welfare of Yvonne Kenna For the welfare of Andrew O' Connor For the Benefactors of the Parish	Fourth Sunday (A)

Reflection

A rabbi asked his disciples; What is the greatest sin of all? One group said idolatry; another, violation of the Sabbath; one said desecration of God's name; another, murder. The rabbi listened silently, and when the debate ran its course, he told them that they were all wrong. "There is no greater sin than for you to forget that which is written in Scripture: 'You are the children of the Lord, your God' (Deut:14:1). Ultimately, the rabbi replied "forgetting is the root of all the many sins and all the various wrongdoings which you mentioned. "We forget all the time. We forget that to be a child of God is to be made in his image and likeness. We forget to look on each other with reverence. We forget that we are all cherished by the God who created us. God beholds us and sees his beloved creation. God listens and hears the blood of Abel calling out from the tilled soil in which Cain laboured (Gen 4:10).

Jesus, like us in all things but sin, never forgot that he was God's beloved Son. That was why he had the power to still the stormy sea, to heal the sick and raise the dead, to give sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. That is why he could forgive, with his dying breath, even those who did not ask for forgiveness. By the shedding of his blood, and not the blood of another, Jesus reversed the sin of Cain. May we, who were buried with him in our baptism, be raised by the power of God to walk in newness of life.

(Rachelle Linner is a freelance writer, reviewer, and a spiritual director).

This week we pray for the Unity of the Church, that God will gather into one Church the scattered flock. Together in Barnes Annual Ecumenical Service will take place this afternoon at 4pm, at Barnes Baptist Church, Lonsdale Road. Join our neighbours and friends in thanking God for one common baptism and collaboration through Glassdoor and FiSH.

Churches Together Lecture

Canon Dr Jeremy Morris, advisor to the Church of England on Ecumenical Relations will give a talk on Church Unity on Thurs 9 February, 7.30pm, followed by a drinks reception at St Mary's Putney, Putney Park Lane, organised by Churches Together Putney and Roehampton.

The Prophet Isaiah urges us to do good and seek justice together. Grace, peace, unity, justice: they are all interconnected. We pray: God, Creator and Redeemer of all things, teach us to look inward to be grounded in your loving Spirit, so that we may go outward in wisdom and courage to always choose the path of love and justice. This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Memorial cards for Pope Benedict XVI

Please take a prayer card from the narthex, reflecting on the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Confirmation - register your interest

We will soon be announcing dates for this year's Confirmation Programme at St Osmund's for children in Year 8. If your child is interested in participating, please email the parish office: (barnes@rcaos.org.uk)

Foodbank

Thank you for remembering our local food bank. At this time, alongside food donations, they are particularly requesting toiletry items - toothpaste and brushes, deodorants, shampoo, soap and sanitary items. All your donations are greatly appreciated.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 Feb 2023, or a virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/>

New Alpha Course

Take time out to discuss: 'Is there more to life than this?'

Alpha is where we share good food, conversation and discuss with others what you think about life's big questions in a friendly and open environment. Starting 1 Feb until 29 March, every Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 9:15pm at St. Osmund's School Hall (next to Gail's Bakery in central Barnes).

We will kick off with a celebratory supper on the evening of 1 Feb. Please bring a friend. For more information, see <https://alpha.org/>. To sign up, please email: Alphasaintosmunds@gmail.com

Give as you Live online scheme

With your help, St Osmund's has raised another £500 in free funds. This is all down to people like you generating free donations every time you shop. By shopping at trusted online retailers such as M&S, John Lewis, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Tesco and 3994 other shops, you can earn money for our parish. For every friend you invite, you could raise another £5. Simply follow the link to register and start raising funds for St Osmunds today:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/roman-catholic-archdiocese-of-southwark/1173050/0>

Macbeth at St Mary's Barnes

Shadow Road Productions presents Macbeth on Tues 24 to Sun 29 Jan 2023. 5 evening shows starting at 7.30pm, and 2 matinees (Sat/Sun) at 3.30pm. Tickets are available online from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shadowroad>

Sick List

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

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently especially Wendy Allen, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Adrian Palmer, Sonnie O'Connell, Timothy O'Connell, Helen Humphreys, Anthony Fonseca, George Frank Gibbons and Veronica Middleton.

Alma Redemptóris Mater

*Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pèrvia 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.*