



The Catholic Church of St Osmund, Barnes

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 10am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri,
Thurs (6.30pm), Sat (**Latin**) 10am

Confessions: Friday 9-9.50am, Sunday 9:45am –
10:15am & 6pm - 6:20pm

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9-10am

Baptisms and Weddings: Contact the Parish Office.

The Baptism of the Lord (C) Mass Book p 118 Sunday, 12 January 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 12 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	For the intentions of Katie Stafford For the welfare of the Rallo family Holy Souls	The Baptism of the Lord (C)
Mon 13 th Jan	10.00am Mass	Pro-populo	St Hilary
Tues 14 th Jan	10.00am Mass		Feria
Wed 15 th Jan	10.00am Mass		Feria
Thur 16 th Jan	6.30pm Mass	Fr Anthony Logan RIP	Feria
Fri 17 th Jan	10.00am Mass		St Anthony Abbot
Sat 18 th Jan	10.00am Mass		The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 19 th Jan	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	James Donovan RIP James Farragher RIP Pro-populo	Second Sunday (C)

Reflection

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks a subtle but profound shift. The crib of Bethlehem, so recently at the centre of our hearts and celebrations, gives way to the flowing waters of the Jordan. We move from the tender silence of the nativity to the dramatic proclamation of divine identity. Here, as Jesus steps into the waters, the heavens open, and the voice of the Father resounds. The Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends upon Him. It is an unveiling, the first luminous moment in the Gospel where the mystery of the Trinity is vividly revealed.

This feast urges us to reflect on the gift of our own baptism, through which we were united with Christ, made children of God, and temples of the Holy Spirit. Pope Benedict XVI described baptism as the “gateway to

hope” (*Spe Salvi, 10*), a sacrament that opens for us the promise of eternal life. It is not a mere ritual of the past, but a present reality that defines our identity and mission. By baptism, we are incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and called to participate in His mission of love, service, and reconciliation.

St. John Paul II often spoke of baptism as the foundation of Christian life, calling it a “radical transformation,” a passage from darkness to light, death to life. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, he wrote that baptism is the source of the lay faithful’s vocation to holiness and their responsibility to bring the Gospel into every aspect of life (*CL 10*). The grace we received is not static but dynamic, demanding a response in every choice, action, and relationship.

Today’s feast invites us to revisit the promises made in baptism—the rejection of sin, the profession of faith, and the commitment to live as followers of Christ. It is a moment to embrace the call to holiness anew, not merely as an individual journey but as a shared mission within the community of believers. The baptismal waters that once flowed over us continue to flow within us, sustaining and renewing us, calling us deeper into the life of God. This feast, then, is not only about Christ’s baptism but about the life we are invited to live because of it: a life shaped by grace, animated by love, and destined for glory.

Next Sunday's Second Collection: Peace Sunday

The work of 'Pax Christi' is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can donate online: (www.paxchristi.org.uk)

Confirmation 2025

We regret to inform you that the Confirmation preparation programme, originally announced in October/November last year and scheduled to commence this January, has been cancelled due to an insufficient number of applicants. Despite our hopes, the number of applicants has been too low to justify the significant resources and effort involved in delivering such an important formation. We are truly sorry for the disappointment this decision may cause, especially to those who were eager to begin their journey towards Confirmation. For those wishing to join programmes in neighbouring parishes, we will do all we can to assist and support you in this. We sincerely hope for a stronger response next year to enable the programme's continuation. We apologise deeply for any disappointment caused and thank you for your understanding.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for January 2025

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

The Men's Group

Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a presentation on "What Came Out of the Rome Synod 2024?", followed by social drinks at The Lamb pub. Thursday 16th January, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, over the river at Our Lady of Grace and St Edward Church, Chiswick High Road (enter via passageway to right of the church). Newcomers are particularly welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

Southwark Diocese's One Day Marriage course

Southwark Diocese's Marriage course is aimed at couples with 'average-to-good' marriages who would like to try and make them better. These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. For more details call 07983 524 727 or email: (mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or see welcare.org for more information.

Holy Days of Obligation 2025

SS Peter & Paul - Sun 29 June
 Assumption - Fri 15 August
 All Saints - Sun 2 November
 Christmas Day - 25 December (Thursday)

The Vineyard / Richmond Foodbank vacancies

The Vineyard Community Centre & Richmond Foodbank has a vacancy for a full time (or possibly part time) Business Manager as well as a part time Community Nurse, both of which need to be Christians. If you sense a calling for either roles, or know someone who might be interested, please see their website for more details: (<https://www.vineyardcommunity.org/>)

Welcare coffee mornings

Welcare, a family support charity works with families which include a child/ren who have SEND needs up to the age of 13 is hosting 2 coffee mornings at Castlenau Community Centre on Mon 27 Jan and 3 Feb, 10am-12pm. These will provide a relaxed opportunity for parents / carers to meet with a Family Support Worker from Welcare and staff members from Skylarks/RUILS to access ongoing support if needed. Call 0208893 9123 / 07393

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Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially Janet Waddington, James and Audrey Smith, Teresa Cockburn, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Susan Kelsey, Maureen Carr, Eddie Henshaw, Charles Stiller, and Bridget Jabour.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kathleen Curran, Anne Harvey, Frank Marsh, Loretta Jones, Peter Keane, Henrich Rittweiler and Wendy McEnery.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli
 Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadènti,
 Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
 Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
 Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
 Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.*