

Parish News & Notices

Third Sunday in ordinary time: This is **Word of God Sunday** as declared by the holy Father Pope Francis, it invites us to reflect on the importance of Sacred Scriptures (The Holy Bible) in Christian life. The Bible enlightens our path of life, we are encouraged to read it everyday and meditate on it to guide our way of life.

Sacrament of Confirmation: We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Kenney to St. Osburg's parish to confirm a number of our Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 29th January at 6.30pm. We pray for the children and their parents to be active and close members of St. Osburg's Parish community in practice of their faith.

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. Matthew's Gospel.

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 15th February 2020.

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. We need one more signatory.

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, today evening at 6.00pm. The next will be on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 6.00pm.

RCIA: Instructions are at 6pm in the Church or Foyer every Monday. They recommenced on Monday 13th January 2020. We shall have instructions on Friday 31st at 6:00pm, not on Monday 27th due to the Parish Finance Committee Meeting taking place on that day.

The Electric Vehicle Charging event on Monday 27th January 2020: The parish hall has been hired for the mentioned event from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Please note that any activities of the parish and school are suspended on that day at that time.

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). For **Hall hire, please call Angelo Rodrigues No. 07886456952.**

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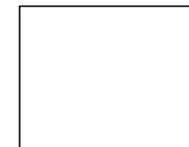
St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



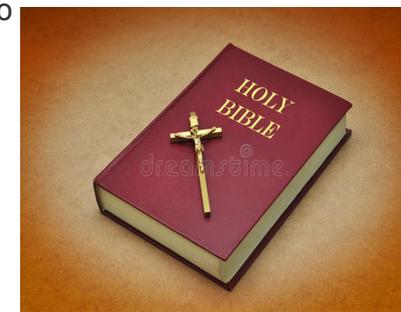
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THE WORD OF GOD AS THE LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.

The beauty of the world is appreciated and enjoyed because of light. Light drives darkness in order to view things plainly and profoundly. It is the same with relationships amongst people, when there is transparency and truthfulness, harmony and peace or justice are expected to take root in human hearts. If the contrary happens for example, when others feel they are exploited, mistreated or despised, then misunderstandings and dissatisfaction come in, and the core values of life like peace and love are compromised. As Christians we need to make efforts to work against that which destroys our relationship with God and each other by paying attention to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of the ordinary time, Pope Francis declared it as **Word of God Sunday**. In his decree, "Aperuit Illis," the Holy Father said, "The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians...The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity." This message of the Pope has been reflected in the 2nd reading of today in St. Paul's First letter to Corinthians appealing for Christian unity and avoidance of differences due to selfish interests, which are signs of darkness in relationship. The Gospel explains, that before the message of Christ, the people lived in darkness. May we carry the teachings of Holy Scriptures and the Church to guide our way of life.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £88.00

Loose: £290.06

Total: £378.06

Candles: £93.49

Restoration: £6.73

Heating: £60.51

Rent: £440.00

Piety: £70.00

Crib Money: £43.43

Hall Hire: £1100.00

Saturday Lunches: £103.00

Pax Christi Second Collection: £104.41

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 January Draws Winners

First prize: 54	S. Tierney	Second Prize: 293	J. Hussey
Third prize: 598	M. Collins	Fourth Prize: 006	V. Fahey

Congratulations to the winners!

In the event of any queries, contact Ann Fenton on tel 024 7659 9544

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 26th January - 2nd February 2020

Sat	25	11: 45am	
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	26	11.30am	
Mon	27	12:10pm	Special intention
Tue	28	12:10pm	The Jenkins & Morris families (help for health problems)
Weds	29	12.10pm	Mary Gillen & Special intention
		6.30pm	CONFIRMATION of year Six candidates - School
Thurs	30	12.10pm	Eamon Mullally (RIP)
Fri	31	12.10pm	Joyce Burke (RIP)
			Eamon Mullally (RIP)
Sat	1	11: 45am	
		5.30pm	
Sun	2	11.30am	People of the Parish
			Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP)

Youth Ministry Team in the Deanery: There will be an event of youth ministry, a Mission weekend on 25/26th January at St. Mary and St. Benedict Parish. Those who have given their names, please note that the coach will pick you up at 12:30pm on Sunday 26th January.

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 25th January

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

Sunday 26th January

11.30am: Janet & Frank (R)
Maria (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 2

Death Announcement: Mary Veronica Fahey died on Monday 20th January and Michael Brady died recently. We pray for them and family members.

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: Michael McCarthy, Geraldine Rodger, Damian Hainey, Isabel O'Loughlin, Eva Chambers, Bridget Sharrey.

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