

Parish News & Notices

Fourth Sunday of Lent: This Sunday invites us to reflect on the spiritual light that improves our vision of life to love God and our neighbour. If we live in sin, our true vision of life is blurred and we are tempted to hate, judge, disrespect and disobey God's commandments of love.

Coronavirus Pandemic: Dear Parishioners, due the unfortunate situation of the fast spreading disease, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has suspended all Public Masses and other celebrations with effect from Friday 20th March 2020 till further notice. Please you are encouraged to follow the Masses celebrated by the priests on live-stream-Webcam St. Osburg's at usual times of the week. Go to Google and type MCN MEDIA ST. OSBURG'S or follow the link below of the **New Parish Contacts**.

Time for daily Masses at 12:10pm, Monday to Friday, Saturday at 11:45am & Vigil Mass at 5:30pm. Sunday Mass at 11:30 am.

The Church will be open most hours of the day for private prayers: 9:00 am to 11:30 am. 1pm to 4pm. Sundays; 9:00 am to 10:30 am and 1pm to 4pm.

The Bishops' Conference has also removed the obligation to attend mass on Sunday and Holy days of obligation due to the serious reason of the pandemic. It is from the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). You are also encouraged to have spiritual communion at this time when you are not able to be physical present at the celebration of the Mass.

The Mass intentions you send will be mentioned in the masses celebrated privately by the priests.

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

The Spire: Survey and repair works in the Spire started on Monday 16th March. The ladders have been installed for the survey and repair works which will take in the next coming days

"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). Would you like to help organise/ serve/ 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. **This might be postponed if the current situation does not improve.**

Youth leadership training: has been suspended for the time being.

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 during Lent. **All are encouraged to have these devotions privately, during this period when we do not have public celebrations till further notice.**

RCIA: Catechumens and Candidates will be informed of the next programmes accordingly.

Catholic Papers: The four people who have registered for them should come to pick them on Sunday Morning at 10am during this period when we do not have public celebrations.

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. **Notice: All the activities and bookings have been suspended till further notice.**

Piety Stall: You may buy items on request during this time of lockdown.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



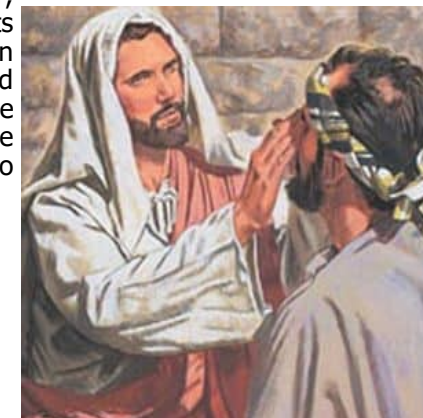
St Elizabeth's

Parish Newsletter – Fourth Sunday of Lent 22nd – 29th March.

THE HEALING OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS.

As we move further into our spiritual journey during this holy season of Lent, a lot of spiritual insights can be drawn upon or developed. The beauty of the world is seen because of the light and we are able to avoid stumbling on dangerous paths which may be caused by lack of light. If our vision is hampered, we miss our daily undertakings of life. Light is therefore central to us if we are to enjoy the benefits of life and to relate to each other well. Our Lord Jesus said you are the light of the world. In Baptism we received the light of the Easter Candle, which represents Christ as the light of the world.

Today, we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent which is the Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday. We are called to rejoice because the Lord has brought us out of the darkness of our past life to the wonderful light of His presence and holiness. In the Gospel, the blind man is healed on the Sabbath which brought the Lord Jesus into confrontation with the traditional religious leaders of time, namely the Pharisees and Scribes. They questioned the Lord for His act of goodness to heal the blind man, under the pretext of the law which forbade people to do any work on the Sabbath. In the Second reading from the letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul indicates "You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord." As Christians we are called to be in the light of the Lord. We are to witness to truth, love, peace, justice and generosity. It will be unfortunate if we are driven by evil impulses such as resentment, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to bad habits and hardness of heart. During this Lenten season we should guard against spiritual blindness and pray for God's guidance in our decisions. The choice made by Samuel for David was under the guidance of Lord in prayer. We are invited to do the same like Samuel in life's journey.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £58.00	Loose: £252.39	Total: £310.39
Candles: £109.70	Restoration: 13.79	Cafod: £15.00
Heating: £18.75	Piety: £56.00	Pens: £25.00
Donation: £5.00	A God who speaks: £500.00	

Thank you for your generosity

You are encouraged to place your weekly support for the parish in the maintenance BOX next to the entrance door of the church. Gift Aid envelopes can be send to the Presbytery. Thank you for the support.

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 February was **£1,370.00**

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 March Draws Winners

First prize: 028	G. Trickett	Second Prize: 305	A. Joyce
Third prize: 329	B McDonald	Fourth Prize: 223	N. Wilson

Congratulations to the winners! Any queries, contact Ann Fenton on 024 7659 9544

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK live stream on the web cam, 22nd - 29th March 2020

Sat	21	11.45am	Brendan (in thanksgiving) Jan, Daniel & Philip (Special intention)
		5:30 pm	Jimmy Jordan (RIP)
Sun	22	11.30am	Philip Cusick (RIP) People of the Parish
Mon	23	12:10pm	Joan and Tony Caron (RIP) Sr. Ethelbert (RIP) Gerty (RIP)
Tue	24	10:00 am 12.10pm	Patrick Melody - Funeral service at Grave side Mary Healey & Glen Shaw (RIP) Isoleel (RIP) and James (RIP anniversary) Gillen (Anniversary)
Weds	25	12.10pm	James Patrick Harnett (RIP anniversary) Karen Ward (Birthday) Brigid Youell (Birthday)
Thurs	26	12.10pm	Michael Lanaghan (RIP) Alan Goodwin (RIP)
Fri	27	12.10pm	Maureen Jones (Get well) John Curtlin (RIP) Heather Curtlin & family for their intentions
Sat	28	11: 45 am 5:30 pm	Matilda (RIP) Catherin & John Glen for their intentions Kirkwood Family Intention.
Sun	29	11.30am	Mary Logan (RIP anniversary) Patrick Logan birthday memorial Charlie Kennedy birthday memorial

FUNERAL of Patrick Melody: Patrick Melody's funeral will be conducted at the graveside with his family members present. May he rest in peace.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 21st March

5.30pm: (R)
(E)

Sunday 22nd March

11.30am: (R)
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Cleaners: 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: Hannah O'Driscoll, Ellen Walsh, Mary Logan