

Parish News & Notices

The Baptism of the Lord: This Sunday invites us to renew our Baptismal promises and follow our Lord Jesus in bringing the Good News of God's Kingdom of love, peace, forgiveness and hope to the world. The challenges of life should be faced with hope and trust in the Lord, as he gave up his life on the cross to save us.

Next Sunday 19th January: Cardinal Newman School community will be leading our 11.30am mass.

The year of the WORD: The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is encouraging us all to celebrate, live and share God's word with this exciting new Scripture initiative. 2020 has been chosen as it is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. In the parish we shall have days of reflection on the Scripture focusing on St. Mathew's Gospel.

Donations for church maintenance: Two parishioners have donated £300 for the maintenance of the church, £200 and £100 respectively. We greatly appreciate their generous offers.

Sister Sabina: The former Head at Corpus Christ Primary School for many years has died. Her Requiem Mass will be in Selly Park Convent and St. Edwards Selly Park next week. Fr. David Gnosill has kindly arranged a Mass at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 14th January at 7.00pm, please join to pray for her.

The Parish New Contacts: The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.stos-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 20th January 2020.

The Winter Night Shelter: Thank you very much for your generous donations of food, clothes and money for the Night Shelter which was much appreciated by our guests. All has been well there over Christmas.

Catholic Papers: Until now the Catholic papers were supplied on a sale or return basis, but from this month we have to agree to pay a fixed price whether or not we sell any papers. The minimum number we can have is 5 per week. This will cost us £280.00 a year. Please sign your initials on paper placed at the back if you agree to buy the weekly supplies.

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 26th January 2020.

RCIA: 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD AND CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT

Most often, different experiences determine our decisions in life's journey. As we have just celebrated Christmas with great joy, love and sharing with families and friends, today the Church invites us to reflect on our baptismal promises as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. We can individually or collectively reflect whether our thoughts, deeds and plans are still in line with the promises that were made at the time of our baptism. According to Catholic teaching, by Baptism someone is incorporated into Christ, the person who is baptised is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark of belonging to Christ, no sin can erase this mark (CCC 1272). This means our thoughts, actions and behaviour should be of love, forgiveness and prayer.

At the Baptism of the Lord several spiritual insights can be pondered; The Eternal Son of God is sinless but he accepted the baptism of the forgiveness of sins from John the Baptist, though at first John Baptist was hesitant to baptise the Lord. On the same occasion he was told to "Leave it like this for the time being" (Mt.3:13-17). During the Baptism of the Lord, the heavens opened and a voice came from heaven "This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on Him" and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a Dove. The event of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us that the Sacrament of Baptism is central to our Christian life. It also reminds us to denounce everything which is done contrary to God's plan for this world. The Lord identified himself with us sinners at Baptism to show us the way to live in closer union with God, as we denounce evil. In baptism, we are adopted as children of God and guided by the Holy Spirit. We should therefore promote love, justice, honesty, faithfulness, commitment and be people of prayer. We should avoid tendencies of jealousy, pride, impatience, envy, gossip, intolerance and prejudice. Our life decisions and plans should be in accordance with the holy will of the Lord as we begin this new year.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £64.30

Loose: £427.24

Total: £491.54

Candles: £152.76

Restoration: £278.05

Heating: £227.85

Rent: £360.00

Hall Hire: £225.00

Gift Aid Donation: £100.00

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 to keep our church WARM in the Box on the wall at entrance. The heating bill of the Church for December is £1,400.00

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. We thank all those who give their time to help the parish; the choir, readers, extra-ordinary ministers, gift collection, Saturday lunches and maintenance of parish property.

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, 12th - 19th January 2020

Sat	11	11: 45am	Nancy Carroll (Special intention)
		5.30pm	Phyllis Gardner (RIP)
Sun	12	11.30am	People of the Parish
			Rev. Tony Janew (Special intention)
Mon	13	12:10pm	Liam O'Brien (RIP)
			Catherine Wilson for her intentions
			Mary Rudy for her intentions
Tue	14	12:10pm	Thanksgiving (for safe delivery of a baby)
Weds	15	12.10pm	Antonio Fernandes (RIP)
Thurs	16	12.10pm	
Fri	17	12.10pm	
Sat	18	11: 45am	
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	19	11.30am	

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 11th January

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

Sunday 12th January

11.30am: Janet & Jolan (R)
Joyce (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 2

Death Announcement: Ronald Thomas Johnson died on 19th December 2019. The funeral Mass will be on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 10:00 am, **Joseph Paul John** died on 11th December 2019 and the funeral Service will be on Friday 24th January at 10:30 am. We pray for them and the families.

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: Lappin, Bernadette, Meagher Denis, Duffy Thomas Peter, O'conor Michael, Joyce Michael, Grant Michael and Gill Teresa