

Parish News & Notices

The Third /Gaudete Sunday of Advent The readings invite us to rejoice because our salvation is at hand. The Saviour of the world comes to remove the veil of suffering from our faces.

The Christmas Masses: Due to the current situation of the Covid-19 pandemic, we shall have three Masses. Thursday 24th at 5:30PM, Friday 25th at 9:30AM & 11:30AM. Please fill in your names for the Mass time of your choice. Please make an effort to book. The forms for the names are at the back of the church. Thank you.

The public Masses : Public Masses started on Wednesday ,2nd December. You are expected to follow the regulations of safety strictly. The Sunday obligation is still suspended, please choose any day in the week to come for Mass. **All who come for Mass must wear face masks, it is compulsory.**

Mass and Confessions programme at St. Osburg's Church: From 2nd December, please follow the programme below: Saturday @ 5.30pm Public Mass

Sunday @ 11.30am Public Mass

Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday @ 12.10pm Public Mass

Monday to Friday @ 12.10pm Livestreamed Mass.

Saturday @ 11.45am. Livestreamed Mass

Monday and Thursday @ 12:45pm -1:30pm **Confessions**

Collecting Contact Details: All those who come to church are required to give their names and phone numbers for NHS track and trace. It is a government directive. The details will be kept safely by the Parish Priest.

Parish Projects : The church spire repair works have been completed. It has been a major expense on the parish. I request you dear parishioners to give your generous support to meet the expenses. Next year we shall also repair the water goods. Let us work together to keep our historical church well maintained.

Updated Webcam Camera: Dear parishioners this is to inform you, that the Webcam Camera has been upgraded. Please click on **MCN MEDIA—ST. OSBURG'S**

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

Heating the church: As we are in the cold season, I request your usual support for the heating of the church.

Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church (at this time it is suspended, but prayed individually at home). 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. Please note that these devotions are on livestream, please follow them on the webcam. The next Benediction will be on 5th November 2020. These will all be live streamed not communal celebrations.

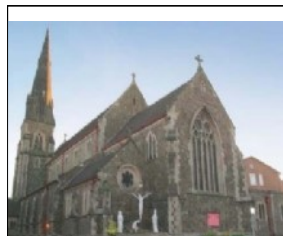
Fundraising resources: Parish Hall: For Hall hire, please call **Angelo Rodrigues on 07886456952, bookings allowed for special cases only, maximum 15 people. Social events not allowed.**

Walk with me Booklets for Advent 2020; Please pick a copy when you come for private prayers.

The Sower magazine; Please pick a copy for free.

The Catholic Universe: Please pay for the copy (£1.50).

Christmas envelopes: There are envelopes for the offering for the clergy. Please pick one. Thank you.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

Parish Newsletter –Third/Gaudete- Sunday of Advent 13th December 2020

“BE HAPPY AT ALL TIMES; PRAY CONSTANTLY....” (1Thes5:16)

The desire for peace and joy is central to human society. This explains the reason for the establishment of certain laws and regulations to safeguard these values of life. All members of society are expected to promote the peace and happiness of one another by upholding justice in every respect. However, our complete joy can only be realised when we focus our lives on God. Spiritual joy is the inner peace we can experience when we trust in God by way of faith and prayer. “Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God” (1Thes5:16). We are expected to trust in the Lord in every situation that we encounter in life.

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The readings invite us to rejoice because our salvation is at hand. The Saviour of the world comes to remove the veil of suffering from our faces. Amidst the challenges of life, we are called to listen to His voice in our hearts. Prophet Isaiah consoled the Israelites saying, ‘the spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, to proclaim liberty to captives.....’ (Is61:1-2). As Christians, we are called to reflect on the abiding presence of the Lord in the Sacraments and His consoling words in the Holy Scriptures. In the world today, there are various situations that make us materially and spiritually poor and render us captives. These could include; relationship break downs, addictions, loss of jobs, ill health, socio-economic uncertainties, death of beloved ones, personal doubts and feelings of spiritual unworthiness. Today the Lord is inviting us to follow Him as our light. He will lead us out of the darkness of life situations which imprison us or make us broken hearted. ‘A man sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, a witness to speak for the light.....’ (Jn1:6). We are invited to redirect our lives by the light of the teachings of Christ. It should be our joy that the light gives us hope during the trials of life. He accompanies us day by day and year by year on our journey to eternity. He is the light that illumines the world to denounce hatred, violence, anger, pride, indifference, unforgiveness and immoral habits. In His wonderful love and mercy we can then say, “my soul rejoices in my God”.

Fr. Pontius Bandua



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £ **Loose:** £ **Total** £

Candles: £ **Restoration:** £ **Piety stall** £

Heating: £ **Donations:** **Hall hire:** £

Rent: £ **Cafod:** £

Donation and support. I would like to thank all those who have supported the church with generous donations during this difficult time. Thank you and may God bless you.

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, make your weekly offertory collection on any day of the week when you come for private prayers. Please place it in the box at the exit. Thank you for supporting the Church.

Offertory please place your offertory collections in the boxes as you exit the church. Thank you.

Second collection: Next Sunday there will second collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea).

The Christmas Bazaar : Due the current situation, the Christmas bazaar has been cancelled: You are encouraged to give your donations to support the restoration fund. Thank you for support.

300 Club December 2020 Draws Winners

First prize: 16 P O'Connell Second Prize: 188 K Vaughan

Third prize: 7 A Hamilton Fourth Prize: 224 McGee

The winner of 4th prize **McGee** has donated £12 of win to the parish funds.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK 13TH –20TH DEC 2020

Sat	12	11:45am 05:30pm	Luke & John McKiernan Sp intentions James Inglis RIP
Sun	13	11:30am	People of the Parish.
Mon	14	12:00pm	
Tue	15	12:10pm	Tom Shaly RIP Mary Maguire RIP
Wed	16	12:10pm	Bridget, Carmel, Bernadette & Sr. Mary B. Christmas Int.
Thurs	17	12:10pm	
Fri	18	12:10pm	Jenesa Fernandes B'day
Sat	19	11:45am 05:30pm	Berry Dunleavy RIP Stapleton Family intentions Mary and Henry Christmas intentions.
Sun	20	11:30am	

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

05:30

Ann F & Bernadette

Sunday

11.30am:

Janet & Jolan

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:

Kearney Miles and Johnson Ronald Thomas

Stella Maris/ Sea Sunday (Apostleship of the Sea)

Next week is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal from Bishop Paul Mason and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. Sea Sunday has been moved from July because of the pandemic and Stella Maris is particularly asking for donation by text or online. To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

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