

Parish News & Notice

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time year B: the readings invite us to reflect on God's mercy and His love for sinners who seek for His forgiveness.

Ash Wednesday 14th February : The beginning of the Lenten Season, we shall have two Masses at 12:10pm and 6:00pm. Please, pick walk with me booklets at the back of the church. **Every Friday of the Lenten Season** we shall have the stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in the church.



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 debt 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.

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 5:00pm. I encourage all parishioners to attend.

Livestream: YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdT0OFINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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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NEVER DO ANYTHING OFFENSIVE TO ANYONE!

Christian vocation is a purposeful, daily decision that we make to endeavour to do the will of God in order to attain the purity of life. Unfortunately, we make lots of compromises in life, in such a way that we postpone our good actions to the distant future, however the future rarely turns out as we expect. To live in peace always calls for the creation of good relationships among us and with the Lord. There are evils present in society such as pride, resentment, grudges, unforgiveness, envy, laziness, unbelief, gossip and discrimination. These enslave us to live unhappy lives. When we are engrossed in sin, we kill our conscience. We then live in a situation with a spiritual sickness that can only be washed away by means of sacramental reception and practice and this will then set us free. Sin separates us from each other and from God. We live in an isolation if we are not reconciled. Just as with physical sickness, when we become sick, we need to isolate from those who are healthy, to avoid spread of infection. Spiritual sickness can become even worse if not treated and it can break relationships among us, meaning that we may not obtain eternal life with the Lord. May we search deep into our hearts, so that we may remove the barriers that hinder us from living holy lives. Saint Paul says, 'never do anything offensive to any one' (1Cor10:32). It confirms the golden rule, 'Do not do unto others what you do not want done unto you.'

As we celebrate the 6th Sunday, the readings invite us to reflect on God's mercy and His love for sinners who seek for His forgiveness. The entire history of salvation is a continuous manifestation of God's mercy and compassion for humanity. The human condition requires Divine intervention to attain its full realisation of joy and happiness. In the first reading from the book of Leviticus (Lev13:1-2.44-46), the Lord ordered Moses and Aaron to let those who were affected by leprosy report to the priests. The priests would then handle their case because it involved both a physical and spiritual condition. It was the priests who could decide whether someone was unclean or clean and enable a spiritual reconciliation with God and community. In the Gospel (Mk1:40-45), Jesus as Divine Person, showed the infinite love of God by touching the leper and healing him. According to Jewish culture and tradition this was unthinkable. As Christians, this teaches us many lesson about our spiritual life. It tells us that sin alienates us from each other and, above all, separates us from God. Like the leper who cried out to Jesus asking to be healed, we should seek God's mercy. Secondly, we should avoid discrimination and prejudice. We need follow the example of Jesus when he touched the socially outcast leper and healed him. We should accept each person as a brother or sister irrespective of their varied backgrounds or origins.

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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 if you have any concern.*

Parish Income

Gift aid:£117 Loose£407.40 Dona£96 Total£620.40
Candles£103.65 Church Maintenance£130.97 Friday Teas£130
Hall Hire Rent£900 Piety Stall£ Donation£340

Donation £350, by an anonymous parishioner as part of their first salary of 2024. May the LORD bless their intentions for the great support for the parish.
I thank all those who have recently donated £50, £150 and £200 through the Dona machine.

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 11TH –18TH FEB 2024

Sat 10	04:30pm	Yvonne Middleton Birthday intention Robert Kavanagh sp int. Margaret Roche RIP
Sun 11	11:30am	People of the Parish Padraig Murray sp int. McGrath Brigid sp int.
	06:00pm	Una Moran sp int.
Mon 12	12:10pm	Frank Stagg RIP Peter McGrane Birthday memorial
Tue 13	09:00pm	Janet Wiltshire sp int.
Wed 14	12:10pm	Ash Wednesday Martin Shally RIP Moe Usmani RIP Valarie Evans birthday int.
	06:00pm	Maurice Doran RIP Elizabeth Coley sp int.
Thur 15	12:10pm	Maria Rucinska RIP Leopold Rucinski RIP
Fri 16	12:10pm	Gregg Jordan RIP (1st Anniv) Leopold Rucinski RIP
Sat 17	11:45am	Jenny Hopkins RIP
	04:30pm	Cindy Lennon RIP Jenny Annette RIP
Sun 18	11:30am	People of the Parish Neo Waldron RIP
	06:00pm	Jenny Hopkins RIP

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

The Rite of Election: All those who are in **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), will go for the Rite of Election to be celebrated at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Sunday 18th February 2024 @ 3:00pm. Please, let us pray for them. We have **16 candidates** in this programme this year, which is the highest number in 7 years in our parish.

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:

Kevin Leo Kennedy, Austie Hastings, Martin Shally, Gallen Lawrence, & Gregory John Jordan

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** : meetings will resume until notified. 3. **Rosa Mystica** on the 13th of eve-