

Parish News & Notice

1st Sunday of Lent: The readings remind us of the need for repentance so that we may attain eternal salvation.

Lenten Season : 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 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.

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.

The Youth Praise and Worship group at St. Osburg's Parish: The youth will gather for their prayer meeting at St. Osburgs' Parish Hall on 29th February from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. All are welcome.

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.

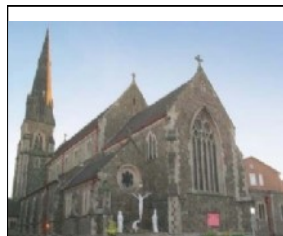
All parishioners who have specific roles/ duties: Sacristans, Altar servers, Readers, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Gift collections team, Choir members, Ushers and the rest should inform the Parish Priest through their specific leaders in case of an absence from duty. I request for your 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, including Easter cards, St. Patrick cards and welcome to Church cards. Statues, Rosary beads, candles 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

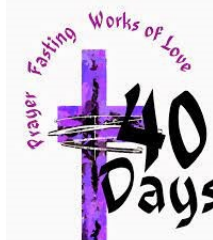
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REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!

Repentance is the realisation of one's wrong doings. Upon experiencing this realisation, we then turn to God for mercy and forgiveness with a sincere heart and a determination to not sin again. Our Christian life is punctuated with uphill and downhill situations which call for a constant examination of conscience. During Lent, we are given an opportunity for a collective self-evaluation of our actions and attitudes. Today, we are confronted with spiritual and moral dilemmas. Do we truly follow God's law or are there for some human, fabricated philosophies and ideologies that we use to guide us in our day-to-day decision making? The period of Lent prepares us for the celebration of the central mystery of our salvation, the Paschal Mystery. At this time we are required to make in-depth examination of our conscience during the forty-day long spiritual warfare of Lent. We are also invited to renew our baptismal promises to serve God and love our neighbours, and to reject what does not confirm to God's will. The questions raised during this Lenten Season are, what are the issues that make us fail to meet the desirable standards of the Gospel of Christ? Why is there still escalating anger, misunderstanding, unforgiveness and discrimination within our families and communities? Our faith requires that the Lenten season is characterised by prayer, almsgiving, fasting, penance, self-control and charity. May we, therefore, make firm resolutions during these forty days to do better each day and continue to do so thereafter.

As we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us of the need for repentance so that we may attain eternal salvation. We live in a world that is very tempting and these temptations may be only overcome through prayer and self-control. In the Gospel (Mk1:12-15), Jesus was driven into the desert by the Spirit for forty days and was then tempted by Satan. Satan attempted to convince the Lord to bow to its whims but because of fasting and prayer the Lord Jesus was able to conquer it. We need prayers, and the grace of God, to overcome the temptations of our bold desires such as greed, materialism, pride, jealousy, addiction and lack of self-control. May the waters of baptism that washed us clean for life in the Lord, remind us to be faithful. It was so during the floods in Noah's time when he and the few faithful were saved. We should therefore deepen our faith according to what Saint Peter said, 'Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God.' May this Lenten Season remind us of our waywardness and the Lord's loving mercy that he shows to forgive us when we are ready to change our direction and return to Him.

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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: £42 Loose £379 Dona £196 Total £617.59
Candles £92.29 Church Maintenance £88.36
Hall Hire Rent Piety Stall £ Donation £200

Thank you for your generosity .

Next Sunday, there will be second Collection for CAFOD

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 18TH –25TH FEB 2024

Sat 17	04:30pm	Cindy Lennon RIP Jenny Annette RIP C.M.E sp int.
Sun 18	11:30am	People of the Parish Neo Waldron RIP Bernadette Armstrong (get well)
	06:00pm	Jenny Hopkins RIP L..A Sp int.
Mon 19	12:10pm	John O'Leary RIP Holy Souls
Tue 20	12:10pm	Special intention—Lyn Beth and George sp int.
Wed 21	10:00am	Funeral— William Sheridan
Thur 22	12:10pm	Beth & George intentions
Fri 23	12:10pm	Thanksgiving for Sacred Heart of Jesus—Ann Harry and Reece special intentions
Sat 24	11:45am	Pat Sheahan RIP Frank Ward RIP
	04:30pm	Pieadade Belinda Travaso RIP Anntonette Travaso RIP Vincent Donoghue RIP
Sun 25	11:30am	People of the Parish
	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.

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.

Death announcement: Ronald Smith Alexander died recently, we pray for him and all who mourn.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Patrick Joseph Melody, Josie Kennedy, Joseph Formosa, James Walsh & Thomas Christopher

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 every month 2pm to 3pm. 4. **Legion of Mary** Thursday at 6pm.