

Parish News & Notice

5th Sunday of Lent: As we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent, the readings draw our attention to the Paschal Mystery; the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

Archbishop's Pastoral letter; please pick a copy for further reflection.

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.

Livestream: YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdT00FINBwRwwmBxvtgqyKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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.

Holy Week & Paschal Triduum 2024.

All the readers chosen for the Holy week & Easter Triduum Liturgy will meet on Sunday 17th after the 11:30am in the church for rehearsal. Please do attend in person. Thank you.

Programme— Lent, Holy Week and Paschal Triduum: Penitential service Saturday 23rd March at 12:15pm, **Passion/Palm Sunday;** Saturday 23rd March @ 4:30pm, Sunday 24th @ 11:30am and 6:00pm. **Lord's Supper** on Thursday 28th March @ 7:00pm, **Passion of the Lord— Good Friday 29th @ 3:00pm, Easter Vigil—Saturday 30th @ 8:30pm and 31st Easter Sunday @ 11:30pm & 6:00pm.**

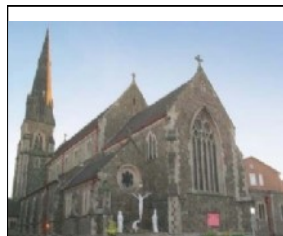
All parishioners who have specific roles/ duties: Sacristans, Altar servers, Readers, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Gift collections team, Choir members, Ushers and the rest should inform the Parish Priest through their specific leaders in case of an absence from duty. I request for your 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 Six sessions of prayerful reflection on Pope Francis first Apostolic Letter "The joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium). It will be between Easter and Pentecost at St. Osburg's parish hall Foyer beginning on Monday 8th April 2024 running for six consecutive Monday evenings. Register by calling Barbara McGowan 07528644617 and Paschal Somers 07403625292 by 22nd March.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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“ALTHOUGH HE WAS SON, HE LEARNT TO OBEY THROUGH SUFFERING”

Most often, when we are faced with any form of suffering, we tend to lose direction in life and also perhaps our trust in God. We can sometimes enter into despair and depression, especially if we are not prepared for such an eventuality. What matters so much in life's journey is to always be prepared and to pray to God for strength in the face of tribulations. Unless we have strong faith and obedience to the voice of God then any difficulties we encounter can break us down. Our modern society is faced with various problems in coping with sufferings and hardships in life. We need, therefore, to listen to the voice of God from within our inner being and he will redirect our thoughts to focus on faith and hope. Saint Paul mentioned that faith, hope and love matter in life (1Cor13:13). Our Lord Jesus instructed his disciples to be steadfast in moments of suffering. He said 'If anyone wants to be my follower, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Matt16:24). A true follower of Jesus should expect suffering along the journey of faith. Our redemption has been made possible through the cross and His obedience to the heavenly Father. May we learn to listen more to the voice of the Lord during moments of suffering.

As we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent, the readings draw our attention to the Paschal Mystery; the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. Today's Gospel (Jn12:20-30), anticipates the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. Jesus said, 'Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' The death of Jesus brought forth a new order of human and Divine relationship. His death sealed a new and everlasting covenant for all who believe and who live by his instructions. The second reading mentions this clearly in the following excerpt. 'He learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal life' (Heb5:8-9). As all of us prepare to live eternally with the Lord at the end of time, let us try to get into the deeper understanding of God's love for us through Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. As Christians, we should follow the example of self-sacrifice for others in the family, parish, Church and society. Just as the Lord gave himself up on the cross in obedience to the Father to save us, we should make sacrifices in order to help others. We should endeavour to transform our pride, anger, prejudice and selfishness into charity and generosity.

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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:£131 Loose£347.70 Dona£556 Total£1,003.70

Candles£ Church Maintenance£168.09

Hall Hire£210 Rent£1,350 Piety Stall£91.70

Thank you for your generosity.

On this 5th Sunday of Lent, there is 2nd collection to support the Apostles of Jesus seminarians in Africa. On the Passion Sunday we shall have retiring collection for Easter flowers.

Gift Aid Scheme: The Parish Finance Committee members will give a brief talk about Gift Aid, after Mass, how your donations and offerings can support parish funds.

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.

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

MASS TIMES DURING 17TH-24TH MARCH 2024

Sat 16	04:30pm	Jim Foley RIP (Anniv) Patsy Keogh birthday intention
Sun 17	11:30am	People of the Parish Holy Souls
	06:00pm	
Mon 18	12:10pm	Holy Souls Jan (get well) S.H. sp int.
Tue 19	12:10pm	Kath Bradley RIP Lanigan sp int. Lesley RIP
Wed 20	12:10pm	David Atkinson RIP (anniv) Holy Souls Molly Tierney RIP
Thur 21	12:10pm	Funeral— Ronald Alexander Smith (RIP)
Fri 22	12:10pm	Mary Ellen Tierney RIP Holy souls Kennedy & Davis deceased family members
Sat 23	11:45am	Holy Souls Teresa Davis sp int. Patsy birthday int.
	04:30pm	Patsy Keogh birthday int. Jimmy Jordan RIP Holy Souls
Sun 24	11:30am	People of the parish Jim Durkan RIP & Martin Hastings RIP Edde Mathew RIP
	06:00pm	Emily Doran RIP Holy Souls

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 3rd Scrutiny will be on 4th 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

Anthony Francis Edward, Nicolina Buonopane, Howe Anne, & Eileen Rose McHugh.

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.