

### Parish News & Notices

**18th Sunday of the ordinary time year B:** The theme of the readings invites us to reflect on Jesus as the bread of life. The stability of our spiritual life gives harmony to our entire being. While the wellbeing of our spiritual life depends on the anchorage on the Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacramental life.

**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.**

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

Email address: [stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk)

[fr.pontius.bandua@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.pontius.bandua@rcaob.org.uk)

#### GUTTER REPAIR WORKS COMPLETED

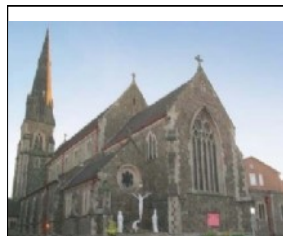
Your support is still required to meet the cost. We thank all those who continue to make generous donations to support this work.

**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.

**Piety Stall:** Please visit the piety stall to buy some sacramentals.

**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 – 18th Sunday of Ordinary time year B 1st August 2021

#### 'I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE' (Jn6:35)

Bread is one of the essential foods of many cultures all around the world. It is a nutritional necessity on which our life subsists. The Holy Scriptures contain many references to bread. For example, Abraham requested Sarah to prepare bread for the three guests, 'So Abraham ran back to the tent and said to Sarah, "Hurry! Get three large measures of your best flour, knead it into dough, and bake some bread." (Gen18:6). At the Passover meal in Egypt, the Lord instructed Moses that on that night they were to eat meat roasted over fire, along with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast (Exod12:8). On another occasion, when the Israelites in the desert complained to Moses of hunger and thirst, the Lord said, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens' (Exod16:4). Most importantly, Jesus said, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' (Jn6:51). Just as our material life depends on physical bread, our spiritual and eternal life depends upon bearing witness to Jesus' life through the sacraments and in prayer.

Today, we celebrate the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The theme of the readings focuses on Jesus as the bread of life. The stability of our spiritual life gives harmony to our entire being. While the wellbeing of our spiritual life depends on the anchorage on the Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacramental life. For example, during the Last Supper, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said 'Take, eat; this is my body' Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins' (Matt26:26-28). The forementioned excerpt indicates that the Holy Eucharist remains the heart beat of the Church and indeed of every Catholic Christian. In today's Gospel, Jesus said, 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life...' (Jn6:27). In the contemporary world, it is not unheard of that we have little or no time for prayers because we are too busy searching to improve our status in life and to acquire comforts to suit our needs in this modern life. We are so taken up by temporary pleasures, wealth, power, fame and comfort, that we give little time for our spiritual needs and responsibilities. We need to have spiritual revolution to restore our moral and spiritual brokenness in order to live with holistic stability in the world. We pray for the renewal and reconnection of our spiritual life that is fed by the teachings of our Lord Jesus.

**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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**Parish Income**

**Gift aid: £993.00 Loose:£374.93 Total £1367.93**

**Candles: £68.35 Restoration £ Piety stall £**

**Heating: £ Gutters Gift Aid £50.00 Loose £36.00 Total £86.00**

**Rent:£ Cafod £ 116.25Papers:£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 01ST– 08TH AUGUST 2021**

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|------|----|---------|--|
| Sat  | 31 | 11:45am | Deld Kitty & Daniel Mulvenna Family<br>Cheri Dennison (RIP)                      |
|      |    | 05:30pm | John Coen (RIP 1st Anniversary)<br>Mai Carr (Get well)<br>Anne Hitt Sp intention |
| Sun  | 01 | 11:30am | People of the Parish<br>Michael & Bernie Burke (RIP)                             |
| Mon  | 02 | 12:10pm | Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP)<br>Gerry Devlin (RIP)                                  |
| Tue  | 03 | 11:00am | <b>Memorial Mass - Ewa (Szykuta) Rubsamen RIP</b>                                |
| Wed  | 04 | 12:10pm | Jenkinson Family (Good Health)<br>Paul Costa & Daniel Costa Intentions           |
| Thur | 05 | 12:10pm | Fr. Sunday Evaristus Ordination Anniversary                                      |
| Fri  | 06 | 12:10pm | End of abortion and Holy Souls<br>Robert Dent (RIP)                              |
| Sat  | 07 | 11:45am | Derrie Losty (RIP)   |
|      |    | 05:30pm | Casey (Get well)   |
| Sun  | 08 | 11:30am | People of the parish<br>Sacred Heart of Jesus Thanksgiving Mass                  |

**Sacramental preparations:** Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and RCIA arrangements:

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Bernadette & Ann F

**Sunday**

**11.30am:**

Jolan & Frank

**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:**

Selvin James & Neil Anthony Nelson,