

Parish News & Notices

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday invites us to renew our life in virtue of honesty and commitment in our faith journey to attain eternal salvation. We need to avoid falsity and double standards in our journey of faith, as well as our relationship with God and fellow human beings.

The Parish New Contacts: The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: 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.

Notification : The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg's—Comprehensive repairs of downpipes and guttering. Please check details on the notice board and give your response.

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. **Note**, we shall not have Benediction on Sunday 29th, there will reception of the Body into Church - Patrick Joseph Hardiman(+) at 6pm. Next Benediction will be on Thursday 3rd October.

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.

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.

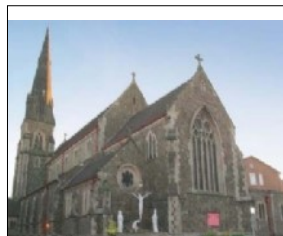
Fundraising resources:

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 10:30am, please anyone interested should come and listen at the parish hall. Meeting takes place in Parish Hall not the Foyer.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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SINCERITY A VIRTUE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Life in the modern world is a constant struggle to meet the ever-expanding needs of human life conditioned by the technological revolution. In order to reach some presumed targets of life, many people are inclined to work hard to raise the required funds to meet these demands. The struggles which are made to meet the unlimited desires can sometimes become obstacles to positive responses to the core values of human life like; justice, honesty, faithfulness, truthfulness, single mindedness, generosity and openness. Above all else, the supreme purpose of human existence can be treated as a secondary matter in regard to religious practices. As Christians, we are expected to base our life activities in God, who is our final and eternal destiny, by promoting the virtues of honesty and sincerity.

Today in the 1st reading, the Prophet Amos addresses the issues of injustice, oppression, exploitation and dishonesty in the Israeli community of his time. The wisdom of God, which they had learnt from the covenant they received through Moses, was forgotten in pursuit for wealth and power. The poor were treated like tools to make profits and they were heavily exploited. This meant that some sections of the believers had become unfaithful, dishonest, insincere and had broken the social justice system laid down in Book of Leviticus(19:15-16), "**You shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour and you shall not be partial to the poor**". In the Gospel, the Lord Jesus told a parable of the dishonest steward who, when fired, connived with his master's debtors to cheat the records by writing false information on the figures (Lk16:1-13). As Christians we are invited to stand for truth and be sincere in our dealings with each other. We should avoid double standards and falsity. We need to avoid tendencies of cheating, gossiping, despising others, giving judgemental comments on others. Our Christian holiness can be strengthened by acts of honesty, truthfulness and open-mindedness. We should instead pray and wish everyone well for eternal salvation as in the second reading (1Tim 2;1-8). If we still entertain reservations in relationships, have prejudice and entertain feelings of dislike in connection to material benefits, privileges and power, then we need to open our hearts to the grace of God to transform our life.

May this Sunday deepen in us the virtue of honesty.

Fr. Pontius Banda.

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Parish Income

Gift aid: £427.00 Loose: £367.62 Total: £794.62
Candles: £106.22 Restoration: £37.81 Heating: £12.50
Rent: £400.00 Hall Hire: £225.00

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday 22nd September **second collection** for Father Hudson's Care (social care of the church).

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, 15th - 22nd September 2019

Sat	21	11: 45am	Josephine Rooney (RIP) Lawrence Carey (RIP)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish Owen Healy (RIP) Betty Stapleton (RIP)
Sun	22	11.30am	Mary Hewson (RIP)
Mon	23	12:10pm	Michael Heavey (Anniversary)
Tues	24	12:10pm	
Weds	25	12.10pm	
		5.00pm	Reception of the body Charles Anthony Hitt
Thurs	26	12.00pm	Funeral mass - Charles Anthony Hitt
Fri	27	12.10pm	
Sat	28	11: 45am	
		5.30pm	
Sun	29	11.30am	People of the Parish
		6.00pm	Reception of the body Patrick Joseph Hardiman

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.

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.*

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 21st September

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

Sunday 22nd September

11.30am: Frank & Teresa (R)
Catherine & Joyce (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.

Death Announcements: Patrick Joseph Hardiman died on 6th September and the funeral will be on 30th September at 12pm reception of body on 29th at 6pm. Lawrence Patrick Carey died on 7th September, the funeral service will be on 7th October at 10:15am

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Alva Saunders, Thomas Caffrey,

Blessing of the Graves: We are having 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.

