

Parish News & Notices

Fourth Sunday of Advent: This Sunday invites us to reflect on God is with us. The loving presence of God in life should give us courage and hope as we journey in this world.

Parish Levy: Is a sum of money contributed by each parish to the diocese, in order to fund the wide range of services it provides for our parishes, clergy and wider community within the Archdiocese which has 217 parishes, 240 schools. There are 250 Diocesan priests and 80 Permanent Deacons. The money contributed is used for the various services; staff and curial offices, Kenelm Youth Trust and clergy training, chaplaincies, education service, retired clergy and property maintenance. The 28% of the parish income is contributed to the Diocese. Note; please pick Archbishop's letter for more details.

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.

Christmas Programme: Please pick a copy from the back of the church.

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 in to meet friends and share parish life. You are encouraged to give donations to support the tea.

The Church Choir: We are searching for an **Organist** who can support the Choir, the keyboard can also be used. The terms of the support will be negotiated.

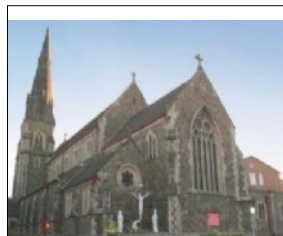
Fundraising resources:

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)

Christmas envelopes, for offerings for the clergy are at the back, please pick one to support your priests.

MASS ON SATURDAY 28TH WILL BE AT 11:00AM NOT AT 11:45AM, PLEASE CHECK.

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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GOD -IS -WITH -US

Most often we express our faith and response to God's love or presence when we encounter eventful moments of life. These responses can be either spontaneous or programmed for instance when we escape an incident or recover from emotional or spiritual challenges. Above everything else, our faith in God directs and enables us to be balanced in life. As we draw close to Christmas it is worth renewing our faith as "God -is -with -us". Just as prophet Isaiah encouraged king Ahaz not to lose confidence in God when an attack on his kingdom of Judah was looming (Is7:10-14), we should have faith when facing danger or crisis in life's journey.

Today's Gospel gives an indication of the Incarnation, God becoming one with us through the human motherhood of Mary. Also we learn of Joseph's obedience in following Divine will by the revelation of an angel. In a dream Joseph was instructed to take Mary home as his wife. Despite the challenges and risks he showed a total surrender and trust in God. The response made by Mary and Joseph to undertake the Divine plan for the salvation of humankind is an example for us to follow. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the time of the Incarnation is the same power that guides us as members of the Church. We are called to make the same response as her, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." (Lk 1:38). Jesus is with us at all times. He promises "I will be with you always until the end of time." (Mt28:20). Joseph was also told in the dream not to fear. As we move to celebrate Christmas, we should avoid worries, fears, doubts, anger, unforgiveness and sadness. We celebrate "God -is -with -us" in Jesus through the Sacraments and the Holy Scriptures, by promoting peace and tranquillity in our hearts, families and communities, at the same time we also support the needy in our world.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £147.00	Loose: £323.21	Total: £480.21
Candles: £91.66	Restoration: £11.12	Heating: £31.777
Hall Hire: £125.00	Saturday Lunches: £88.11	Piety: £80.00
	Christmas Flowers: £177.27	

Thank you for your generosity

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. The heating bill of the Church for November is £1,300.00

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 December Draws Winners

First prize: 471	J. Wiltshire	Second Prize: 175	P. J. Doherty
Third prize: 759	A. Murphy	Fourth Prize: 194	N. Phelan

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, 22nd - 29th December 2019

Sat	21	11: 45am	Bridie & Marie (Christmas intention) Julia, Anthony, John, Anne O'Shea (all RIP)
		5.30pm	John & Nuala Kelly (RIP Wedding anniversary remembrance)
Sun	22	11.30am	People of the Parish Mr. & Mrs. Ray Whitehouse (Christmas intention) Michael McGrane (anniversary)
Mon	23	12:10am	Rita Jordan (Special intention) Mary & Brendan Keane (Christmas intention) James Ward (RIP)
Tue	24	12:10am	
		5.30pm	Lil Crowley (Christmas intention) Christmas Eve Charlie & Billy Kennedy (Christmas intention)
Weds	25	Nativity of the Lord	Midnight Josie Doyle (Christmas intention) Sean Kennedy (Christmas intention)
		11.30am	Declan & Kathleen Kennedy & family (Christmas intention)
Thurs	26	12.10pm	50th Birth Day intention and 21st Birth Day Intention Laurent Rugwizangoga's (Wedding anniversary) Mae Devlin (Christmas intention)
Fri	27	10.00am	FUNERAL - Peter Kavanagh
		12.10pm	Deacon Joe (Christmas intention) Maureen Price (RIP) Joe Hamlin (Special intention)
Sat	28	11: 00am	George Campbell (RIP) Note: Time change of 45 Mins. Sean & Janice (Christmas intention)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	29	11.30am	Harnett (Anniversary) Bethany & Sue (Christmas 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 21st December

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

Sunday 22nd December

11.30am: Jolan & Teresa (R)
Joyce & Maggie (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: Teresa Considine, Christine McDermutt