

Parish News & Notices

First Sunday of Advent: This Sunday we start the new liturgical year in the Advent Season, with twofold character; preparation for Christmas, remembering first coming of Son God to human history and also waiting for His Second coming at the end of time. We are invited to renew our spiritual journey of life in this period with hope.

Christmas Bazaar: The Christmas Bazaar was successful and well attended. I would like to thank all those who contributed items, time and energy to make the day successful. May the Lord bless and guide you.

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 so please help if you can. In particular, clean/new hand towels are needed for our guests.

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. The next will be on Thursday 26th December.

RCIA: Instructions have started on 9th September 2019. The instructions begin at 6pm in Church or Foyer every Monday. Their **Rite of Acceptance** will be on First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2019.

Tuesday Tea: Every Tuesday there is tea for everybody after Mass. Please join it to meet friends and share parish life. You are encouraged to give donations to support the tea.

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.

Deanery: There will be Induction of new Parish Priest, **Fr Paul Burch** will be Inducted on Thursday December 5th at 7.00pm at All Souls.

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).

Walk with me: Booklets for Advent, please pick a copy.

Catechist Training: A talk on Catechist training on 1st December, Sunday at Mass.

Blessing of the Crib: Blessing of the Crib on 1st December at 4pm in town. Please note that the crib is now to be located **in Broadgate** and **not** outside the library as in previous years.

General elections: Our Parish hall will be used as polling station, there will be no activities taking place in it from 11th to 12th December 2019, sorry for the inconvenience

Advent Confessions: Advent Confessions will take place on Friday 13th December at 12.30pm.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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ADVENT IS A SAESON OF VIGILANT WAITING

Life, in most cases is a period of waiting and expecting something to be done or to happen. Leaders of nations or members of communities wait for better things to happen or to take place in future. Human desire or aspiration is always for better future. Above everything else is our Christian aspiration to attain eternal life by way of living holy lives. The Christian faith or vocation is a life-long spiritual obligation undertaken to live according to the requirements of the Gospel of Christ and which calls for vigilance.

Today, we have started the season of Advent preparing us to celebrate Christmas, the Birth Day of the Divine Son in human history. We start a new liturgical year to renew our faith and commitment to serve God and fellow human beings. Advent is a period of waiting and expecting with vigilance to do good and avoid evil. The reign of God, based on love and peace, should take precedence in our lives. As the prophet Isaiah says, "Oh house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Is2:5). We are called to avoid reckless living and an unexamined life, but to be conscious of our loyalty to Christ. We are invited to make spiritual renewal by way of repentance, prayer and charity. The word of God became incarnate in human history to illumine our dark thoughts, attitudes and deeds. The Advent season should transform our hearts to be faithful to God's will.

The Advent wreath gives us a more symbolic understanding of Christ's presence in the world:

1st Candle- Hope (Prophet Candle) the Old Testament prophets like Isaiah, waited for the Messiah to come with hope.

2nd Candle -Faith (Bethlehem Candle) The Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, Prophet Micah mentioned.

3rd Candle –Joy (Shepherds Candle) great Joy of His birth announced to the shepherds by the Angels,

4th Candle - Peace (Angels Candle) the angels announced that Jesus was born to bring peace into the world.

Lastly 5th Candle - Light and Purity (Christ's candle) Christ the light for the world. May the Advent Season renew our faith and trust in God.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £115.50	Loose: £322.70	Total: £438.20
Candles: £137.45	Restoration: £6.00	Heating: £18.85
Donation: £100.00	Piety Stall: £320.00	Christmas Bazaar: £3158.10
Second Collection: £158.85		

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the **Poor Parishes of the Diocese**

Thank you for your generosity

Bazaar Prize Winners: 1st Prize £100, by CM, 2nd Prize £50 by HMc. and 3rd Prize £25 by S.C. Hamper Sr. RK and Beauty Set, by H. Thank you for the support.

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, the parish is undertaking the various tasks that need financial support especially the **heating of the church (please support the heating of the church by your contribution towards the bills, place your donations in the box at wall near the entrance of the church).**

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

300 Club November Draws Winners

First prize: 564 M. Gregson Second Prize: 773 B. Turbitt
Third prize: 459 L. Nixon Fourth Prize: 58 O. Gregson

Congratulations to the winners!

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

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 24th November - 1st December 2019

Sat	30	11: 45am	Elizabeth & Patrick Buckley (RIP)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish Mary Maguire (RIP)
Sun	1	11.30am	John Farrell (Thanksgiving)
Mon	2	12.10pm	Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP) John McKenna (Thanksgiving) Mary Gorman (RIP)
		6.00pm	Reception of the body of Brian Andrew Jordan
Tues	3	12:10pm	FUNERAL - Brian Andrew Jordan
Weds	4	12.10pm	Brian Jordan (RIP) James Gaffney (RIP) Patrick Baldwin (RIP)
Thurs	5	12.10pm	Ann Pender (Special intention) Tom Shally (RIP anniversary) Jerry Joy (RIP) Andreana Reeves (RIP)
Fri	6	12.10pm	Bernadette Burke (RIP) Alan Baker (Get well) Jim Bride (RIP)
Sat	7	11: 45am	Tony Pattison (RIP)
		5.30pm	Brian Jordan (RIP)
Sun	8	11.30am	People of the Parish Shandulani, Misha & family in thanksgivings

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 30th November

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

Sunday 1st December

11.30am: School Children (R)
Angelo (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 1

Death Announcement of George Campbell died 24th November. The reception of the Body on Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm and the **Funeral mass** will be on Thursday 12th December at 12.10pm. We pray for him and the family.

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: Joseph Flood, Jocelyn Caffery, John Flinn