

Parish News & Notices

Feast of the Holy Family: This feast invites us to reflect on the values of family life following the example of the Holy family where the Saviour of the world was brought up. All members of families are called to practice virtues of patience, love and humility while promoting equality and respect for each other.

The Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop for the Feast of Holy Family:

Please pick a copy for more reflection and prayer;

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: This will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st January 2020 at 12:10pm. You are encouraged to come for this first Mass of calendar the year to receive the new year blessings.

The Christmas Gifts to the Parish Clergy: The priests of the parish would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the parishioners for the gifts, prayers and words of encouragement during this Christmas time. May the Lord grant you peace, joy and love.

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 Organist for the Church Choir: St. Osburg's church is searching for an **Organist** who can support the Choir. The terms of the support will be negotiated. Please send your applications to the Parish office not later than 10th January 2020.

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. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed items and time to serve them on behalf of the parish.

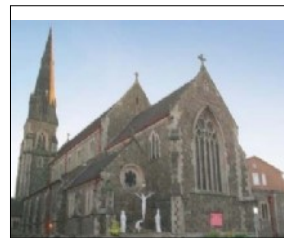
Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday and Saturday. Vespers and Benediction are on the First Thursday of every month and on the Last Sunday of every month, at 6.00 pm. The next will be on Sunday 29th December 2019 and **Evening adoration on 31st December 2019 at 6pm for thanksgiving and blessings of the New year.**

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 on Monday 13th January 2020

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)

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THE HOLY FAMILY A MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILIES.

The basic unit and the moral strength of any human society is the family. A family in Catholic teaching is formed when a man and woman are united in marriage together with their children (CC.2202). In creation, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution of equal rights of its members (Gen.2:23-24). As the family is willed by God, it is a community of faith, hope and charity. A family centred on God, is referred to as domestic Church. It is from the families that the Church grows. Human society can experience peace, justice and respect for life if these values or virtues are taught and emphasised in families. The parents have therefore, wholistic responsibility to the upbringing of the children in spiritual, moral, intellectual, corporeal and social aspects of human growth.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family where our Lord Jesus was brought up under the parental care of Mother Mary and St. Joseph. Like any other human family, they experienced moments of joy and hardships. At very early life, baby Jesus was to be eliminated by king Herod, as he was considered a threat to his human dynasty. The parents were told to escape to Egypt with the child for safety and protection. It should have been very challenging to travel and leave their home land at that time. This is to encourage parents to be resilient in caring for their children amidst all odds. In the First reading the Book of Sirach, the children are advised to respect and obey their parent (Sirach3:3-7). Also, in the second reading, St. Paul's letter to the Colossians mentions members of families should be kind, humble, gentle and patient in relating to each other. They should forgive each other when quarrel begins and love should lead in all their decisions and actions (Col.3:12). As we remember the Holy Family at the end of this year, let us renew our love for each other in our natural families and the faith family of the Church.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £70.00	Loose: £359.05	Total: £429.05
Candles: £114.99	Restoration: £34.04	Heating: £83.41
Hall Hire: £600.00	CAFOD: £112.60	

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	28	11:00am	George Campbell (RIP) Sean & Janice (Christmas intention)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	29	11.30am	Harnett (Anniversary) Bethany & Sue (Christmas intention) Jesuina (Birthday intention)
Mon	30	12:10pm	Michael Kirkwood & Family (Christmas intention) Sister Philomena's intention Mary & Jim Murrin (Christmas intention)
Tue	31	12:10pm	Elizabeth Murphy (RIP) George Campbell (RIP) Frank Green (RIP anniversary)
Weds	1	12.10pm	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. The Hawkins Family (Christmas mass) George Campbell (RIP) Gerry & Eileen (Christmas intention)
Thurs	2	12.10pm	Sister Philomena's Christmas intention Sister Mary Brigeen Christmas intention
Fri	3	12.10pm	Shandulani Mathumo & Misha Patrick, & W. Tamlinsons family (Thanksgiving) Frances Fallon (for her intention) Mary Fallon (for her intention)
Sat	4	11:00am	Sister Teresa Christmas intention Tom Ward for his intentions
		5.30pm	Patsy Keogh Christmas intention Catherine Wilson (Christmas intention)
Sun	5	11.30am	People of the Parish, Pat Ruddy (RIP 1st anniversary) George Campbell (RIP) Charlie Wilson (RIP 1st 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.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 28th December

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

Sunday 29th December

11.30am: Frank & Jolan (R)
Angelo (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 2

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: