

Parish News & Notices

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday invites us to reflect on Divine law of love, we are expected to follow the commandments with deeper meaning showing love for God and for each other.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales message on Coronavirus: The outbreak of Coronavirus was first reported in Wuhan City, China on 31st December 2019, it has already claimed lives and affected thousands of people in some parts of the world and it is fast spreading. According to the NHS, UK remains at low risk. However the public is advised to follow some guide lines to disrupt the spread of the virus.

Advice for Parishes and community facilities :

1. Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt the spread of the virus. (We should be doing this in any case for 'flu prevention): Catch it - sneeze into a tissue. Bin it - bin the tissue. Kill it -wash your hands with soap and water. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.
2. Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only. (We should be doing this anyway, every 'flu season'.)
3. Ensure good regular cleaning of the surfaces that lots of people touch regularly.
4. Ensure you combat discrimination against Chinese people and others wrongly assumed to have or be spreading the virus.
5. Take note of NHS public information on posters and updates. Find details on the notice board.
6. Consider asking everyone at large gatherings like Mass to sanitise their hands as they come in and especially communal meals.
7. Ensure Ministers of the Eucharist sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion (we should be doing this anyway as a matter of course.) This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel discreetly.
8. There is no need as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the sign of peace suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely.

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.sto-cov.org.uk>
Email address: pp.stosburg@gmail.com

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 27th February 2020.

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. The next will be on Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 6.00pm.

RCIA: Instructions are at 6pm in the Church or Foyer every Monday. They recommenced on Monday 13th January 2020. The Rite of Election will be celebrated by the Archbishop at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Sunday 1st March 2020 at 3pm. We pray for our three Catechumens and one Candidate.

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 on 07886456952.

Piety Stall: Did you know that we have a selection of Easter Cards, Mother's Day Cards, Mass Cards for Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy and Special Intentions? Also cards for Confirmation, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reception into the Church. And also a selection of devotional items for sale.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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MAKING CHOICES IN LIFE

Our everyday activities depend on the decisions we make, which in turn are determined by our goals or interests in life. In modern societies, families and communities we can live in peace if the decisions taken are for the greater good of all. In most cases this is difficult to achieve because each individual has freedom to choose what is good and convenient for him or her. Human beings have the faculty and will to choose either good or evil. This has been the case right from the time of Adam and Eve. They had the choice "to obey God or to do what pleased them." (Gen3:1-13). With either choice the consequences are great in life.

Today, we celebrate 6th Sunday and the readings remind us of the law of love and the wisdom of God to guide us in life. We are called to make right choices by following the commandments which are at our disposal. We can choose to follow or not follow the commandments because we are gifted with freedom to choose. These choices determine our future and destiny. The first reading from the Book of Sirach, indicates, "If you wish you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power (Sirach15:15)". In the Gospel, Lord Jesus said, "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them" (Matt5:17). We are expected to go deeper with love to follow the commandments as confirmed by our Lord Jesus. We should avoid hatred, insult and resentment as indicated in the law "do not kill". We are called to reconcile before we make our prayers and offerings to the Lord. In marriage relationships, all are called to promote fidelity and forgiveness to avoid occasions of divorce and unfaithfulness. A person who truly loves forgives. Marriage is a plan of God for permanent union, which is to be a place of safety, comfort and honour. All the commandments guide us to follow the law of love and continuous reconciliation. We can choose to be in peaceful families if we truly love and forgive. Married Christians are called to have the same sacrificial love for each other that the Lord Jesus showed for our salvation. It all depends on what we want in life, to follow God's law of love or to seek our comforts regardless of God's law. We are invited to say yes when we mean yes and no when we mean no. We should struggle to avoid double standards on our path to sanctity.

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Parish Income

Gift aid: £68.00

Loose: £299.91

Total: £367.91

Candles: £93.45

Restoration: £16.60

Heating: £60.93

Hall Hire: £165.00

Piety: £50.00

Saturday Lunches: £66.71

Donation: £139.65

Today there is a voluntary Second Collection for the LIFE Charity.

Donation: Two families have given donation of £296.00. Each £236.00 and £60.00 respectively. We thank them for the support.

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 January was £1,470.00

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, 16th - 23rd February 2020

Sat	15	11: 45am	Valentino Pereira & Dorotea Fernandes (RIP) People of China
		5.30pm	Martin Shally (RIP anniversary) Eamon Mullally (RIP)
Sun	16	11.30am	Maureen Horley (Special intention) Margaret Gallen (Special intention) Sarvelio Demello (Birthday intention)
Mon	17	12:10pm	Pat Campbell (Special intention) June Phee (Special intention)
Tue	18	12:10pm	Mary Mitro (Birthday intention) Garry Hobbs (Special intention) Hobbs family (intention)
Weds	19	12.10pm	Sister Philomena (Her intention) Pat Joe Morgan (Get well)
Thurs	20	12.10pm	Joseph Formosa (3rd anniversary) Maria Veronica Fahey (RIP)
Fri	21	12.10pm	Gerry (Get well) Hugh McCooey (RIP)
Sat	22	11: 45am	For all the souls in Aldona & Coventry
		5.30pm	Connie O'Boyle (RIP) Maureen McCooey (RIP)
Sun	23	11.30am	People of the Parish Brian McCarny (RIP)

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 15th February

5.30pm: Maria & Ann F. (R)
Maggie (E)

Sunday 16th February

11.30am: Frank & Jolan (R)
Angelo (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 remember in your prayers Grace Gaskell who is seriously ill.

Death announcement: Margaret Mary Dawson died on 30/01/2020, the funeral mass will be on Friday 28th February at 1pm. We pray for her and the family.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Shally Martin, Lawrence Gallen, Patricia Clark, Imelda Ives, Josie Kennedy, Joseph Formosa, Philomena Gibson, William O'Reilly, Tony Melody, John Osborne.