

## **Parish News & Notices**

**Third Sunday of Advent:** This Sunday invites us to rejoice in the Lord. Our faith assures of the loving presence of Lord. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas our hearts should be centred on God who loves and saves us.

**The Parish New Contacts:** The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: [pp.stosburg@gmail.com](mailto: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 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: £50.00** has been donated by a member of the parish for heating the church, we thank and pray for the person.

### **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.

**Donation by Tuesday Tea– Group: £310.00** was raised to meet medical bills of sick student seminarian name; **Chandiga Joel**, in Uganda. I would like to thank all those who organised and contributed to support the needy student.

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**St. Osburg's**



**A.J Missions**



**St Mary's**



**St Elizabeth's**

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### **REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS**

In life, there are several occasions or events that make people happy in the set up of the material world. These events can include family celebrations of marriages, victories in political polls, winning trophies in games, passing examinations and economic or social securities of life. However, what is much more important is to have spiritual harmony with the Lord. This third Sunday of Advent talks of rejoicing in the Lord. It is Gaudete Sunday. “Gaudete” is a Latin word for “rejoice “. The Church calls her children to rejoice because their salvation is near at hand. She presents to her children the glimpse of hope in the redemptive work of the Messiah among us. It does not matter what circumstances one finds him or herself in. The call remains that of Joy. St Paul made this acclamation clear in his letter to the Philippians: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say Rejoice.” (Phi 4:4).

Today, the theme of the third Sunday of Advent calls us to rejoice in the Lord. As we ponder on this theme, the following questions often come to mind; “How can we really rejoice this time when unprecedented challenges are unleashed against Christian faith and when little attention is given to our traditional Christian practices?” Many people today endure difficulties of poverty, loneliness, sickness and poor family relations. How can they rejoice? Our world today is beset by socioeconomic and politico-religious differences. Can we still rejoice as presented by the message of this Sunday of Gaudete? The first reading gives us direction to understand our joy in the Lord. Prophet Isaiah says, “Let the wilderness and dry lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom” (Is35:1). When there is no joy, life is like wilderness or like dry land. The joy we seek for should be that total trust in God who guides us and one who saves us from worries and doubts in life. The Christian joy is the gladness of heart that comes from knowing God and surrendering to him, knowing Jesus and trusting and abiding in him, and being guided by the inspiration and promptings of the Holy Spirit. Despite all the afflictions of life, and against all odds, the individual remains steadfast and is enduring and unshakable in his or her faith. May we rejoice in the Lord’s coming at Christmas by renewing our faith in the Lord.

**Fr. Pontius Bandua**



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### St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

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### Parish Income

Gift aid: £42.00

Loose: £244.31

Total: £286.31

Candles: £89.60

Restoration: £3.12

Heating: £65.27

Second Collection: £141.00

Thank you for your generosity

Today the Second collection for Christmas flowers:

**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 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

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 15th December - 22nd December 2019

Sat	14	11: 45am	Stephan Flaherty (RIP) Brian Jordan (RIP)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish Sarah Rock (RIP)
Sun	15	11.30am	Sam Kairs (Special intention) Julie Oldham (RIP anniversary)
Mon	16	12:10am	David McDonnel (RIP) George Campbell (RIP) Members of the Burke family Living & Deceased
Tue	17	12:10am	Miss Francie O'Grady (Christmas intention) Maura Kelly (RIP) Members of the Evans family Living & Deceased
Weds	18	12.10pm	Mrs Kitty Ledwith (Christmas intention) Bridie & Michael Brennan (Special intention) The Griffin family intentions
Thurs	19	12.10pm	Mr. & Mrs. John Lyons (Christmas intention) George Campbell (RIP) End of abortion
Fri	20	12.10pm	Margaret Ruddy (Christmas intention) Holy Souls Patsy Smith (RIP)
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)

**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 14th December

5.30pm: Ann F & Bernadette(R)  
Angelo (E)

#### Sunday 15th December

11.30am: Frank & Janet (R)  
Catherine & Patsy (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**