

Parish News & Notices

The Third Sunday of Ordinary time year B: This Sunday reminds us to reflect on our need for repentance and our quick response to the invitation of the Lord.

The public Masses : Public Masses started on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. You are expected to strictly follow the regulations of safety. 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 as it is compulsory.**

Mass and Confessions programme at St. Osburg's Church:

From 2nd December 2020, please follow the programme below:

Saturday @ 5.30pm Public Mass

Sunday @ 11.30am Public Mass

Wednesday/Friday @ 12.10pm Public Mass

Monday to Friday @ 12.10pm Livestreamed Mass.

Saturday @ 11.45am. Livestreamed Mass

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

Change in weekday Masses: Due to the present situation, we have reduced the weekday public Masses to two; **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Tuesday we shall not have public Mass until the situation improves. The weekend Masses remain as usual.

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.

A new Book written: "The Story a Catholic, Irish, Immigrant Child(1937-1949)"

Christine Knox, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption Church has written and published a book about her childhood,(1937- 1949). it can be found on Amazon.co.uk, search "Chrissie O' The story of a Catholic ,Irish, Immigrant Child" by Annie Christine Knox

The Sacrament of Baptism: Due to the increasing cases of infection, programme for the baptism of babies has been suspended until further notice.

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

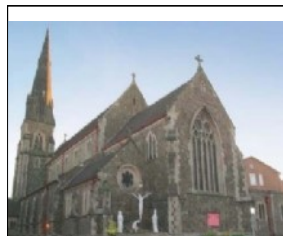
Updated Webcam Camera: Dear parishioners this is to inform you, that the Webcam Camera has been upgraded. Please click on **MCN MEDIA—ST. OSBURG'S**

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 31st January 2021. 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.**



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

Parish Newsletter –Third Sunday Ordinary time Year B 24th January 2021

'REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS'

In the common experience of life, we make decisions to belong to a specific group for a higher value and to benefit from this act of belonging. The decisions we make come with costs and sacrifices that take us to a better life in the future. Above everything else, is the decision that we make to follow the invitation made to us by the Lord Jesus Christ, namely to belong to the eternal Kingdom of holiness. "The time has come," he said "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News." The Good News of God's merciful love, preached by His beloved Son Jesus Christ. "Truly I say to you who ever believes in me has eternal life" (Jn6:47). Repent, reform and turn away from evil ways. Change your way of life which does not please God. To seek for repentance and reconciliation is rewarding, not only for Christians but the need cuts across all cultures and traditions of human race. For Christians it is made possible through the Holy Spirit who enlightens our inner being.

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of ordinary time in year B. The readings remind us of our need for repentance and our quick response to the invitation of the Lord. In the first reading, the prophet Jonah was called and sent to Nineveh to preach repentance to the inhabitants. At first, he resisted God's call but God persisted and Jonah went on to fulfil the mission. The people to whom Jonah had preached then later repented and were pardoned. In today's gospel, Jesus began preaching after John the Baptist. John the Baptist, who had previously preached about the need for repentance. The focus of Jesus' teaching was repentance and the core of His mission was to bring people back to God. He began by preaching about repentance which was a new way of life. Those who lived in the darkness of sin, hatred, exploitation, disunity, pride and ignorance of faith should follow the light of Christ. He is the Good News of transformed life centred on God, not on human whims. He also called on some disciples to follow him. He called the brothers Simon and Andrew who were fishermen and later on the sons of Zebedee. We are told they quickly left everything and followed Him. As Christians, we are called to the act of repentance on a daily basis to enable us to live holier lives. We should not have excuses about our failure to fulfil God's mission. This mission is made plain and was given to each of us at baptism and in the other sacraments. We are expected to be active members of Christian communities such as the Parish communities, families and those made up of other like-minded individuals. We are called to contribute towards building the Church and reforming our lives to be better people in attitude and behaviour.

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Parish Income

Gift aid: £ 65 **Loose:** £302.86 **Total** £367.88

Candles: £ 64.96 **Restoration:** £190 **Piety stall** £

Heating: £22 **Donations:** £150 **Hall hire:** £

Rent:£ **Cafod:**£

Note: The above income is of two weeks. Thank you for the generosity.

Donate your support/weekly collections to the parish online: Go to the parish website and click on the page <https://sto-cov.org.uk/donate/>

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.

Donation of Gutter cleaning Machine (SKYVAC): I would like to thank the parishioner who has donated £1500 for a machine to clean the gutters of the parish buildings. May the Lord bless and reward him.

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, make your weekly offertory collection on any day you visit the church. 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.

300 Club January 2020 Draws Winners

First prize: 411 M Concannon Second Prize: 559 B Fitzsimons

Third prize: 47 A Crowe Fourth Prize: 245 T Rynne

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK 24TH –31ST JAN. 2021

Sat	16	11:45am	Tom Bewick RIP
		05:30pm	Elizabeth Wiltshire (get well)
Sun	17	11:30am	People of the Parish
			Jenefar D'Mello Birthday
			Josef Martyniak & parents RIP
			Wieslaw Jedrzejczyk RIP
Mon	18	12:10pm	Tom Bewick RIP
			John Bradley RIP
Tue	19	12:10pm	Elizabeth Wiltshire Sp. Intentions
Wed	20	12:10pm	June Phee (get well)
			B. Raddell intentions
Thur	21	12:10pm	Des & Marie Cooke intentions
Fri	22	12:20pm	Bernie Green RIP
			Kate Allen RIP
Sat	23	11:45am	June Phee (get well)
			Angela Kidd RIP
		05:30pm	Tom Bewick RIP
			John Phelan Anniversary
Sun	24	11:30am	People of the parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

05:30

Bernadette & Ann E

Sunday

11.30am:

Janet &olan

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:

Patrick Griffin, Christine Ann Upton, Michael McCarthy, Geraldine Rodger, Hainey Damician, Dawson Margaret Mary & Isabel O'Loughlin

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