

Parish News & Notices

First Sunday of Lent year B: The readings remind us of God's mercy, love and compassion. We are called to show love to everyone we encounter in life. Where we have failed, we need to seek God's mercy by making sincere repentance.

Every Friday of Lent, we shall have the Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:00pm. You are encouraged to follow on the webcam, if you are able, please come to the church.

Lent Fast Day on Friday 26th February: The following Sunday there will second Collection for CAFOD.

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.

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.sto-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. These will all be live streamed not communal celebrations.

Prayer cards, leaflets & booklets: Please, do not leave any of them at any place in or around the church.

Walk with Me: Please pick a copy at the back of the church.

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

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THE SEASON OF LENT

'Repent and believe the Good News'.

On Ash Wednesday, before we received the ashes on our heads, the following words were said, "Repent and believe the Good News" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The words reminded us of the reality of life and God's infinite mercy. We were invited to make a deeper spiritual reflection and begin our journey into the forty days of the Lenten Season, which prepares us to celebrate the love of God in the Paschal Mystery at Easter. The Lenten Season is marked by three important aspects of Christian practice namely fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These three aspects of Christian practice bring us closer to God and show our solidarity with the rest of humanity. These excerpts from Pope's message help us to understand the meaning of Lent, "Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to make his dwelling among us (cf. Jn 14:43). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down - like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false - to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet "full of grace and truth" (Jn1:14): the Son of God our Saviour" (Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2021).

Today, we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Lent. The readings focus on God's love and mercy inviting us to the original joy of creation. A Covenant between God and the sons of Noah is mentioned as an aspect of love and mercy on the disobedient people, who at a certain point strayed from the path of righteousness, but the faithfulness of Noah saved part of original creation. In the second reading, Saint Peter reiterates, 'Christ himself, innocent though he was died once for sins, died for the guilty to lead us to God' (1Pt3:18). In the Gospel, Jesus proclaimed the Good News, 'The time has come, he said, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News' (Mk1:15). At this time of the year, we are longing for Good News regarding all aspects of life as we go through the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. Today, we need healing from physical illnesses and spiritual, moral, and mental difficulties. We are invited to listen to Lord's invitation and transform our ways of life in order to experience God's love in this Lenten season, based on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Lord accompanies us each moment of our lives. Let us hope and trust in Him.

Fr. Pontius Bandua



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £113 **Loose:** £472.46 **Total £585.46**

Candles: £ 73.26 **Restoration:** £ 65.64 **Piety stall** £

Heating: £ 38 **Donations:** £1,277 **Hall hire:** £

Rent:£ **Cafod:**£

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

Donations: I would like thank the parishioners who have donated **£1,000, £70 & £50** towards the parish funds; Thank you, may the Lord reward you and all those who support the parish with various donations.

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.

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 February 2021 Draws Winners

First prize: 23 C Jones

Second Prize: 87 C Wilson

Third prize: 115 M Southern

Fourth Prize: 262 E Walsh

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK 21ST– 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

Sat	20	11:45am	Jim & Kitty RIP
		05:30pm	Josie & Eddie Corrigan (50th wedding Anniversary)
Sun	21	11:30am	People of the Parish
			Josie & Eddie Corrigan intentions
Mon	22	12:10pm	John & Luke McKiernan Sp. Intentions
Tue	23	12:10pm	Ben Duffy (Michael John Duffy) RIP
			Sue Franklin
Wed	24	12:10pm	Charlie Foster intentions
			Neville J RIP
Thur	25	12:10pm	Mavis Booth Sp intentions
			James Bradley Sp. intentions
Fri	26	12:20pm	Bridie Roger (Anniversary) RIP
			Cecilia Vaisey RIP
Sat	27	11:45am	William McCarthy RIP
			Mary McCarthy RIP
		05:30pm	PJ Barret RIP
			McCarthy family—deceased members
Sun	28	11:30am	Jolan B'day intentions
			Yuete & John DeMello—Wedding Anniversary
			John D' Mello RIP

Saturday

05:30

Ann E & Ann Fenton

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday

11.30am:

Jolan & Janet

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:

Gibson Philomena, O'Reilly William Patrick, Melody Tony, Osborne John, McDonnell John, Taggart Colin, McCann David John & Anderson Robert

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