

Parish News & Notices

First Sunday of Lent: This Sunday invites us to reflect on the temptations of life that we need to resist with the help prayer and trust in God at all times.

Coronavirus information: Version 2 of Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: Guide lines summary information is at the back of the church, please pick a copy to read on the details.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Liturgy Programme: Please pick a copy of the programme for this season at the back of the church.

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.

The Parish New Contacts: The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.stos-cov.org.uk> Email address: pp.stosburg@gmail.com

The God Who Speaks event is being organised as a Coventry City wide Retreat @ St Osburg's Coventry on 29/30/31st May 2020 (Pending interest). Are you creative/good at making artwork? Are you a musician? Would you like to help organise/ serve/ cook/ attend this event? We need your response now. Any donations will be a blessing and play an integral part in the event. If you feel you can support this event financially or are interested in any way, please contact Justine on 07551096269.

Altar Servers Mass: The Altar Servers Mass will be on 7th March at the Cathedral, some of our altar servers will join the rest in the Archdiocese for occasion.

Youth leadership training; this will commence on 11th March at 7pm to 9pm., at Christ King Parish. Some members of our parish will attend.

Sower Magazine: Please pick up a copy of the Sower magazine, it is free.

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 Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 6.00pm. **Next Thursday we shall not have the Benediction.**

RCIA: Instructions are at 6pm in the Church or Foyer every Monday. They recommenced on Monday 13th January 2020. **The Rite of Election takes place today at 3pm at St. Chad's Cathedral.**

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. We also have a good selection of devotional items for sale.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

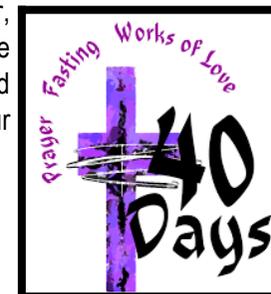
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LENT AS A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

The strength of human activities depends on planning and continuous research to provide for the ever expanding needs of society. While on a greater level, the desire to be on good terms with God is central to all believers regardless of religious affiliation. Most importantly, for Christians the spiritual longing to be holy and at peace with God is crucial in life. In order to gauge it, there is a need for spiritual examination. Every year the Church gives us a period of forty days prior to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter), to examine our lives in relation to God and each other. In this period we are invited to plan and research in order to improve our spiritual lives, overcome the challenges of temptation and renounce evil.

The readings of the 1st Sunday of Lent give us the reality of temptation and instruct us how we should respond to the promptings of evil in life's journey. In the first reading from the book of Genesis, the first parents succumbed to the proposal of Satan to disobey the holy will of God. *Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in garden?* (Gen3:1). This was a tempting question to challenge God's plan. While in the Gospel, Our Lord Jesus remained obedient to the Father's will amidst several attempts by the devil (Mtt4:1-11). As followers of Christ we can be tempted like our Lord. What are our responses? Today the temptations of material acquisition in a selfish life style, desire for power and authority to dominate others and lack of faith to trust in God's love can be our challenges. How can we make the path to holiness clean during these forty days? We are called to be generous by prayer, alms giving and fasting in order to show our dependence on God. We are also called to do penance if we have moved far away from God and from each other. We need to pray at all times in order to form our hearts to behave according the holy will of God.

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Parish Income

Gift aid: £62.00	Loose: £371.06	Total: £433.06
Candles: £102.87	Restoration: £25.00	Heating: £43.85
Hall Hire: £300.00	Saturday Lunches: £112.00	

Today there will be a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

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 for 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 February Draws Winners

First prize: 543	S. Sweeney	Second Prize: 451	W. Carson
Third prize: 563	P. Wilson	Fourth Prize: 118	T. McGee

Congratulations to the winners!

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

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 1st - 8th March 2020

Sat	29	11: 45am	Eaman Mullally (RIP))
		5.30pm	Aaron Hill (Special intention) Fr. Sunday's mum (Special intention) People of the Parish
Sun	1	11.30am	Amara Sylvester Johnny (died recently) Sister Philomena's intentions Fr. Philip Atkinson (Special intention)
Mon	2	12:10pm	Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP) The family of the late Livinus Ogueri for their intentions
Tue	3	12:10pm	Willy Gallagher (RIP) Kristina Clarke (Birthday intention)
Weds	4	12.10pm	Thanksgiving for Misha Patrick William, Tomlinson & Shandulani & family. Josephine Haynes (Birthday intention)
Thurs	5	12.10pm	Paul Murrin (RIP) Sue Stanley (Birthday intention)
Fri	6	12.10pm	Ann Rogers (Special intention) Patrick Joseph Melody (RIP)
Sat	7	11: 45am	Paul Finn (RIP)
		5.30pm	Lucy Brennan (RIP) People of the Parish
Sun	8	11.30am	James Butler (RIP 30th 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 be allowed adequate time before the next recipient, ensuring a prayerful reception of the Eucharist.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 29th February

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

Sunday 1st March

11.30am: School children (R)
Catherine & Patsy (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: Please pray for the souls of Patrick Joseph Melody funeral will be on 24th March at 10am and Amara Silvester Johnny who died recently special prayers for him today.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Robert Anderson, Marge Stapleton, Patsy Byrne, Barbara O'Donnell, John Chalmers, Brian Farish, Ruth McCamphill, John Byrne, Edward McEntee.