

Parish News & Notices

The Feast of the Holy Family: The readings remind us of the examples of two families which centred their relationships on obedience, faith, and prayer. May our Christian families follow the example of the Holy Family.

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.

Message from Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: Guidance for Churches—December 2021:

Practical Guidance for Churches With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- Face coverings must be worn by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!

More details can be found 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.

Confessions on Tuesday, 21st December at 12:45pm, please come for the Confessions, some priests will be available.

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.stocov.org.uk>

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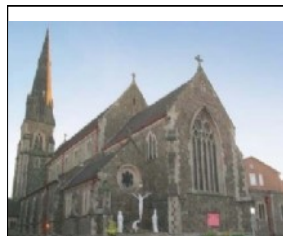
Christmas envelopes for the parish clergy: Please an envelope at the back of the church to support your parish clergy.

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



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

**Parish Newsletter The Feast of the Holy Family
26th December 2021**

THE HOLY FAMILY.

As we have just celebrated Christmas, the Church has immediately given us to reflect on the life example of the Holy Family where Jesus was brought in human Society. Family is the basic unit of human society where a person grows and finds his or her identity. The future, behaviour and character of a person largely depend on the family. It is therefore important that, the Christian families should be modelled on the example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Church teaches that, *"a Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity....."* (CCC.2205). On this day of the feast of the Holy Family we offer all Christian families for blessing and renewal.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. The readings remind us of the examples of two families which centred their relationships on obedience, faith, and prayer. In the first reading, Hannah prayed to get a child and she was granted her request by Lord. It was after a long-time of prayer she was answered, and she never gave up. We are reminded not to give up in prayer. In response for gratitude to God, Hannah offered her only son Samuel to serve in the sanctuary of Lord under priest Eli, where he would develop his future role to lead the Israelites. A similar situation is reflected in the gospel. The parents of Jesus took him to the Temple for the feast of the Passover, it was a moment of prayer and an act of faith. Unfortunately, the young Jesus remained behind in the temple listening and discussing issues of law and faith with the leaders and elders of the Jews, when the parents returned home. When Jesus failed to turn up in the family, the parents had to go back to search for him. That was an act of love and concern for their child. Following these examples from the Holy Scriptures, our Christian families should be places of prayer, faith, obedience, love, peace, and mercy. A family which is centred on Jesus' teachings will certainly endure difficulties and differences with patience. When we live far from God, we shall certainly begin to live far from each other in attitude and thoughts. Such attitudes can lead to break up of relationships or marriages. Children should be able to take directives and instructions from their parents just as Jesus was able to listen and obey his parents. At the same time, parents should take seriously their responsibility to instruct their children in matters of faith. May our families be renewed as we celebrate the feast of the Holy family.



Happy Christmas to you, parishioners and the friends of the parish.

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Parish Income

Gift aid:£54.00 Loose:£267.63Total:£321.63

Candles:£56.31 Restoration:£ Piety stall:£130.00 Church Maintenance:£1064.87

Heating:£ Rent:£400.00 Donation:£180.00 Hall hire:£400.00

The above income is of one week, thank you for your generosity.

Today, there is a retiring collection for heating the church.

Donation: £1,000.00 by a member of the parish for heating. We thank for this particular donation. May the Lord bless the intentions of the donor.

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**, make your contributions to support the heating of the church. Thank you for supporting the Church.

300 Club December 2021 Draws Winners

First prize:	222	A Harrington
Second Prize:	138	F Coia
Third prize:	286	M McCullogh

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

MASS TIMES DURING 26TH DEC– 02ND JAN 2022

Fri 24	12:10pm	J & E Holy Souls Angela Private Intention
	5:30pm	Christmas Eve John Lappin (RIP) Christmas Intentions
Sat 25	11:30am	Christmas Day Christmas Intentions People of the Parish
Sun 26	09:30am	People of the Parish Ann Fenton & Family Christmas intention
	11:30am	Pauline Tony & Seamus Ledwidge (RIP) Tom Walsh & Margaret McGee Christmas Intention
Mon 27	12:10pm	Padraig Gallangher (RIP Anniversary) Holy Souls Birdie Mullally (RIP)
Tue 28	12:10pm	Eamon Mullally (RIP) Holy Souls Mary Kelly (RIP)
Wed 29	12:10pm	Holy Souls June Newman (RIP) David (Get well) Jesuina D'Mello Thanksgiving Mass
Thur 30	12:00pm	Holy Souls Mary Kelly (RIP) Pake Glen (RIP)
Fri 31	12:10pm	Anthony Francis Edwards (RIP Commemoration Memorial) Sean & Teresa Morris Special Intention St Martin De Pobris
	05:30pm	Christmas Intentions Sr Teresa & Sr Philomena Christmas Intentions Fr. Pontius & Fr. Sunday Christmas intentions
Sat 01	11:30am	People of the Parish Bernadette Armstrong (Get well) Anthony Armstrong (RIP)
	05:30pm	Sr Teresa & Sr Philomena Christmas Intentions Geraldine Collins (Get well)
Sun 02	11:30am	Adelaide & Vicky Thanksgiving Mass The Reidy Family Intentions

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:

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.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Morgan Patricia Mary, Kerrigan Michael Joseph, Considine Mary Teresa, McGlynn James Joseph, McDermutt Christine & Johnson Anne,