

### Parish News & Notices

**3rd/Gaudete Sunday of Advent:** The readings invite us to reflect on the need to rejoice in the coming of the Lord. The Lord is the hope and joy of our lives, let us renew our commitment to serve the Lord and fellow human beings.

**Christmas programme: Christmas Eve Friday 5:30pm and Saturday Mass 11:30am, Holy Family Mass Sunday 26th, 9:30am and 11:30am.**  
**Note that there will be no Mass on Saturday 25th at 5:30pm.**

**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.**

**Proposals by the City Council to open Upper Hill Street from the Ring Road.** The reason is to improve air quality on Holy Head Road. The proposal will impact on the church and school in terms of access and safety of all who come to church or to the school. There will be no proper parking for church users and parents to drop off children to school. Please could you sign the petition at the back of the church? You can also email :- [airquality@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:airquality@coventry.gov.uk)

**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.stosburg.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)**

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

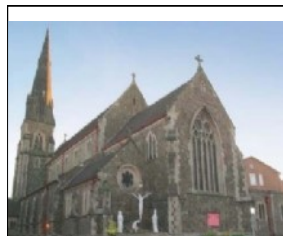
**Christmas envelopes for the parish clergy:** Please an envelope at the back of the church to support your parish clergy.

**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

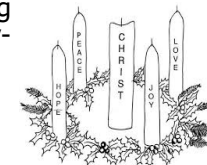
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12th December 2021

### MASTER, WHAT MUST WE DO?

Self-examination is an important aspect of improving human relationships. When we begin to search deeper into our personal lives, by moderating our thoughts and consciously making better decisions, then our day-to-day relationships with God and with each other will be improved. In other words, in order to live a healthier life, we need to acknowledge our strengths and weaknesses. When we begin to pose questions such as, 'What must I do to restore a broken relationship with my brother or sister?', 'How can I improve my faith and trust in God, amidst the burdens of life?', 'How can I inherit eternal life?' then these questions, undoubtedly inspire us to take action and steps towards improving our life situations. Above all, our spiritual life calls for constant prayer to build a confident relationship with God. Prayer is the most important means to understand God's will for each of us. Without prayer we remain isolated from Him and get confused in life. The psalmist said, 'I rejoice when I heard them say let us go God's house' (Ps122:1). Our joy should be complete in prayer where we will discover the full meaning of life.

Today, we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent, the Gaudete Sunday. The readings invite us to rejoice in the Lord who will soon come to save us. We are called to hope and trust in God. We rejoice, just as the Israelites did in the first reading when the prophet Zephaniah invited them to rejoice because the Lord would come to rescue them. The Israelites had regressed in their spiritual life and had lived immoral lives, but he encouraged them and assured them that there was hope for a good relationship to be restored with the Lord. Their sins would be forgiven. A similar theme is reflected in the gospel account of when the people asked John the Baptist what they should do after he had called them to repentance. He taught them to improve their moral behaviour by being just, honest and by showing respect for everyone. He advised them to be generous and charitable. Above everything else, John the Baptist announced to the people the Good News of salvation. He taught them that the Christ who would come after him would hold greater power. He baptised them with water, but the one coming after him would baptise with Holy Spirit and fire. John the Baptist was humble and he prepared the Israelites to receive Christ. As Christians, we are called to be humble, just, honest, charitable and repentant during this Advent and in all the remaining days of our life's journey. We are invited to make regular self-examination of our thoughts and deeds so that we may be found worthy when the Lord comes. As saint Paul mentioned in the second reading, 'If there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving' (Phil4:6).

Fr. Pontius



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**Parish Sisters:** Sr. Philomena and Sr. Teresa (PBVM)  
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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:£83.00Loose:£417.76Total:£500.76**

**Candles:£54.94 Restoration:£ 127.25Piety stall:£60.00**

**Heating:£ Rent:£800.00 Second Collection:£55.40 Donation:£ Hall hire:£480.00**

***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 12TH– 19TH DEC. 2021**

Sat 11	11:45am	Mary & Brendan Special Intentions Hobbs Family Intentions Fr. Sunday birthday Intention
	05:30pm	Mary Lynch (RIP) Luli & Morean Helmes Special Intention
Sun 12	11:30am	Liam Kennedy (RIP) Giuseppe Vozza (RIP) People of the Parish
Mon 13	12:10pm	Eamon Birdie & Christopher Mullally (RIP) Allan Goodwin (5th Anniversary RIP)
Tue 14	09:00am	Holy Souls Linda special intention
Wed 15	12:10pm	Holy Sopuls McGuigan Janet (RIP) Teresa Morris (Get Well)
Thur 16	12:10pm	Holy Souls Eithe Mc Dannell (RIP) Ann O'Malley Special Intention
Fri 17	12:10pm	Holy Souls Ann Courtney (RIP) Diedre O'Toole Bernadette Doran Christmas Intention
Sat 18	11:45am	Jenesa Fernandes B'day Intention Sr Philomena & Sr Teresa Christmas Intention Sr Julie intentions
	05:30pm	Ann McCafferey (RIP) Teresa Macaffers (Get Well) Thanksgiving for our Lady of Lourdes, AL,
Sun 19	11:30am	People of the Parish Ailbhe Garvin (RIP) June Phee Christmas Intention Sr Philomena & Sr Teresa Christmas Intention

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

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Ann E & Bernadette

**Sunday**

**11.30am:**

Janet & 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.

**Death announcement:**

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

Anthony Gordon Cooper & Johnson Ronald Thomas