

Parish News & Notice

2nd Sunday of Lent: As we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us to sacrifice what is dear to us in order to do the will of God.

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.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.

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.

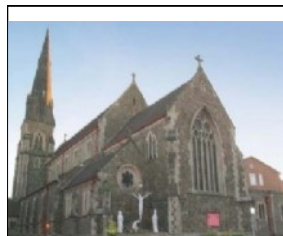
SPONSORED CIRCULAR WALK (ST. OSBURG'S CHURCH—WAR MEMORIAL PARK &

BACK 4 MILES) TO SUPPORT HEATING COSTS OF ST. OSBURG'S CHURCH: There is a walk organised by a parishioner to raise funds to support the parish funds on Saturday 23rd March starting at 12:15pm. Please feel free to walk or sponsor a person to walk.

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



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

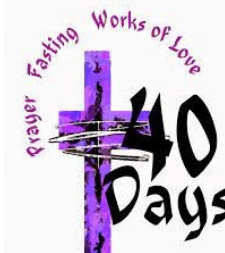
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'THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED. LISTEN TO HIM'

Lent is a season of renewal and spiritual rejuvenation and a time when it is possible to undergo a transformation. As Christians, at this time of the year, we can experience these changes in the depths our being only if we listen to the voice of the Lord. Although in this noisy, modern world it might be a bit difficult to find those quiet moments to listen we must make the effort to do so. We live with all sorts of distractions from gadgets in our hands, on our heads and in our surroundings, but we are called to make efforts to shade off some of these distractions. Abraham, our father of faith, was willing to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, to God. We must also make a firm resolution to do the will of God and make sacrifices. What can we sacrifice to God during Lent as a sign of our obedience to Him? Throughout this Lenten period, we are expected to transform our thoughts and emotions with the living presence of the Holy Spirit through prayer, fasting, works of charity and penance. We are called to live selfless lives by listening to the Lord's teachings and being ready and able to help the needy. May we learn to be obedient to the voice of the Lord and be generous with what we own so that we can help the less fortunate in our human society.

As we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us to sacrifice what is dear to us in order to do the will of God. There is no victory without pain or loss. Our Christian victory over sin and evil actions can be realised if we truly listen to the voice of the Lord. The transfiguration described in today's gospel (Mk9:2-10) was to prepare the disciples of Lord to face challenges of the impending passion, crucifixion and death of the Lord. The appearance of the Old Testament prophets was an indication that the Lord Jesus had come to complete their mission of prophecies and the law. This was shown by uniting heaven and earth upon the mountain. In our journey of life, we need to see beyond this earthly life by listening to the voice of the Lord through the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Traditions and the Magisterium. We are invited to pray for the will of the Lord to be followed in our lives and not our will. In this way we can be transformed inwardly and externally in our thoughts and actions. Our lack of obedience to the Lord does not only break our relationship with Him but also brings discord among us, in our families and communities. May we learn to give our lives and service by following the example of the Lord as described by Saint Paul 'Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefits us all...' (Rm8:31).

Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ



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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:£102 Loose£633 Dona£73 Total£812.22

Candles£ 169.18 Church Maintenance£ 246.31

Hall Hire£510 Rent£ Piety Stall£ Donation£

Thank you for your generosity .

Today, there will be second Collection for CAFOD . On 3rd of Lent Sunday there will be Second Collection for the Cathedral maintenance . On the 5th Sunday of Lent, there will be 2nd collection to support the Apostles of Jesus seminarians in Africa.

February 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 024 I Pereira

2nd Prize: 111 M Concanon

3rd Prize: 241 P Cross

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.

ST PATRICK'S MASS: *There will be a Mass in celebration of St Patrick on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm at Christ the King. Everyone is welcome to light refreshments and a get together in the Library after. Organised by the Coventry Pioneer Association.*

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

MASS TIMES DURING 25TH FEB –3RD MARCH 2024

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| Sat 24 | 04:30pm | Pieadade Belinda Travaso RIP Anntonette Travaso RIP Vincent Donoghue RIP |
| Sun 25 | 11:30am | People of the Parish James Foley RIP (Anniv) |
| | 06:00pm | Bob Haddock RIP |
| Mon 26 | 12:10pm | Sean Carr RIP & Michael Carr RIP Mary & Marge Sp int. Martin Mulvaney Birth int. |
| Tue 27 | 12:10pm | Phil Ledriwidge (get well0 Maureen Cowley RIP Kristina Clarke Birthday int. |
| Wed 28 | 12:10pm | Richard Walker (2nd Anniv) RIP Vincent Donoghue RIP Sean Frawley RIP |
| Thur 29 | 12:10pm | Thomas Pinto RIP Elizabeth Coley Pat Cox & Family intentions |
| Fri 01 | 12:10pm | Michael Powell RIP Vincent RIP |
| Sat 02 | 11:45am | |
| | 04:30pm | |
| Sun 03 | 11:30am | People of the Parish Matt RIP |
| | 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), the Rite of Election was celebrated at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Sunday 18th. The First Scrutiny will be on 3rd Sunday of Lent. I encourage all the Candidates and Catechumens to attend Masses for the consequent Sundays from 3rd –17th March at the 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:

Anderson Robert, O'Donnell Barbara & Calmers John.

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.

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