

## Parish News & Notices

**Second Sunday of Advent:** The readings invite us to reflect on the need to seek for repentance or conversion. We are called to renew our relationships with God and fellow human beings.

**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:** Weekday Masses at 12:10pm, except Saturday at 11:45am. Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5.30pm Sunday @ 11.30am.

**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 long on **St. Osburg's Church MCN—Media**.

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

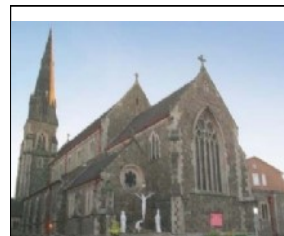
**The SOWER magazine,** Please, pick a free copy at the back of the church.

**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 @ 6pm

**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 Mary's



St Elizabeth's

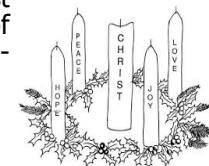
### Parish Newsletter Second Sunday of Advent 05th December 2021

#### "PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD"

Preparation is one of the main actions one can undertake to realise any desirable outcome. During the Season of Advent, we are invited to prepare for the immediate and also the future, second coming of Jesus Christ which will be at the end of time. In order to prepare well, we need to renew and transform our attitudes, moods and feelings about events in the world and the people whom we encounter during our life's journey. We are called to enter deeply into our inner spiritual life, which is a place where we are able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit directing us to do the will of God. To enable us to listen to the voice of Lord, we need to create some moments of silence, a quiet time to engage in prayer. We need to make an effort to enter into the desert of our life and this calls for silence and a detachment from any material distractions. This will also strengthen our ability to depend on God in all our life's activities.

Today, we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. The readings invite us to reflect on the need to seek for repentance and conversion. We are called to renew our relationships with God and with our fellow human beings. We should not be complacent in a world that experiences violence, hatred, prejudice, unbelief, injustice, wars, economic hardships, the desperate plight of refugees, the untold marine deaths of migrants, loneliness and the search for identity among our youth. In today's gospel, John the Baptist, called the Israelites to repentance and conversion when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John the Baptist said, "Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight." The Israelite community at that time had lost spiritual and moral direction and this required a change, based on spiritual life, in relation to the Covenant established with the Lord God under the leadership of Moses. John the Baptist was sent as precursor of Jesus Christ who would bring people back to God by spiritual, moral and social transformation. When we listen to the voice of the Lord and act upon it in our hearts then love, peace, justice and forgiveness will guide our lives. At the same time, we begin to make the path of the Lord straight in our hearts. The valleys of discouragement will be levelled and the hills and mountains of pride and selfishness will be flattened. Unfortunately today, we still experience some evils such as political oppression, social injustice and moral and spiritual confusion. The world continues to search for peace and love. As Christians, we are expected to carry the message of love and peace to the ends of the world, just as John the Baptist proclaimed it to the Israelite community. We are reminded to make a change of attitude and trust in the Lord by accepting our limitations and sinfulness. The humility of John the Baptist should be our way of life. This will enable us to prepare well to meet the Lord this Christmas and at His second coming.

Fr. Pontius



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#### Parish Income

**Gift aid:£192.00 Loose:£312.34Total:£504.34**  
**Candles:£55.63 Restoration:£07.60 Piety stall:£87.10**  
**Heating:£23.60Gift Aid:£ Loose:£ Total:£ Boiler:£**  
**Rent:£600.00 Cafod:£ Donation:£1,120.00 Hall hire:£465.00**

***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 05TH– 12TH DEC. 2021**

Sat 04	11:45am	
	05:30pm	Liam Kennedy (RIP) Linda Sp. Intentions
Sun 05	11:30am	John D'Mello (RIP) Vincent & Mariquinha Pereira (RIP) Alexio & Adelaide Rodrigues (RIP)
Mon 06	12:10pm	Roman Pietrzykowski (Brithday RIP) Thomas Shally (Anniversary) Annie Pander Special Intention
Tue 07	11:00am	Mary Coen & Family Christmas Intention Mary Lynch (RIP) Ann Keavney Special Intention
Wed 08	12:10pm	Cathlean & Peddy Sextan Special Intention Pete & May Duggan Special Intention Bridget Gallen (RIP)
Thur 09	12:10pm	Eileen Kerrigan (RIP) Simon Special Intention Thanksgiving for St. Joseph , ALL
Fri 10	12:10pm	Henry & Mary Bradley Intentions Mary McCullaugh & Family Intentions
Sat 11	11:45am	Mary & Brendan Special Intentions Hobbs Family Intentions
	05:30pm	Mary Lynch (RIP) Luli & Morean Helmes Special Intention
Sun 12	11:30am	Liam Kennedy (RIP) Giuse Vozza (RIP) People of the Parish

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

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

**Saturday**  
**05:30**

Ann E & Ann F

**Sunday**  
**11.30am:**

#### **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:**

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

Flood Joseph Anthony, Jocelyn Claire Caffery, Flynn John, Kavanagh Peter Martin, Gloria Magdalene Morias, St John Joseph Paul & Anthony Gordon Cooper.