

Parish News & Notices

Second Sunday of Lent: This Sunday invites us to reflect on our Christian vocation as centred on obedience to Divine will like Abraham. In the transfiguration event the disciples were invited to listen to the Lord which applies to us today.

Death information: Fr. Bob Wright, St. John Fisher, Coventry sadly died on Thursday 5th March 2020. We pray for him. May he rest in peace. We pray for his family and all who mourn.

St. Patrick's Day: Irish Mass on Monday 16th March at 7pm at St. Mary's Church. Refreshments and music to follow.

Guide lines due to Coronavirus: Please follow the NHS directives of hygiene .

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.

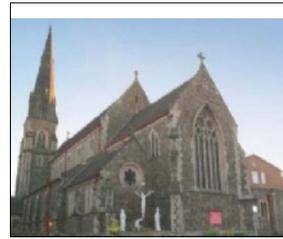
Youth leadership training; Three parishes St. Osburg's, Christ the King and All Souls, will start youth leadership training on Wednesday 11th March at Christ the King parish starting at 7:30pm.

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 29th March 2020 at 6.00pm. **The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm.**

RCIA: The Rite of Election was conducted last Sunday at St. Chad's Cathedral in a wonderful ceremony led by the Archbishop of Birmingham. Three of our catechumens and candidate joined hundreds of others from the parishes across the Archdiocese with their sponsors. From 3rd Sunday of Lent to 5th Sunday of Lent they will take the Scrutiny

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.



St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



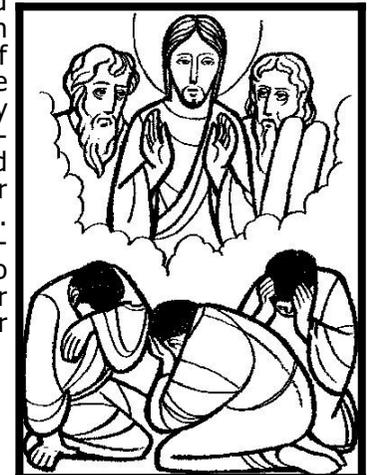
St Elizabeth's

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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

In most cases when people want to achieve a certain goal in life, there is usually some degree of sacrifice in respect of time, energy and resources. The socio-economic development of any society depends on the hard work and commitment of its citizens. Above everything else is the struggle to promote peace, based on the principles of faith in God and the respect for human life. In order to reach the desired level of harmony in each society, there is a need for detachment from all that does not promote the common good of all. In spiritual life, there is an even greater need for detachment from other actions that can hinder good relationship with God and fellow human beings.

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent, which calls for us to reflect on detachment from what may be dear to us as an individual but does not promote the common interest of all. In the first reading from the book of Genesis, Abram was called to leave his own country and household and go to the unknown land which the Lord would show him. Abram, a man of faith, accepted the invitation of the Lord and obeyed him. He then left his homeland for the future salvation of all as directed by the Lord. Similarly, in the today's Gospel, the three apostles of the Lord; Peter, James and John were ready to stay on the mountain after witnessing the event of the transfiguration. The glory of Lord that came upon them made them forget all their material attachments. In the second reading from 2Timothy, St. Paul mentions that we need to bear hardships for the sake of the Good News of the Gospel. As Christians, during this Lenten season we are invited to go beyond our normal way of living and make a change in our lives. We should be able to leave behind our old life and focus on decency and generosity. We need to avoid pride and selfishness, arrogance, hard-heartedness, anger, envy and falsehood. We should be able to follow the lead of our spiritual hearts which we accepted in the sacraments. The mountain of our lives should be a place of transfiguration of the Lord's presence. We need to listen to the invitation of the Lord and in doing so we foster charity, respect, justice and the sharing of prayer which ensures good-will for all people.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £779.65 Loose: £399.50 Total: £1179.15
Candles: £129.16 Restoration: £64.10 Hall Hire: £555.00
Saturday Lunches: £103.00
Rent: £1300.00 Piety: £50.00
Donation: £35.00 Heating: £81.68
Second Collection (Cathedral Maintenance): £156.57

Today there will be a 2nd Collection for CAFOD Lenten Fast. 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.

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! Any queries, contact Ann Fenton on 024 7659 9544 **The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216**

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 8th - 15th March 2020

Sat	7	11: 45am	Paul Finn (RIP)
		5.30pm	Lucy Brennan (RIP) Fr. Sunday's mother (her intentions)
Sun	8	11.30am	James Butler (RIP 30th anniversary) People of the Parish
Mon	9	12:10pm	Patrick Melody (RIP) Charlie Ward (RIP) Theresa Rynne (Get well)
Tue	10	12:10pm	Eucharistic Service
Weds	11	12.10pm	Mary Stubbs for her intentions Alan Goodwin (RIP) Eamon, Bridie & Christopher Mullally (RIP)
Thurs	12	12.10pm	Brigid Tubritt (Birthday intention) Christina (Family intention) Jim Cosgrove for his intentions
Fri	13	12.10pm	Willie Joe Davis (RIP) Tom Dempsey (RIP) Ellen Bedford (RIP)
Sat	14	11: 45am	Suzanne Birkin (RIP)
		5.30pm	Nuala Kelly (RIP anniversary) Deceased members of the Stapleton family
Sun	15	11.30am	Patrick Melody (RIP) People of the Parish

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 7th March

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

Sunday 8th March

11.30am: School children (R)
Joyce (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 remember in your prayers Grace Gaskell who is seriously ill.

Death announcement: Please pray for the soul of Patrick Joseph Melody, the reception into church on 23rd at 6pm and funeral will be on 24th at 10am. We pray for him and the family.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Byrne, Edward McEntee, William O'Sullivan, John Gorman,

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