

## Parish News & Notices

**Fourth (Good Shepherd) Sunday of Easter year B:** We are invited to focus on our Lord Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. At the same time we are invited to pray for vocations to religious, priestly and family life.

**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

**Weekday:** Tuesday/ 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**

**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.

**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 Web-site link <https://www.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: [pp.stosburg@gmail.com](mailto:pp.stosburg@gmail.com)

### **GUTTERS REPAIR WORKS IN PROGRESS** →→→→

### **The Parish Finance Committee:**

Next weekend (1st & 2nd May), at both Masses, there will be a presentation by members of the Parish Finance Committee with regard to the current work being carried out on the church guttering.

**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.

**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.**

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

## Parish Newsletter – Fourth ( The Good Shepherd) Vocations Sunday of Easter year B 25th April 2021

### 'THE GOOD SHEPHERD'

In ordinary terms a shepherd cares, leads, protects and feeds his flock. The concept of shepherding goes back to the Old Testament traditions of the great patriarchs of our faith Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who all had flocks. Moses and David were shepherds before they were called to lead the Israelites. Some of the prophets were shepherds before their prophetic mission. All of them used their background to bring people to God. However, some other leaders of the Old Testament community did not do what was expected of them by Lord. Sometimes they were given warnings by the prophets such as "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord (Jer23:1). There was consequently an expectation of a good shepherd in the future, who would gather in and bring everyone to God. "I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture" (Micah 2:12). Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (Jn12:32). It is from these excerpts that Jesus is seen as the good shepherd who leads us to the green pastures of divine life.

Today, we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. The readings draw our attention to Jesus as the good shepherd of our souls. We also need other human shepherds who can remind and guide us in our spiritual life. Today we pray for vocations to religious, priestly and marriage life. It is within these vocations that we can be shepherds to each other, always pointing to the good shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. For he said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep..." (Jn10:11). This excerpt underpins the meaning of a good shepherd as one who is ready to die in order to protect and keep safe the life of the sheep. Jesus died on the cross to lead us back to God. "I am the good shepherd, I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the father; I lay down my life for my sheep." We are therefore, invited to trust in the Lord's love and concern for us. We are also expected to do the same in our communities and families in order to protect and promote the wellbeing of each other. May we renew the commitments in our vocations by following the example of the Good Shepherd.



***Fr. Pontius***

### The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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**Asst. Fr. Sunday AJ**

**Parish Sisters:** Sr. Philomena and Sr. Teresa (PBVM)

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Anne Collins 024 7667 0304

**St. Osburg's Primary School,** Upper Hill Street Coventry CV1 4AP.

Tel 024 7622 7165

**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

#### **St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church**

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 024 7625 8901

www.ssmaryandbenedict.org.uk

Parish Priest. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

Mobile: 07906124756.

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#### **St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church**

St. Elizabeth's Road, CV6 5BX Tel.:024 76688536

www.stelizabethcoventry.co.uk

Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

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#### Parish Income

**Gift aid: £ Loose: £ Total £**

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

**Heating: £ Donations: £ Hall hire: £ Mass Cards £**

**Rent: £ Cafod £ Papers: £ Holy places: £**

**Note:** *Today there is second collection to support the training of the clergy*

**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. A member of the parish has **donated £500**, to the restoration fund. I would like to encourage you to make more donations as we have started the repair of the gutters of the church. 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 March 2021 Draws Winners

First prize: 82 M Jackson

Second Prize: 14 N Foster

Third prize: 223 N Wilson

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

#### **MASS TIMES DURING 25TH APRIL –02ND MAY 2021**

Sat	24	11:45am	Connor family intentions Patrick & Bridget Keane RIP
		05:30pm	Mary PetHullis RIP Paul and Nicholas Handforth
Sun	25	11:30am	People of the Parish Joann Rodrigues birthday intentions Eileen McHugh RIP Ian Campbell Anniv. RIP
Mon	26	12:10pm	Elizabeth McDonnell birthday intention Joan McDonnell birthday intention
Tue	27	12:10pm	Tom Walsh ( Get well) ( Public) Nicholas Giampaglia Sp intention
Wed	28	12:00pm	Nicholas Giampaglia Sp intention Thomas Bewick RIP Ann Moran RIP
Thur	29	12:00Noon	<b>Funeral Service</b> —Maureen Gregson
Fri	30	12:10pm	Nicholas Giampaglia Sp intention Thomas Bewick RIP Eileen McHugh RIP
Sat	01	11:45am	Luke & John McKiernan Sp intention Eileen McHugh RIP
		05:30pm	Matt Kelly 4th Anniv. Nicholas Giamaglia sp intention
Sun	02	11:30am	People of the parish Jacinta Mascarenhas RIP Nicholas Giampaglia sp intention. Maureen Collins sp intention

#### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Bernadette & Ann E

**Sunday**

**11.30am:**

Frank &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.

**Death announcement:** Maureen Gregson died recently, the funeral service will be on Thursday 29th April at 12:00Noon, we pray for her and for all who mourn.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Veronica Woodward, Thompson Patrick, Walsh Patrick, Moran Gerard Paul, Mathew Kelly, Michael Lynch & Joseph Boyle