

Parish News & Notice

3rd Sunday of Lent: As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent, and as the days of celebrating the mysteries of our salvation draw near, the readings remind us to cleanse our hearts.

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.

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.

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.

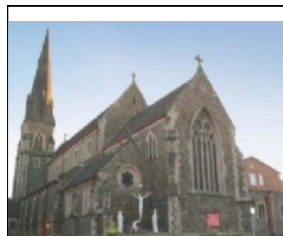
SPONSORED CIRCULAR WALK (ST. OSBURG'S CHURCH—WAR MEMORIAL PARK &

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



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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'BUT HE WAS SPEAKING OF THE SANCTUARY THAT WAS HIS BODY'

Holy places are fundamentals to remind us of our constant relationship with God, whom we worship as the One and True Living Supreme Being. We affirm this when we pray 'I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary....' (The Apostolic Creed). There are many ways to express our belief in God especially through prayer and in designated places such as churches, shrines, temples and synagogues. In these places we are expected to demonstrate a special reverence and may adopt particular postures. It is in these moments and places that we are invited to be spiritually alert, and well-disposed interiorly, so that we may speak to Him and listen to Him from within our hearts and minds. We should avoid any distraction from within our mind or from our surroundings, because our whole being is attentive to the Lord. As Christians, we should note that our complete communication with God is through Our Lord Jesus and his Sacraments. Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me' (Jn14:6). Jesus is therefore the greatest sanctuary through whom we reach the Father. May we then renew our faith in the Sacraments and in the Holy Scriptures. Furthermore, we are also called to give due respect to each other because each of us is also a temple of the Holy Spirit as created in the image of God.

As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent, and as the days of celebrating the mysteries of our salvation draw near, the readings remind us to cleanse our hearts. In today's Gospel (Jn2:13-25), the occasion of Jesus cleansing the temple is described. At that time, some Jews had turned the Holy place, designated for the worship of God, into a business and money making area for the pilgrims during the holy seasons. Those who were selling cattle, sheep and pigeons for the offerings such business in the temple were driven out and the money changers tables were overturned by the Lord. The Lord Jesus emphasised his action by saying, 'stop turning my Father's house into a market.' When the Jews questioned his authority of doing such things, he answered 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' In saying this, he predicted his death and resurrection because he alone is the true temple. The event of the cleansing of the temple reminds us to be holy and pure in mind when we prepare to pray. We can do this by following the Ten Commandments as described in today's first reading (Ex20:1-17). May the Lord touch our hearts to enable us to be faithful to his promises.

Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ

The
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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:£103 Loose£469 Dona£638 Total£1,210.64
Candles£79.84 Church Maintenance£35.02
Hall Hire£ Rent£450 Piety Stall£ Donation£ CAFOD£386.62

Thank you for your generosity .

Today, 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 3RD-10TH MARCH 2024

Sat 02	04:30pm	People of the Parish Gabrielle Idehen Birthday intention Rosleen Jordan sp. Int.
Sun 03	11:30am	Matt RIP Michael Lanigan John Carey (anniv) RIP
	06:00pm	Holy Souls Richard Hopkins RIP
Mon 04	12:10pm	Anthony Idehen—anniversary int. Holy Souls
Tue 05	12:10pm	
Wed 06	12:10pm	
Thur 07	12:10pm	
Fri 08	12:10pm	
Sat 09	11:45am	
	04:30pm	
Sun 10	11:30am	People of the Parish Holy Souls
	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 Scrutiny— RCIA: All those who are in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), the Rite 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

Chalmers John, Farish Brain, McCamphill Ruth, John Christopher Byrne, McEntee Edward & Gorman John Anthony.

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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