



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 Presentation of the Lord (C)

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Sunday, 2 February 2025

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sun 2 nd Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Pro-populo Holy Souls Clement Adejayan RIP	The Presentation of the Lord (C)
Mon 3 rd Feb	10.00am Mass		St Laurence of Canterbury
Tues 4 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Mary and Sonnie O'Connell and Timmy O'Connell RIP	St Henry Morse
Wed 5 th Feb	10.00am Mass		St Agatha
Thur 6 th Feb	6.30pm Mass		Sts Paul Miki and Companions
Fri 7 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Annie Mary Saunders RIP	Feria
Sat 8 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls	St Jerome Emiliani
Sun 9 th Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Eileen Gasson RIP Mary Callaghan RIP Bernadette Walder RIP	Fifth Sunday (C)

Reflection

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph, in quiet obedience to the Law, brought their infant Son to Jerusalem, offering Him to God. It was a moment of deep significance - not only for them but for all who awaited the fulfilment of God's promises. In the temple that day, a meeting took place: between youth and age, between expectation and fulfilment, between hiddenness and revelation.

Simeon, a man whose heart had long been stretched by longing, took the Christ Child in his arms and saw in Him the salvation of the world. Anna, a prophetess who had made the temple her dwelling place, recognised in this moment what she

had waited for all her life. Yet what they beheld was still wrapped in mystery. The light of the world was carried in fragile hands; the glory of Israel was bound for suffering.

This feast is not merely a commemoration of an event long past. It speaks into our own lives, into the quiet surrender that faith asks of us. Like Mary and Joseph, we are called to offer what is most precious—not in fear but in trust. Like Simeon and Anna, we are invited to wait, to watch, to recognise the presence of Christ even when He comes in unexpected ways.

The great mystics of our faith tell us that this is the rhythm of the spiritual life: offering, waiting, beholding. St. John of the Cross reminds us that the soul must often

pass through darkness before being flooded with light. To surrender is not to lose but to make room for something greater.

In this feast, we are reminded that the Christian life is a continual presentation - of our hopes, our fears, our very selves - into the hands of God. And when we do, we step into the mystery of Christ Himself, who was presented not only in the temple but ultimately on the cross. This is the pattern of redemption, the way of light breaking into the world.

Like Simeon, we too long for the day when we may say, "Now, Lord, you may let your servant go in peace." But until then, we stand in the temple of our lives, learning to let go, learning to see.

Building works in the hall

Work has begun to refurbish the parish hall and will continue until the end of April so access to the hall will be restricted during that time for health and safety reasons. The works include a new, enlarged kitchen, refurbished lavatories, completion of the flooring, new entrance doors and windows, and decoration. We are proceeding with these plans through the funds already contributed by our parishioners and supporting charitable institutions. Thank you for your generosity which will provide a great asset for the parish community. The next stage of the parish development programme will involve works in the church. A further appeal will be launched soon to raise funds to cover the cost.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for February

For Vocations To The Priesthood And Religious Life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Help at St Osmund's School

The school is very thankful that a number of parents and parishioners visit our parish school to hear children read. If you would like to join the team once a week or fortnight for an hour or so, please contact Deborah O'Sullivan, English coordinator, at the school: d.osullivan@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk. The governing body also needs someone to take notes at governor meetings on a temporary basis until a permanent clerk is recruited. If you are interested in helping the school in this way, please contact the Chair at (a.cole@st-osmunds.richmond.sch.uk)

Marriage MOT

The Laurels, The Cedars and Oakwood School are organising an event for couples on Saturday 22 March. Couples will enjoy some quality time together, and listen to meaningful talks given by wonderful speakers. Childcare and very nice food are provided. Please contact the school (a.blanco@thelaurelsschool.org.uk, ataylor@thecedarsschool.org.uk) to book your place.

Foodbank

Please continue to give generously to the Castelnau Centre Food Bank. The following non-perishable items are urgently needed: long-life or tinned meats, fish, pasta sauces, fruits, custard/rice pudding, soups, vegetables, potatoes (tinned or instant), tea, coffee, fruit, nut butters, jams, honey, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk and cooking oil. Additionally, all toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel, soap, toothpaste, and deodorants are greatly appreciated.

Embracing age classical concert

All are welcome to an uplifting evening of solo and ensemble classical music on Fri 7 Feb at St Stephen's Church, TW12PD at 8pm raising funds for a local charity befriending care home residents. Bar and light refreshments available. Booking essential at (embracingage.org.uk/concert) or phone 020 377 80035.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College Vacancies

The college is currently looking for:

- Teacher of Religious Education
- Teacher of French
- Teacher of PE (Girls)
- Part-time Art Technician

For more information, view our website

(<https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>), contact

(recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) or phone 020 8325 4630.

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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 especially Monica Christian, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Adrinna McDonald, Elizabeth McKenzie, Alfred Mannicks, Derek Mannicks, Camilla Codrington, Tim O'Connell, Mary and Sonnie O'Connell, David Crewe-Read, Juliette Qobty-Abboud and Patrick O'Neill.

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.*