

## Parish News & Notices

**First Sunday of Advent:** The readings invite us to reflect on the twofold character of the Season. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas during which we remember the first coming of the Son of God to humanity. Secondly, we are reminded to raise our minds and hearts to look forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time.

**Christmas Crib:** The Christmas Crib will be blessed today year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, First Sunday of Advent. The Service of Blessing will be at 4.00pm and the Crib will be located in Broadgate again this year.

**Honouring Sunday, a statement by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:** The Bishops have issued a statement to encourage all the faithful to go for **SUNDAY MASS**. The following is an excerpt from the statement *'The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on, renewing our gratitude and our hope. When we say "Amen" to Christ in receiving his Body and Blood, we express the love of God which is deep within us, and at the end of Mass, when we are sent forth, we express our love for our neighbour, especially those in need. These two dimensions reveal the full meaning of our faith. We are gathered together and sent out, we pray and are fed, we worship and we adore; these are intrinsic to our lives as those baptised into Christ.'* **You can pick a copy of a more detailed statement at the back of the church.**

**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.

**Note for Advent:** *We shall have the normal days of Confessions, no special penitential arrangements. (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday). All who come to church should wear face masks.*

**Certificate of licences and Services:** Our parish has been covered to play church music in all the services. We encourage our choir to alternate singing with playing music to make our liturgy more vivid. I thank those who have supported this initiative.

**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. MCN livestreaming services are back. Please log on **St. Osburg's Church MCN—Media**.

**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)

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**Advent:** I remind you to pick a copy of **Walk with Me** booklet for Advent at the back of the Church. Thank you.

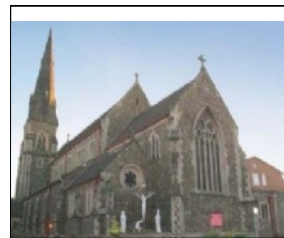
**The SOWER magazine,** Please, pick a free copy at the back of the church.

**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:** We have Christmas candles, Christmas cards, Christmas Mass Cards, Dairies and Church Art Calendars for 2022, available for you to purchase.

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

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St. Osburg's



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St Elizabeth's

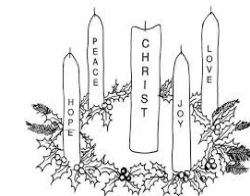
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28th November 2021

## 'STAY AWAKE, PRAYING AT ALL TIMES'

Preparation and planning are very important for any human activity when we are striving to achieve a desired goal. Defective preparations can lead to a poor result or complete failure. It is therefore, important that the leaders of families and communities conduct thorough planning and preparation for any endeavour, taking into account the time which will be needed and any other resources that will be required. Above everything else, is our spiritual preparation to be joined in union with our Eternal Father day by day. There are available avenues for us Christians to build just such a loving relationship with the Most Holy Trinity. For example, through Holy Scriptures, Sacraments, reflecting and meditating upon the teachings of the Church and the life of the Saints. The question we can pose, both personally and collectively, is 'How much time do we give in a day, to renew our relationship with God in prayer?' We live in a very busy environment filled with all the sorts of noisy gadgets that we possess, and we are besieged by the thoughts and concerns of our life. Do we give time to reflect and plan for the second coming of Christ?

Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The readings invite us to reflect on the twofold character of the Season. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas during which we remember the first coming of the Son of God to humanity. Secondly, we are reminded to raise our minds and hearts to look forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. We are called to carry out spiritual planning and preparations so as to be worthy of eternal life. In his teaching, Jesus clearly made a point about the importance of preparation to the disciples when he said, 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly like a trap' (Lk21:34). We are invited to be holy at all times, we should follow the path of holiness during this Advent Season. We should embrace the threefold discipline of Advent which is Prayer, Penance and Almsgiving. As Saint Paul stated in the second reading of the First letter to the Thessalonians, ... 'may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints' (1Thess3:13). May this Advent season renew us in all aspects of our life.

Fr. Pontius



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**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

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

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**Parish Income**

**Gift aid:£42.00 Loose:£347.15 Total:£389.15**  
**Candles:£59.89 Restoration:£42.00 Piety stall:£**  
**Heating:£Gift Aid:£ Loose:£ Total:£ Boiler:£05.00**  
**Rent:£ Cafod:£ Donation:£ Hall hire:£240.00**  
**Catholic Youth:£18.60**

*The above income is of one week, thank you for your 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/>

**The appeal of the Parish Priest:** Dear parishioners, make your weekly offertory collection on any day you visit the church. **Winter is approaching:** Make your contributions to support the heating of the church in the cold season. Thank you for supporting the Church.

**300 Club November 2021 Draws Winners**

First prize: 230 K Bayliss  
Second Prize: 274 P Keogh  
Third prize: 005 M Bodkin

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

**MASS TIMES DURING 28TH NOV-05TH DEC. 2021**

Sat 27	11:45am	David (Get Well) Holy Souls
	05:30pm	Thanksgiving for a Job offer
Sun 28	11: 30am	Emmy Evans (RIP) Joann Rodrigues Graduation Thanksgiving Maria Demello Birthday Thanksgiving
Mon 29	12:10pm	Bridget Gallen (RIP) Mary Lynch (RIP)
Tue 30	11:00am	<b>Funeral – William Patrick Kennedy (Liam) RIP</b>
Wed 01	12:10pm	Bridget McGrath (Christmas Intention) Michael & Mora Moron (Christmas Intention)
Thur 02	12:10pm	Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP) Patricia Campbell (Intention)
Fri 03	12:10pm	William Kennedy (RIP) Liam Kennedy (RIP)
Sat 04	11:45am	
	05:30pm	Liam Kennedy (RIP)
Sun 05	11:30am	John D'Mello (RIP) Vincent & Mariquinha Pereira Alexio & Adelaide Rodrigues

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

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Bernadette & Ann E

**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.

**Death announcement: William Patrick Kennedy** died recently. The funeral will be on Tuesday 30th November, the reception into the church on Monday 29th November at 4:30pm. We pray for him and all who mourn.

**November, the month to remember the beloved dead:** Please pick an envelope to place the names of the faithful departed and we shall remember them in the daily masses of November.

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

Abel Joseph Ashby & Kennedy Anthony James.

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