

## Parish News & Notices

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** invites us to make a fundamental choice between living by the teachings of Christ and following human freedom unregulated by the Gospel values.

**Forthcoming Wedding:** the Nuptial Mass for Bethany Holly Darling and Christopher James Bates will be on Monday 26th August at 12 noon in St. Osburg's Church.

**The Parish Feast Day** of St. Osburg, and our Parish Day of dedication will be celebrated on **9th September**. There will be special prayers and a common lunch organised.

**RCIA:** All those who would like to join the Catholic faith are invited to register for the programme of RCIA. Please call the Office number or the Parish Priest Number for appointments. At the same time we invite the parents whose children are not in Catholic schools to register their children for the instructions for first Holy Communion and Confirmation. The instructions will start on Monday 9th September 2019.

**Annual Harvington Hall Pilgrimage** will take place on Sunday 1st September organised by the Archdiocese. Those who will be able to join us in reflecting on the English Martyrs please, contact the priests or check details on the notice board.

**The Church Choir:** We are in need of parishioners who can play keyboard to support the music in church. There is great joy in making music for the Lord; please come and have this joy with the Lord.

**Donation:** Two people have recently given donations of £1000 each to St. Osburg's Church. We thank them for the generous donation to support the Church, may the Lord bless them.

**Engaged Encounter Weekend:** on 12/13th October at The Dormer Conference Centre, Leamington Spa.

**Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham** will be on 8th September. Please if you wish to join the pilgrimage, book your seat with Breda No. 01788331593 or 07789566816. Fare is £10.00

### **Fundraising resources:**

**Parish Hall:** As our Parish Hall and Kitchen have been improved, I encourage you and your friends to come and use it for your parties or ceremonies (Birthday, Anniversaries, Graduations, Weddings, Rehearsals for drama/music, Meetings and any others).

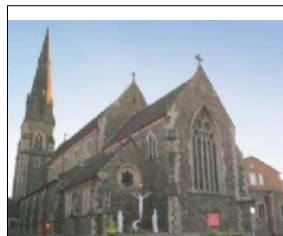
**Saturday Lunches and Cafod Soup:** These have closed for summer holidays until mid September 2019. **Tuesday tea for the Senior citizens** will be on through out the holidays, please everybody is welcome to the Foyer to share life experiences.

**Any other person** with fundraising initiatives is welcome; please contact the Parish Priest to discuss details.

**Volunteers are required for the activities of the parish:** Saturday lunches, Altar servers, gardeners, church cleaning and welcoming worshippers at the entrance of the church.

**Prayer groups:** all are invited to join any of the following; Legion of Mary, Charismatic renewal, the youth and choir.

**Summer Holidays:** There will be no Eucharistic exposition for adoration on Fridays and Saturdays from 26th July to Mid September 2019. Private adoration without exposition is encouraged during this time. The Mass times remain the same.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### **TRY TO ENTER BY THE NARROW DOOR (Lk13:24)**

In life, people tend to avoid hardships and difficult situations. However, hardships and sacrifices concerning one thing or the other are part and parcel of life. Family members should give their time, show love and share resources with each other in order to build lasting relationships. Parents should struggle to pay attention to the spiritual, intellectual and social wellbeing of their children. Politicians are expected to take objective decisions to meet the needs of the citizens. Students are required to sacrifice their time and resources to obtain good grades. In all these endeavours, there are aspects of sacrifice and struggle to achieve the desired target. The Christian invitation to holiness requires sacrifice and struggle. To make a choice to follow Christ means to avoid sin and follow the discipline of His teachings as transmitted by the Church.



Today, in the Gospel a man asked Jesus whether few will be saved (Lk13:23). The answer given by the Lord, was for him to enter by the narrow door. In another instance the Lord said, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (Jn14:6). This means that in order to enter eternal life, one has to follow Jesus. Our salvation depends on how we respond to, and act upon, what Christ has taught us as transmitted by the Church. If today we ignore God's ways and the teachings of the Church concerning spiritual life, moral laws and respect for human life (in all its forms), or we become indifferent to the suffering of people, we might be choosing the wider door that does not lead to eternal life. We are called to guide our emotions, thoughts and the words we utter to others. In doing this we will follow the path to that narrow door in our lives and this will also be consistent with the teachings of Christ. The Communion we receive, the prayers we offer and the relationships we build with everyone we encounter in life should bring us closer to the heavenly banquet with Christ. We are expected to pray for the will of God to be done and also be patient in face of difficulties in life. As in the Second reading from the letter to the Hebrews, hardships should enable us to turn our attention to God and to trust in him. They are opportunities for renewal and training. We should not surrender to despair in moments of difficulty in life.

May this 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday's reflection enlighten us to choose the narrow gate of life.

*Fr. Pontius Bandua*

## The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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**Asst: Fr. Sunday**

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**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Anne Collins 024 7667 0304

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Tel 024 7622 7165

**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

### St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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### Parish Income

**Gift aid:** £86.00    **Loose:** £342.87    **Total:** £428.87  
**Candles:** £136.19    **Restoration:** £46.21    **Heating:** £17.36    **Mass Cards:** £18.00  
**Hall Hire:** £450.00    **Donation:** £1,000.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**The appeal of the Parish Priest:** Dear parishioners, the parish is undertaking the following tasks that need financial support; routine service of the boilers and heating in the three buildings, the periodic check up of the electrical installations in the three buildings, Church Spire repairs, fire risk & safety assessments and the day to day running of the parish. I appeal to your continued generosity to support the parish.

### 300 Club July & August Draws Winners

**July:** First prize: 589 A Welsh    Second Prize: 705 A Joyce  
Third prize: 673 B Melody    Fourth Prize: 361 A McGinley

**Aug:** First prize: 581 B Kennedy    Second Prize: 761 A McGinley  
Third prize: 722 A Jackson    Fourth Prize: 424 M. Fenton

Congratulations to the winners!

In the event of any queries, contact Ann Fenton on tel 024 7659 9544

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### Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 25th Aug - 1 Sept 2019

Sat	24	11: 45am	Holy Souls End of Abortion
		5.30pm	People of the Parish Carmel & John Rixon (Golden Wedding Anniversary) Gerard McGrogan (RIP)
Sun	25	11.30am	Jan Ondracka (RIP) Jim O'Rourke (RIP) Michael Carey (RIP)
Mon	26	12.00 noon	<b>Wedding—Nuptial Mass</b> for Bethany Holly Darling and Christopher James Bates
Tues	27	12:10pm	Darryl Poulton (Get Well) Mc Cann family (Intention) Brian McKenna (Get Well)
Weds	28	12.10pm	Ms. & Mr. Smith (Family Intention) Christopher McFadden (RIP)
Thurs	29	12.10pm	Prayer Intention for Priestly and Religious Vocations John (Get Well)
Fri	30	12.10pm	Mary Angelopolous (Get Well) Sr. Teresa's Intentions
Sat	31	11: 45am	Michael McHugh (Get Well)
		5.30pm	John Bayliss & family
Sun	1	11.30am	People of the Parish

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday 24th August

**5.30pm:** Bernadette & Ann E (R)  
Maggie (E)

#### Sunday 25th August

**11.30am:** Janet & Frank (R)  
Maria (E)

**Cleaners:** This week's team is Team 1

**Please pray for those who are sick in the parish:** We pray for all the sick in the parish, asking God to be with them in their need.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Nicholas Murphy, Ann Doherty, Catherine Brady, Joseph Holden, Bert Davies, Francis Tierney, Joan Poyner, Anthony Robinson.

