

## Parish News & Notices

**16th Sunday of the ordinary time year B:** The theme of the readings invites us to reflect on good shepherding. We are expected to promote justice and honesty in all our endeavours.

**Message from the Archbishop, as by the Bishops' Conference on Step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 response roadmap with effect from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** *Sunday – it is our Day* which says, "It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church."

### Caution

*At this stage, it is important for us all to remember that although legislation is being relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over and there continues to be a duty of care for all who use our churches and other facilities. The guidance therefore seeks to ensure that, where opportunity permits, there is some degree of relaxation but there remains a cautious approach that encourages the continuation of social distancing, mask wearing and daily cleaning where these help to minimise risk and provide comfort and confidence to our people. What is important is that the emphasis is now on the corporate endeavour of all involved in our church life to maintain the exemplary good practice that has been exhibited over the past 15 months in our churches whilst moving into a freer expression of our church life, worship and mission.*

**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 Masses have resumed as usual:** Monday /Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday /Friday @ 12.10pm Public Mass Saturday @ 11.45am. All Masses are live streamed. **Confessions: Thursday & Saturday after Mass**

**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**

**NOTE: This Church live streams Mass and other events.**

**No Mass public Mass on Tuesday 20th July 2021**

**The Parish New Contacts:** The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.stosburg.org.uk>

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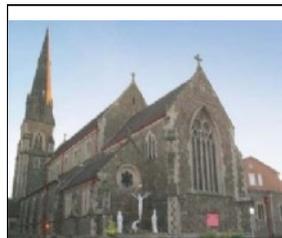
### GUTTER REPAIR WORKS COMPLETED

Your support is still required to meet the cost. We thank all those who continue to make generous donations to support this work.

**Devotions:** The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. 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.

**Fundraising resources:** Parish Hall: For Hall hire, please call **Angelo Rodrigues on 07886456952, bookings allowed, maximum 50% of the capacity.**

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

## Parish Newsletter – 16th Sunday of Ordinary time year B 18th July 2021

### 'THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT SHEPHERD'

Leadership is very central to the success of human endeavours. Good leadership protects and promotes the interests all whilst working to attain the common good. The success of human civilisations will depend on the integrity of leadership. Above everything else, is a spiritual leadership centred on our Lord Jesus. He said, 'I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep...' (Jn 10:11). In other words, he gives his life to promote the wellbeing of those whom he leads. He sacrifices his comfort and privileges for the good of others. We are expected to draw upon the meaning of Christian leadership, and even civil leadership, from the example given by Christ.

Today, we celebrate the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The theme of the readings invites us to reflect on good shepherding. Prophet Jeremiah gave a warning to the shepherds of Israel who had scattered and misled the people. He said, 'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of pasture to be destroyed and scattered' (Jer23:1). The leaders of the time had lost direction with their guidance of the people. They lived luxurious lives at the expense of the poor. The social and political systems were very oppressive to the larger population. The moral and spiritual life styles were estranged from the covenant requirements. Such a situation prompted prophet Jeremiah to say, 'See, the days are coming, it is the Lord who speaks, - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as a true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land...' (Jer23:5). Today's gospel rightly reflects on this reality of a good shepherd, as indicated in the following excerpt, 'So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd... (Mk6:34). Despite the fact that Jesus was tired and had asked the disciples to take a rest, he still gave time to teach and encourage the people. In our journey of life, with its burden of problems and challenges we need to seek Jesus in prayer and in the sacraments. This will enable us to redirect and restore our brokenness just like those crowds following Jesus. As much as we need to rest and pray, we should not push people away in our life. We must stay close to the needy just as the Lord was close to the crowds. We should be able to promote honesty and justice in all our endeavours. As Saint Paul says, the barrier between us has been broken by the blood of Christ, we should consider each other as brothers or sisters regardless of varied origins or backgrounds.

*Fr. Pontius*

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

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

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**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

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

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

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**Parish Income**

**Gift aid: £ 62.00 Loose: £ 335.68 Total £397.68**

**Candles: £71.31 Restoration £ Piety stall £**

**Heating: £ Gutters Gift Aid £1606.00 Loose £66.00 Total £1672.00**

**Rent: £ Cafod £ Papers: £ Hall hire £ Mass cards £**

**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. 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. Thank you for supporting the Church.

**Offertory** please place your offertory collections in the baskets next to you. Thank you.

**300 Club July 2021 Draws Winners**

First prize:	104	B. Stundon
Second Prize:	76	B. Armour
Third prize:	144	M. A. Bodkin

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

**MASS TIMES DURING 18TH– 25TH JULY 2021**

Sat 17	11:45am	John D'Mello RIP
	05:30pm	Brendan Butler Int
Sun 18	11:30am	People of the Parish Private Int Success in Exams Int job Int Dominic & James Green (RIP)
Mon 19	12:10pm	Linnane Fly Int Rev Patrick Breeze Int Maureen Connolly ( get well)
Tue 20	12:10pm	<b>No public mass</b>
Wed 21	12:10pm	John Okeefe (Get Well) Angela Walker (Get Well) Hobs family intention
Thur 22	12:10pm	Mary & Ray Whitehouse (Get Well) Bridget & deceased of the Keane Fly
Fri 23	12:10pm	Richard Reeves Birthday Int Mary & Brendan Int
Sat 24	11:45am	Angela Mc Entee (Retirement int) Pauline Sheehan (Get Well)
	05:30pm	Patrick & Elizabeth Buckley (RIP) Charlie Browne (Special Int)
Sun 25	11:30am	Martin Brennan (Anniversary RIP ) Gerry Joy (Anniversary RIP) Rony Ryan (RIP)

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Ann F & Ann E

**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:**

Kelly Bridie Kate, Michael Francis Linnane, McGinley Theresa Philomena, Murray Catherine, Brown May, Shorter Teresa, Bridget Philomena Byrne, Croke Noran Elizabeth, Susan Driscoll, Christina Fell (Massie) & O'Reilly Patrick.

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