

Parish News & Notices

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday invites us to reflect on the infinite mercy of God, we are called to conversion and to live life of holiness.

In this month of November, we remember all our beloved dead that the eternal light of the Lord may shine on.

Donation of items for Christmas Bazaar: We request for bottles for bottle stall. Prizes for the Tombola and money for Father Christmas to buy presents for the children. There are still more Raffle tickets, so please come and buy. The Christmas Bazaar will take place on 23rd November 2019 starting at 11am.

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 i.e. Newsletter, history, prayer schedule and adverts.

The Winter Night Shelter: The Winter Night Shelter is asking for donations of goods needed by the guests. Coffee / drinking chocolate / fruit juice/ sugar / chocolates sweets / pot noodles/ cup a soup / tooth brushes / individual packs of tissues / men's deodorants / body spray / men's new boxers / men's new socks / men's thermal under-wear-long pants/ long or short sleeved vests / men's hats and gloves / men's boots or strong footwear. The winter shelter begins December 4th. Anyone willing to volunteer to help with shifts should contact Helen Needham on 077133 40065 or cwnshelen@hopecoventry.org.uk

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. Next will be on 7th November.

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

Fr. Sunday Evaristus: Fr. Sunday will go to Uganda to visit his sick parents as he takes his annual leave on 6th November 2019. We pray for him and the family.

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:

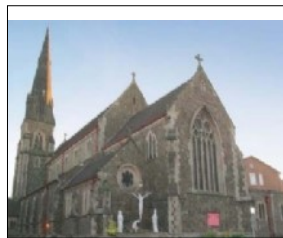
Parish Hall: As our Parish Hall and Kitchen have been improved, I encourage you and your friends to come and use it for your parties or ceremonies (Birthday, Anniversaries, Graduations, Weddings, Rehearsals for drama/music, Meetings and any others).

November Month of the Holy Souls: Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church. .

Mass for Frank Duff on Friday 8th November 2019 at 7pm.

Tuesday Club: Tuesday Club on the 12th of November are having a Reflection of a nine year old child during the war who was an evacuee

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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"I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE TODAY"

In life, there are many events that make us happy and fulfilled. These can include success in certain areas of life such as studies for students, political victories in polls, winning of trophies in certain games, establishing stable families, good health and social security in life. However, what is more fulfilling is spiritual harmony with the Lord and good human relationships with other people. The need for eternal salvation, which gives us lasting happiness and fulfilment in life, should be the main focus of our life's journey.

In today's Gospel, the story of Zacchaeus points to the quest of searching for eternal salvation. Despite the possession of riches and comforts in life, Zacchaeus longed to see Jesus whom he thought could answer the real needs of his life. He endeavoured to see Jesus as he passed, by climbing the sycamore tree (Lk19:4). We are told he was short and the crowd blocked him to have clear view of Christ. Zacchaeus was considered a public sinner due his status as a chief tax collector, he was an outcast in moral and religious terms. The desire to see Jesus, benefited him by the having the privilege of the Lord staying at his house, though the crowd grumbled about this. In Christian life, we can be tied up by public opinion or by our own moral and spiritual difficulties, meaning that we fail to see Jesus clearly. Our view of Jesus can also be impaired by the crowd of worldly ideologies like secularism or nonreligious movements. We sometimes fall short in our human conditions due to; lack of love, pride, arrogance, unforgiveness, biased attitudes (like the grumbling crowd), selfishness and excessive desire for wealth. The Lord in His boundless mercy calls us to conversion, which requires our sincere response like Zacchaeus, we need to invite Jesus to the house of life to enable us to love without conditions. We can climb the tree to invite Jesus into our lives, our hearts, families, communities and world through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and above all in receiving the Holy Eucharist so as model our lives.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £84.00 Loose: £390.18 Total: £474.18
Candles: £129.03 Restoration: £34.56 Heating: £42.51 Piety: £127.00
Saturday Lunches: £95.50 Hall Hire: £75.00

Today the **Second collection** for Johnson Association.

Thank you for your generosity

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, the parish is undertaking the following tasks that need financial support; for the **heating (please support the heating of the church by your contribution towards the bills)**, the Church Spire repairs and the day to day running of the parish. I appeal to your continued generosity to support the parish.

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.

300 Club October Draws Winners

First prize: 608 E. Quigley Second Prize: 787 C. Wilson
Third prize: 435 B. Gaffney Fourth Prize: 489 B. Concannon

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, 3rd - 10th November 2019

Sat	2	11: 45am 5.30pm	Jim Cosgrove (Special intention) Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP) People of the Parish
Sun	3	11.30am	Maureen Cooper (RIP) Norah McGrogan (RIP anniversary)
Mon	4	12.10pm	Deceased members of Demello, Pereira & Rodrigues families Liz Lenagh (Birthday)
Tues	5	12:10pm	Ron Cooper (RIP) Ann & Brian Fenton for their intentions Michael Campbell (RIP)
Weds	6	12.10pm	Shandulani, Misha & family (Thanksgiving) Carol Clarke (Birthday) Doreen Herlihy (RIP)
Thurs	7	12.10pm	Eamon Mullally (Birthday 93) Alun Davies (RIP) Andrew Bodkin (RIP anniversary)
Fri	8	12.10pm	Catherine Glen for her intentions Edward Barrett (RIP) Catherine Mangan (RIP)
Sat	9	11: 45am 5.30pm	Michael Campbell (RIP) Cyril McCabe (RIP)
Sun	10	11.30am	People of the Parish Kathleen & Frank Heron (Special intention)

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 2nd November

5.30pm: Bernadette & Ann E. (R)
Zen (E)

Sunday 3rd November

11.30am: Jolan & Teresa (R)
Catherine & Patsy (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.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy: The Mass for the for deceased clergy will be celebrated at St. Anne's Catholic Parish on Tuesday **12th November** at 7pm. All are invited.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Elizabeth Oxenford, Jim Lynch, Kathleen Byrne, John Gaffney,