

Parish News & Notices

Second Sunday of Advent: This Sunday invites us to prepare the way for the Lord's coming by making spiritual renewal and transformation. We are to show true Christian love to everybody we encounter in life and promote peace.

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 Sunday 29th December 2019.

RCIA: Instructions have started on 9th September 2019. The instructions begin at 6pm in Church or Foyer every Monday. We shall break for Christmas on 9th December and start again second Monday of January 2020.

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.

Donation: £100.00 has been donated by a member of the parish for heating the church, we thank and pray for her.

Fr. Sunday is back from visiting his parents, we thank God for his safe journey, we offer our prayers for his parents.

Fundraising resources:

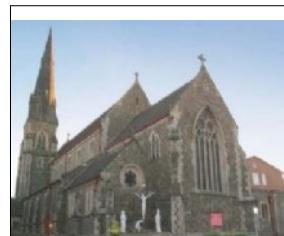
Parish Hall: As our Parish Hall and Kitchen have been improved, I encourage you and your friends to come and use it for your parties or ceremonies (Birthday, Anniversaries, Graduations, Weddings, Rehearsals for drama/music, Meetings and any others).

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

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.

Christmas envelopes for the offering for the clergy of the parish are at the back of the church, please pick one to support your clergy.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

Most often, in life we prepare for the events to take place in future. We prepare in order to make life better than it is now. Civil leaders make political, economic and social policies to improve the lives of citizens in this present world. Above everything else, what matters is the spiritual resolutions we make individually or collectively to live balanced lives centred on God reflecting justice, peace and love. The birth of Christ we prepare to celebrate is the direct intervention of God into human history to bring humanity back from the waywardness. Today as we experience violence, unforgiveness, unfaithfulness and lack of respect for sanctity of human life, the Advent season should transform us. We are called to prepare our hearts to promote peace, justice and love.

Advent is time for preparation. It is a season of conversion and repentance; a time to live out the message John proclaims: "Reform your lives, for the Kingdom of God is at hand (Mt3:2). The Kingdom of God does not come automatically. It comes when we are ready to be converted to a new style of life and we are willing to commit ourselves to banish injustice, hatred, prejudice or resentment and we are ready to stand for one another with sincerity. In this season, we prepare the way for the Lord to live better lives than what we go through at the moment. The straightening of roads in our hearts depends on each one of us to do self-examination. If we have challenges in our families and communities, we should make a change in our lives, God should be at the centre of our daily activities and preparations for the coming Christmas, not our emotions, inclinations and plans that are destructive and unspiritual. Christ is present amongst us especially in the Sacraments and in Scriptures, may we renew our commitment to Him during this Advent.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £42.00

Loose: £286.49

Total: £328.49

Candles: £105.39

Restoration: £9.31

Heating: £133.12

Cafod : £86.15

Sat Lunches: £90.60

Rent: £1300.00

Hall Hire: £75.00

Thank you for your generosity

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

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).**

NOTE: Give your donations for the CHURCH MAINTENANCE in the Box on the wall at entrance ;

Volunteers are required for the activities of the parish: Saturday lunches, Altar servers, Choir, gardeners, **Office Secretary**, church cleaning, gutter 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, 7th December - 15th December 2019

Sat	7	11: 45am	Tony Pattison (RIP) George Campbell (RIP)
		5.30pm	Brian Jordan (RIP)
Sun	8	11.30am	People of the Parish Shandulani, Misha & family in thanksgivings
Mon	9	12:10am	Patrick Doyle (Get well) Michael Kirkwood (Special intention)
Tue	10	12:10am	Eucharistic Service
Weds	11	12.10pm	The Kirkwood Family (Special intention) George Campbell (RIP)
		6:30pm	Reception of the body of George Campbell
Thurs	12	12.10pm	FUNERAL - George Campbell
Fri	13	12.10pm	Joao Antonio Demello (RIP) Bridie Mullally (RIP anniversary) Christopher Gaffney (Special intention)
Sat	14	11: 45am	Stephan Flaherty (RIP) Brian Jordan (RIP) Eamon Mullally (Get well)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish Sarah Rock (RIP) Richie Murphy (RIP)
Sun	15	11.30am	Sam Kairs (Special intention) Julie Oldham (RIP anniversary)

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.*

NOTE: WE HAVE CONFESSIONS DAILY AFTER MASS EXCEPT SATURDAY EVENING & SUNDAY MORNING MASSES.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 7th December

5.30pm: Ann F & Maria (R)
Zen (E)

Sunday 8th December

11.30am: Jolan & Teresa (R)
Maggie & Teresa (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: Joseph Flood, Jocelyn Caffery, John Flynn