

### Parish News & Notice

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time year B:** The readings remind us of the Divine authority we are called to abide by and follow the prophetic message of our sacramental commitment

**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.mydona.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.

#### Mass & Confessions

**Weekday Masses** @ 12:10pm, except Saturday at 11:45am. : **Weekend Masses** Saturday @ 4.30pm: Sunday @ 11.30am & 6:00pm. **Confessions on, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday after Mass at 12:30pm. No confessions after Vigil Mass on Saturdays.**

**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/5AOCwuzTdTOOFINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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.

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

#### Reader availability Easter 2024

Could each reader kindly call into the sacristy to indicate when they are available to read over the Easter period. We can then allocate dates, times and readings accordingly. Thank you for your ministry.

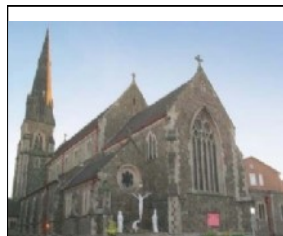
**All parishioners who have specific roles/ duties:** Sacristans, Altar servers, Readers, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Gift collections team, Choir members, Ushers and the rest should inform the Parish Priest through their specific leaders in case of an absence from duty. I request for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

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

#### DEANERY PROGRAMME

**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



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### **"A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY BEHIND IT"**

There are several ways to convey a message which has a particular importance to individuals or groups of people. The reception of the message by the intended group will depend on their readiness and willingness to receive it. Sometimes it can either fall on deaf ears or on receptive ears. To make an impact with what we say, or intend to communicate, our own actions and behaviour should not contradict the intended message. As Christians, our actions should be guided by the gospel values of honesty, justice, love, peace, generosity and compassion. By following the gospel principles, we live under the authority of God's Word and love, which has been demonstrated in the message of Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven brought by Our Lord Jesus Christ. We should constantly review whose authority it is that we follow in order to make our daily decisions. Do we follow worldly views which contradict Christ's Gospel? Are our thoughts, feelings, decisions and actions within the authority of the Holy Scriptures, the teachings of the Church and the Holy traditions of the Catholic Church? Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and Life...' (Jn14:6). We are therefore, invited to follow him day by day during our journey of life. He is our eternal leader whom we follow, and by whose authority we are guided.

As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings remind us of the Divine authority we are called to abide by and follow the prophetic message of our sacramental commitment. In the first reading(Deut18:15-20), Moses told the Israelites that their God would raise them a prophet, who would guide them to know the ways of Lord. What Moses mentioned became true of Jesus who taught the people with the authority of Divine truth. As reflected in the Gospel, Jesus taught with authority and even the unclean spirits recognised his Divine power and authority. The people were astonished. They said, "Here is a teaching that is new" and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him" (Mk1:27). Jesus came into the world that needed liberation from fear, dangers of life and all forms evil. The world today is permeated with all sorts of evils such as violence, hatred, resentment, injustice, exploitation, dishonesty, lack of forgiveness, greed, pride and jealousy. It will ever be so until we turn to the authority of Christ and until then these evils will continue to enslave us. Saint Paul advises us strongly to keep close to the Lord in our daily tasks and responsibilities, 'I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.'(1Cor7:35).

**Fr. Pontius Bandua AG**

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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 [redacted]. They can be contacted at: [safeguarding email] or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 01212306240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**Parish Income**

**Gift aid:£72.50 Loose£361.68 Dona£153 Total£587.18**

**Candles£85.92 Church Maintenance£88.30**

**Hall Hire£350 Rent£1,350**

**Thank you for your generosity .**

**January 2024 Winners of 300 Club**

**1st Prize: 031 M Burns**

**2nd Prize: 172 A Hamilton**

**3rd Prize: 139 M Darby**

**Heating the Church:** Please make your donations to keep the church warm in the usual box at the wall. Thank you.

**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 28TH JAN –4TH FEB 2024**

Sat 27 04:30pm Wedding anniversary (3rd Anniv) sp int.

Sun 28 11:30am People of the Parish  
Alfred Brennan RIP  
Anthony Lanigan RIP

06:00pm

Mon 29 12:10pm Burt West RIP

Tue 30 12:10pm Kyle Flack sp int.  
Teresa Sean Morris sp int.

Wed 31 12:10pm Ancuta & Gail (get well)

Thur 01 12:10pm Josie McGrath Birthday intention

Fri 02 12:10pm Sr. Teresa & Sr. Philomena sp. Int.  
Fr. Chris sp int.

Sat 03 11:45am

04:30pm Mary Cassidy sp int.

Sun 04 11:30am

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:**

Rodger Geraldine, Dawson Margaret Mary, O'Loughlin Isabel, Peter Paul Maher, Cath Malone, & Josephine Tresa Kennedy

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

**1. Holy Face of Jesus devotion** . Meetings on every Tuesday at 6:30pm **2. Bible Study /Prayer Group** : meets on Wednesdays .The meeting starts at 6pm. **3. Rosa Mystica** on the 13th of every month 2pm to 3pm. **4. Legion of Mary** Thursday at 6pm.

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