

Parish News & Notice

Christmas Season/Epiphany: the readings invite us to reflect on the revelation of God's love for, and mercy to, the entire human race.

Contactless Payment machine: We have the machine for our parish located in our Church. You can make any donations to support our parish by your debit or credit cards on contactless, just as you do in the super markets. Please ask for help to guide you, if you are not sure. You can also donate on line:

<https://donate.myдона.com/st-osburgs-rc-church> or use the QR code. You can also



gift aid all donations.

The Dona Machine can now accept donations, do so on the contactless or on line.

Year of Prayer-2024

Preparing for the Jubilee year 2025

In preparation for the 2025 jubilee year entitled 'Pilgrims of Hope'- 2024 has been designated as a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. With its focus on 'Our Father', it presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. From this 1st Sunday of Advent we are called to renew our faith in prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays and Saturdays 10:45am to 11:45am, first Thursday and last Sunday of the month 6:00pm. I encourage all parishioners to attend.

Livestream: YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdT00FINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> or MCN: <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-osburgs-church-coventry> See website for more information:<https://sto-cov.org.uk/live-streaming/>

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.

Christmas Gifts: I would like thank all those who have given us donations in cash and kind during this Christmas. Thank you and may the Lord bless your intentions.

300 CLUB, more members are invited to join it to support the parish, please approach, **Pat C., Maria and Jesuina** to join the club.

All parishioners who have specific roles/ duties: Sacristans, Altar servers, Readers, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Gift collections team, Choir members, Ushers and the rest should inform the Parish Priest through their specific leaders in case of absence from duty. I request for your sincere cooperation. Dear parents, please support your children who serve at the Altar. Liturgy requires commitment and dedication.

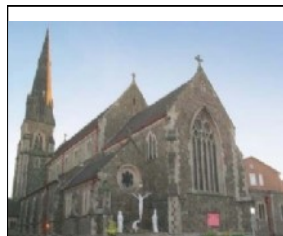
Bible Study Group will resume on Wednesday 10th January at 6:00pm with the reflections on the Gospel according to St. Mark.

Piety Stall—New items: Mass cards for all occasions. Confirmation cards, Christmas cards and gifts available, plus many other items.

DEANERY PROGRAMME

DEANERY READERS' DAY: 9.30am - 1pm, Sat 20th Jan, Christ the King. Mass, Holy Hour, talks from Fr Marco Egawhary and Fr Stephen Fawcett: **Deanery Day for Eucharist Ministers** 9.30am - 1pm, Sat 9th March, Christ the King. Mass, Holy Hour, talks from Fr Cecil Rogerson and Fr Stephen Fawcett

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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EPIPHANY

The Epiphany of the Lord is the celebration of the manifestation of the Divine truth. As human beings, we need direction and guidance to validate our search and arrive at the truth. We live within a world with containing an ocean of unconventional values based on our various backgrounds of social settings, cultural and racial inclinations. It is sometimes very difficult to find the truth unless our search is illumined by the Divine Wisdom. Some groups or associations might cling to a particular issue or value system which might be intrinsically wrong according to the Divine Wisdom. Unfortunately, they will often continue to adhere to these unconventional values because it fulfils their particular goal of purpose. It will be so until they are illumined by the star of hope and truth. It is only then that they can change their direction of action. As Christians, we are invited to follow the Star of truth that led the Magi to trek a long distance from the East to find the truth of life, Jesus the Saviour of the world.

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the readings invite us to reflect on the revelation of God's love for, and mercy to, the entire human race. The first manifestation was to the shepherds in Bethlehem at the birth of the Saviour, as announced to them by the angels. The second manifestation was the revelation to the Magi from the East who asked, "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" They said "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." (Matt2:2). The Magi were illumined by Divine Wisdom and recognised the power of God in the infant king. To affirm their confidence in him as a king, they brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. As Christians, we are invited to bring our gifts of faith to others, who are created in the image of God. We do this to follow the teachings of Jesus whose birth illumined the world. We should avoid prejudice, pride, resentment and erroneous conclusions on issues which contradict the truth. The feast of the Epiphany underpins the truth that God's love is for all people and is given in equal measure. Saint Paul makes this clear, when he says, '...it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body... (Eph3:5-6). As Christians, may we learn to be sincere, just, honest and loving to each other by following the Star of truth and hope in our day-to-day living.

Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ

Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2024 !!



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Safeguarding Statement: *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is []. They can be contacted at: [safeguarding email] or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 01212306240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

Parish Income

Gift aid: £248 Loose £727.17 Dona £221 Total £1,196.17

Candles £271.65 Church Maintenance £546.41 Hall hire £675

The income report of two weeks.

Thank you for your generosity.

Note: Special thanks to the anonymous donor who has given over £800 as Christmas gift for Church maintenance and seminarian formation. May the Lord bless their intentions.

December 2023 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 058 C Harrison

2nd Prize: 105 T McGee

3rd Prize: 180 J D'Mello

Catholic Herald Magazine is back in our parish: Please buy a copy for reflections on our faith and Church. Each copy is £5.

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

MASS TIMES DURING 07TH -14TH JAN 2024

Sat 06	04:30pm	Bernadette Lapin RIP (anniv) Billy Jordan RIP Kete Anne Christmas int.
Sun 07	11:30am	Epiphany of the Lord People of the Parish Pat Ruddy RIP (5th anniv) Moran Martin and Rebecca sp int.
	06:00pm	Roy Clement Patrick Evans RIP Joyce Evans sp int. Veronica Burke RIP
Mon 08	12:10pm	Baptism of the Lord Ann and Linda sp int.
Tue 09	12:10pm	Deceased members of Carr family Deceased members of Keane family Shandulani Muthon RIP
Wed 10	12:10pm	June McDermott, Aileen & Paddy sp int. Fr. Pontius & Fr. Sunday sp int.
Thur 11	12:10pm	Maggie Green, & Janet Ward sp int. Marry Cassidy & Catherine Wilson sp int.
Fri 12	12:10pm	McGrath Bridget Jane Patricia (annv) Deceased members of Eldridge family
Sat 13	11:45am	Deceased members of Mulvenna family Friday Club— Irish Society sp int.
	04:30pm	Dunne family sp intentions
Sun 14	11:30am	People of the parish Moran, Michael Nora & family Dillion Ena. J. & family int. Mary Ruddy sp int.
	06:00pm	

Sacramental preparations: Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and RCIA arrangements: Meeting every Friday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday: Ann & Bernadette **Sunday:** Maria & 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:

Roy Patrick Clement, Charles James Kennedy, & Gill Teresa

New Prayer groups: You are invited to join the prayer groups:

- Holy Face of Jesus devotion** . Meetings on every Tuesday at 6:30pm
- Bible Study /Prayer Group** : meets on Wednesdays .The meeting starts at 6pm.
- Rosa Mystica** on the 13th of every month 2pm to 3pm.
- Legion of Mary** Thursday at 6pm.
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