



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.

Sunday Newsletter Mass Book p133 Sunday 8 February 2026

Sun 8 th Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Mr George RIP Pro-populo Mary Gray RIP	(g) Fifth Sunday (A)
Mon 9 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Bridgette Jabour RIP	(g) Feria
Tues 10 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Sonnie and Timothy O'Connell RIP	(w) St Scholastica
Wed 11 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Jacquie Raggert RIP	(w) Our Lady of Lourdes
Thur 12 th Feb	6.30pm Mass	Holy Souls	(g) Feria
Fri 13 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Camilla Codrington RIP	(g) Feria
Sat 14 th Feb	10.00am Mass	Agostinha Jesus Jardin	(w) Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius
Sun 15 th Feb	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass	Georgina Chevallier and Jozef Langiewicz RIP Flavio Esposa and family intentions Ursula O'Connell RIP	(g) Sixth Sunday (A)

Lent approaches...

In the older form of the Church's calendar, this Sunday is called Sexagesima. It is the second Sunday before Ash Wednesday and roughly sixty days before Easter. It once formed part of a gentle period of preparation for Lent. Even though the present calendar no longer highlights this older title, the spirit behind it still helps us today. We are now just over a week away from Ash Wednesday on 18 February, and this approach invites us to think carefully about how we intend to enter Lent. The season comes with far greater depth when we arrive ready, rather than surprised by its demands.

These days before Lent can serve as a simple beginning. We can start to reflect on what practices we may wish to take up, what habits we may need to set aside, and how we hope to deepen our friendship with God. Prayer, self-denial, and generosity are not meant to be dry

or heavy tasks. They help us create space in our lives so that God can guide and strengthen us more clearly.

The readings for this Sunday give helpful direction. The first reading from Isaiah presents a very practical picture of what closeness to God looks like. The prophet shows that God is near whenever people care for one another with sincerity. When burdens are eased, when the hungry are fed, when those who struggle are supported, a new kind of light begins to shine in the world. Holiness becomes something lived in daily actions, not only in private thoughts.

The Gospel then adds a further insight. Jesus speaks of salt and light. Both realities find their meaning in the effect they have on something else. Salt gives flavour. Light allows others to see. They exist for the sake of what surrounds them. Christian

discipleship reflects this same pattern. A Christian life is not fulfilled when it turns inward. It is fulfilled when it enriches other lives with patience, kindness, courage, and truth. Saint Augustine explained that love always moves outward, because grace gives the heart the desire to serve. Benedict XVI made a similar point when he wrote that faith is never meant to be a private treasure. It is a gift that encourages us to shape our relationships and our world with greater care.

As Lent draws near, these readings offer a simple starting point. We may ask ourselves how our choices, our attitudes, and our daily actions can bring a little more light and a little more flavour to the lives of those around us. If we begin this reflection now, Lent may open before us as a season of genuine renewal.

Parish Diary:

First Holy Communion: Sun 8 Feb, 9am (Hall) and 5pm (Church).

Confirmation: Sun 8 Feb 4.30pm (Hall).

Catholicism for the Curious: Mon 9 Feb, 6:30pm (Hall).

Next Sunday's Collection - Clergy Support Fund

Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at (www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code. You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



National Marriage Week

This annual celebration runs from February 7-14 and offers the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. Visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website for details of various initiatives and events marking Marriage Week (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>)

For the Bereaved - Grief In Loss:

Hope In Christ is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from March 20-22, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you - 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

Build a better Marriage

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples whether married five years or 55 years. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. It starts at 9am and finishes by 4.30pm. Dates and venues in South London are: May 23 (Wallington), October 3 (West Norwood) and November 7 (Wandsworth). More details please call 07983 524 727, or email (mflkent@rcaos.org.uk).

National Year of Reading - Parish Book Club

This year has been designated the National Year of Reading, an initiative intended to reconnect reading with the interests that already enrich our lives, from music and sport to film, food, and family life. As a parish, we are exploring the possibility of taking part in this campaign. There is a particular desire to foster a parish reading group or book club, working with the parish priest, which would gently encourage the expansion of our reading habits into works that engage thoughtfully with the life of faith, theology, and Christian spirituality. Anyone who might be willing to assist in helping to shape, organise, or coordinate this initiative should speak with Father Ola after Mass, or contact the parish office by email. The commitment would not be onerous, and there is ample scope for creativity in how such a group might take form. Many thanks in advance for your interest and generosity.

Sick List

For the sick and the suffering especially James and Audrey Smith, Phyllis O'Kelly, John Scott, Janet Waddington, Andrew Brodrick-Ward, Joan Moore, Maureen Carr, and Charles Stiller.

In Remembrance

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Camilla Codrington, Monica Christian, Catherine Peake, Susan Durie, Margaret Crawford, 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*

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