

Parish News & Notices

The Fourth Sunday of Advent This Sunday invites us to reflect on the mystery of Incarnation in which God became man in order to save us. It was the dawn of the reign of heavenly peace on creation.

The Christmas Masses on 24th & 25th : 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. Priority will be given those who have booked. Our capacity is 80 people for each Mass. Please cooperate with stewards when you will be told no more space. **Those who have booked should be seated by at least 15 minutes** before the start of each Mass.

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.stoscov.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 27th 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 Catholic Universe: Please pay for the copy (**£1.50**).

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



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

Parish Newsletter –Fourth Sunday of Advent 20th December 2020

'I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD,' SAID MARY 'LET WHAT YOU HAVE SAID BE DONE TO ME'

Most often in life we are defined by the decisions we take. However, the decisions we take should be guided by the common interest of all the people who will be affected by what we decide. This explains the reason for consultations in families, communities, societies and international organisations. Above everything else, we should ensure the decision is made in the light of faith and prayer when responding to do God's will. The event of the Annunciation of the Birth of the Saviour to the world was guided by Mary's faith and total trust in God. The Angel Gabriel said to Mary, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'(Lk1:28). This was because Mary had faith in God and was guided by His loving presence.

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. We are invited to reflect on the mystery Incarnation in which God became man in order to save us. It was the dawn of the reign of heavenly peace on creation. This was marked by the occasion of the Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel said to Mary, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you' (Lk1:26-28). Mary was disturbed by the greeting, but the angel said, 'Mary do not be afraid' (Lk1:30). Mary was assured by the angel that the Lord would be with her. The angel gave the message of the great News to humanity, 'Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus' (Lk1:31). After the long faith guided conversation between Mary and the Angel Gabriel, Mary said, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me.' The Annunciation and birth of Christ opened a new era for the human race, which was one of divine grace and light. Humanity was raised to higher levels and came closer to God. Mary's decision to say yes to God's will became the turning point of eternal joy to humanity. We continue to celebrate Mary's love and obedience to God. Mary's humility and courage to take the risk to do God's will should be an example to us in a world that today is becoming aggressively anti Christ. We should radiate Christ in our lives, accept him to be born into our lives and families as God's will. We should receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist with renewed faith during this Covid-19 pandemic. Let us not be afraid. He will guide us. We are called to renew our baptismal promises. Like Mary, we said yes to God so we should keep constant in faith. "May your will be done Lord".



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £374 **Loose:** £ 545.27 **Total £919.27**

Candles: £ 106.67 **Restoration:** £87.23 **Piety stall** £110

Heating: £42.26 **Donations:** £100 **Hall hire:** £

Rent: £ Cafod: £147.59

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: Today second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea/ Stella Maris

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 20TH—27TH DEC 2020

Sat	19	11:45am 05:30pm	Berry Dunleavy RIP Stapleton Family intentions Mary & Henry Christmas intentions
Sun	20	11:30am	People of the Parish.
Mon	21	12:00pm	Mrs Hobbs & Son Garry intentions
Tue	22	12:10pm	Michael McGrane (Anniv.) Sr. Philomena & Sr. Teresa Christmas int.
Wed	23	12:10pm	Nula Gaffney B'day intention Mathew Ruddell RIP Gerard McGrogan RIP Anniv
Thurs	24	12:10pm 05:30pm	Ann Fenton Christmas intentions Anne & Michael O'Shea Christmas intention of Tony McKiernan RIP
Fri	25	09:30am 11:30am	Tom Timmons Sp. intention The Hughey family intentions Bernadine Dympna Warren RIP
Sat	26	11:45am 05:30pm	Ann Fenton family Christmas intentions Margaret Mary Caines RIP
Sun	27	11:30am	Mary & Michael Mulrine RIP Margaret McGee RIP John Lappin RIP Padriag Gallagher RIP

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

05:30

Ann E & Maria

Sunday

11.30am:

Frank & Joan

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:

Chappell Ann Catherine, Mannion Michael and Morgan Patricia Mary

Stella Maris/ Sea Sunday (Apostleship of the Sea) Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at Sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris, the Catholic maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To donate please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5.

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