



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.

Sixth Sunday (A) Mass Book p. 136 Sunday, 12 February 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 12 th Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Emiteria Flores RIP Matt and Mary Quigley RIP	Sixth Sunday (A)
Mon 13 th Feb	10.00am Mass		Feria
Tues 14 th Feb	10.00am	Service of the Word	Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius
Wed 15 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Rev M Laurensen RIP	Feria
Thurs 16 th Feb	6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of the Becker family	Feria
Fri 17 th Feb	10.00am Mass		The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Sun 19 th Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier and Jozef Langiewicz RIP Susie Keen RIP For those who have no-one to pray for them	Seventh Sunday (A)

Reflection

What does 'The Word of God' mean to you? Is it just a book? A book on a shelf? A dusty Bible that you rarely notice and seldom open? A reference book to be looked at if needed? Just words? A lot of words in a world already too full of words? Too many words? Words from a long time ago? Or a voice? A word in the background, scarcely audible? A word that only seems to want to nag or criticise you? Or a word to hear and pay attention to?

A 'word of life'? A word speaking to you, about God's love for you? A word that invites you to respond in prayer. A word that invites, 'Come, follow me'? A person? Jesus, God's Word become man? 'This is my Beloved Son. Listen to him', we hear in the Gospels. In other words, 'listen' to Jesus.

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh, and lived among us, and we have seen his glory. ... To all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God. ... From his fullness we have all received. 'No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son... who has made him known.' (John: 1).

What might you do to receive and accept the Word of God into your life? At home - Get your Bible off the shelf. Always treat your Bible with respect and reverence. Download a free copy onto your device. Open the Bible and read. Where to begin? Try the Gospels first (this is the 'year of Matthew'); they speak directly of Jesus. In them, we hear his own words and deeds. A few sentences may suffice, or a paragraph. Savour the words, chew them over. Let them speak, maybe challenge. Recognise that God is speaking in his Word. He speaks to your heart. He has given you his Holy Spirit to help open up these words for you. He WANTS you to hear and understand and love him. Perhaps download the Pray as You Go app (<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>). It has daily audio scriptural reflections based on the readings at Mass.

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Lent 2023

Ash Wednesday is 22 February 2023. Masses will be at 10.00am and 6.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and given at both Masses. Day of fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross on Sundays in Lent at 5.00pm. Perhaps you might consider coming to the 6.30pm Mass on Thursday, during Lent.

During Lent, Bucket Collection will be for the Church in Myanmar which is one of Asia's poorest countries, with over half the population living below the poverty line. Internal conflict, poor infrastructure and exploitation of its natural resources mean life is difficult for many families. Standards are low, schools under-equipped and teachers disheartened. Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Archbishop of Yangon in Myanmar said, 'One of our biggest needs, and the Church sets a priority, is the education of the children and the young people because of a lack of education'. Children from the poorest families often leave school at an early age and work in the rice fields to earn a small amount of money to buy food. The physical labour and long hours mean that they have no time to study, make new friends and play.

Sharing the Church's Story

Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one day conference, 'Sharing the Church's Story', on Saturday 11 February at the QEII Conference Centre, Westminster. Come and join 1300 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author, Bishop Robert Barron. The Catholic Union has also helped organise an event in Parliament next Monday when Bishop Barron will address parliamentarians and others about faith in public life.

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention:

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Foodbank

Thank you for remembering our local food bank. At this time, alongside food donations, they are currently short of tinned items such as meat, chicken stew, rice pudding, custard, etc., and long-life milk and razor blades.

Alpha Course

Take time out to discuss: 'Is there more to life than this?' Every Wednesday evening until 29 March from 7:30 - 9:15pm at St. Osmund's School Hall (next to Gail's Bakery in central Barnes). Please bring a friend. For more information, see <https://alpha.org/>. To sign up, please email: Alphasaintosmunds@gmail.com

Confirmation - date for your diary

Our Confirmation programme will start on Sunday 26 February. (We will be sending more detailed information shortly to those who have already expressed an interest.) Please contact the parish office if you have not yet done so, to register your child: (barnes@rcaos.org.uk)

The Men's Group

Our next meeting is on Thursday 23 February, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church on Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right hand side of church). Join us for a video and discussion on 'Divine Renovation UK - My Parish Isn't Missional! How to Lead when you're Not in Charge', followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

Radio Maria: Catholic radio station

The 24hr broadcast from London includes talk shows about life as a Catholic, daily catecheses, live prayer, and music. Available on DAB+ radio (Radio Maria England), the Radio Maria Play app for smartphones and tablets, the live-player on www.radiomariaengland.uk and the Amazon Alexa device. Podcasts are also available. Find out more: info@radiomariaengland.uk or 0300 302 1251.

Archdiocese of Southwark Lent Retreat, 2023: "Renewed in Hope"

Make space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for this Lent Retreat "Renewed in Hope" for weekly emails with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop John will introduce the theme, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat and a witness will speak of the relevance in their life, plus extra prayer materials. Sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>

Sick List

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

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently especially Susan Durie and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Josephine Edwards, Patrick Coakley, John Maguire, Vera Cullinan, George Grafton-Green, John Hewitt, Gerald Jabour and Anne Russell-Dunne.

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.*