

## Parish News & Notices

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** This Sunday invites us to come to terms with our lives, seeking God's infinite mercy and also forgive each other as the Heavenly Father forgives us.

**The Parish New Contacts:** The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: [pp.stosburg@gmail.com](mailto:pp.stosburg@gmail.com) Please use them for official communications of the parish. You can now access information of the parish through the link; Newsletter, history, prayer schedule and adverts.

**Parish Day celebrations. St. Osburg's Day** was wonderfully celebrated both by the School and the Parish with insertion of special prayers and a review of the history of the Parish. I thank all those who took active part to organise and pray.

**Projects of the Parish:** 1. **The Parish Hall** floor has been cleaned and restored by the School administration. I would like to register our sincere gratitude to the Headteacher of St. Osburg's Catholic Primary School for the wonderful work done to improve the Parish Hall. 2. The check up of **electrical installations** in the three buildings of the Parish was done on Friday 13th September. 3. The repairs on the **Church Spire** will be undertaken soon. 4. The routine services of the **boilers and heating** system have been done. These have been undertaken with your financial support, though more support is needed, thank you for your continued generosity.

**Devotions:** The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday and Saturday. Vespers and Benediction are on the First Thursday of every month and on the Last Sunday of every month, at 6.00 pm.

**RCIA:** Instructions have started on 9th September 2019. The instructions begin at 6pm in Church or Foyer every Monday.

**Baptised and sent (our call to be Missionary Disciples).** Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as an extraordinary Missionary Month. The Justice and Peace Commission for the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Columban Missionaries invite us to reflect on our experiences, celebrating and putting into action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation.

**Biblical and theological reflections on the Church's mission by Columban Missionaries** - Acts of the Apostles five evenings. Details check the notice board.

**The Saturday Lunches** have resumed on Saturday 14th September 2019. Please do support.

**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.

### **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).

**Items for the forthcoming Christmas Bazaar:** We shall have the Christmas Bazaar on 23rd November, anybody willing to donate items **with monetary value**, please you are welcome.

**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.

**The 12 steps of journey of life** seminar will start on 26th September 2:30pm, please anyone interested should come and listen at the parish hall.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### **THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS**

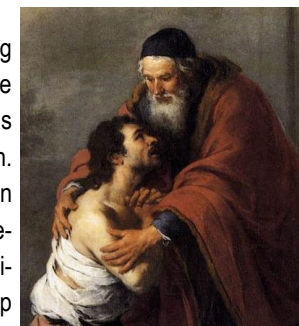
Most often in life, different experiences bring us joy or sadness. During our life's journey we largely long for better and pleasant future, as we see it in the material development of the world. In modern times, there is also the growing global concern for peace and environmental protection. The fundamental concern for humanity is happiness which is based on inter-relationships in connection with material comforts. However, material possession and development cannot give us complete joy or happiness but good relationships amongst us, above all, our good relationship with God. Our human struggle should be to restore the broken relationship with God and with each other, to address the issues of injustice, corporate greed, exploitation, violence, extremism, selfishness and immoral tendencies.

Today in the Gospel, Lord Jesus gave three parables to explain the spiritual joy of forgiveness. The parables of the lost sheep, ten drachmas and the prodigal son (Lk15:1-32), which show how God loves us even if we have moved away from Him in sin. He still invites us in our brokenness to come back to Him, provided we accept our sinfulness like the prodigal son. In each of the parables there is joy and happiness expressed at the end. This is to remind us that, in sin we live in sadness, doubts, worries and fear. As soon as we experience the mercy and forgiveness of God, we begin a new life of happiness. This explains the great importance to the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance which all of us need to receive regularly. The unhealthy relationships among people can bring resentment, anger, unforgiveness, stress, depression, pain, despair, loneliness and substance abuse. Our Christian life invites us to make effort to break the chains of sin and build healthy relationships with God and each other by praying for each other like Moses in the first reading from the book of Exodus 32. We should avoid judging and condemning others, but rather pray for them.

May this Sunday deepen our understanding of the mercy of God which should enable us to be merciful.

*Fr. Pontius Bandua*

***NOTE: RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: The Reception of the Holy Communion should be with reverence and in prayerful mood. The minister and the recipient need to allow some time before the next recipient for a prayerful reception.***



## The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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Asst: Fr. Sunday

Parish Sisters: Sr. Philomena and Sr. Teresa (PBVM)

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 priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

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### Parish Income

Gift aid: £33.00      Loose: £285.14      Total: £318.14  
Candles: £108.08      Restoration: £18.25      Heating: £28.68

Second Collection for Education. £ 119.25

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday 15th September second collection for Home Mission.

**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

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

#### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 15th - 22nd September 2019

|       |    |                    |  |
|-------|----|--------------------|--|
| Sat   | 14 | 11: 45am           | Suzanne Martin (RIP)<br>Ken Gamble (RIP)   |
|       |    | 5.30pm             | Clarke & Frank Cunningham (Sp intention)   |
| Sun   | 15 | 11.30am            | People of the Parish<br>Michael Campbell (Get well)<br>Johnny Martin (Get well)          |
| Mon   | 16 | 12:10pm            | Loz Carey (RIP)<br>Beot Davis (Ann. RIP)   |
| Tues  | 17 | 12:10pm<br>5.00pm  | Patrick O'Lochlan (RIP) and Evelyn Bradley<br>Reception of the body Joseph Thomas Somers |
| Weds  | 18 | 12.10pm<br>1:00pm  | Liam Campling RIP and Mary Campling RIP<br><b>Funeral - Joseph Thomas Somers</b>         |
| Thurs | 19 | 12.10pm            | Priests and Religious  |
| Fri   | 20 | 12.10pm            | Mary Morris and Peter Pithe ( RIP)   |
| Sat   | 21 | 11: 45am<br>5.30pm | People of the Parish<br>Owen Healy (RIP)<br>Betty Stapleton (RIP)                        |
| Sun   | 22 | 11.30am            |  |

**Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman** on Sunday 13th October 2019. A Novena with Newman will start on 4th October to 12th October. As a parish we shall have it together in the Church after our daily Masses. Please pick a copy of prayer at the back of the Church.

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday 14th September

**5.30pm:** Marian & Ann F (R)  
Bernadette (E)

#### Sunday 15th September

**11.30am:** Frank & Jolan (R)  
Angelo (E)

**Cleaners:** This week's team is Team 2

**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.

**Death announcements;** Joseph Thomas Somers died recently, his funeral will be on 18th Sept, at 1pm. Lawrence Carey died last weekend and we pray for him and the family.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Jeremiah O'Driscoll, Gerard Reidy, James Hanlon, John Duffy, Christine Whelon, Christine Jacob, Gerard Keenan, Buono Arbolino Seaman Frank.

**Blessing of the Graves:** We will have the Blessing of the Graves again this year. The arrangements are as follow; Canley 3pm 15th September, Lenton's Lane 3pm 22nd September, London Rd 3pm 29th September, St Paul's 3pm 6th October.

