

## Parish News & Notice

**3rd Sunday—Easter:** As we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, the readings draw our attention to the need to renew our faith in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and in the Holy Scriptures.

**The youth of the parish:** Fr. Benedict, will speak to the youth at the end of 11:30am Mass.

**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/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**

**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 Statues, Rosary beads, candles plus many other items.

**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.

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### 'THEY RECOGNISED THE LORD AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD.'

The strength and commitment of Christian life is drawn from the regular and devoted reception of the Sacrament of Penance and of the Eucharist. The irregular reception and inappropriate reverence we may sometimes show to these sacraments can dry up our spiritual strength and weaken our willingness to do good. When this happens we may become susceptible to sin and show little interest in the Lord and also have a lack of concern for others. As mentioned, in the early Church, what united the first disciples was the breaking of bread, and they would recognise the presence of Lord among them and in each other, though he would immediately vanish from their sight. That in fact, was to emphasise his spiritual presence with them, although he was not always physically visible. Our Christian communities, families and parishes should therefore, renew their commitment to listen to the Word of God received through the Holy Scriptures. We should also receive the Sacraments regularly in order to be able to fight the evils of envy, greedy, pride, resentment, selfishness, uncontrolled emotional desires and disorders in moral behaviours. May we therefore, recognise the Lord's presence in the celebration of the Eucharist and show our true love for each other as partakers of one bread and one cup from the same altar of the Lord.

As we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, the readings draw our attention to the need to renew our faith in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and in the Holy Scriptures. In today's gospel, the Risen Lord appeared to the disciples and they were overjoyed, although some at first thought they were seeing a ghost. They recognised him when he asked for breakfast. A meal which was again taken together, pointing to the sacrament of the Eucharist. While at the breakfast, he told them, "This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled. Then their eyes were opened' (Lk24:44-45). Just as in our Liturgy today, we need to follow and listen the Word of God so that we can receive Holy Communion worthily. The liturgy of the Word prepares us to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. As Saint John said, 'Loving and knowing God, is by following his commandments' (1Jn2:3-4), which we hear every time we read the Scriptures. May we then renew and reform our ways, hearing God's word and receiving him in the Holy Eucharist showing true love for him and for our fellow human beings.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**Parish Income**

**Gift aid: £166 Loose £454.27 Dona £182.25 Total £802.52**  
**Candles £87.91 Church Maintenance £110 Hall Hire £180**  
**Rent £500 B&R Mass £100 Donation £100**

*Thank for your generosity.*

*Next Sunday, there will be second collection for the clergy training.*

**March 2024 Winners of 300 Club**

**1st Prize: 067 R Welsh**  
**2nd Prize: 114 S O'Reilly**  
**3rd Prize: 277 J Higgins**

**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.**

**VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER:** *Assistant Headteacher Post for Our Lady of the Wayside Primary School in Shirley. The Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact the school for more information on 0121 744 6852.*

**Quotes & Reflective sayings:** *No one can love himself properly unless he knows why he is living. Love is useless when alone.*

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

**MASS TIMES DURING 14TH-21ST APRIL 2024**

Sat 13	04:30pm	Rurperts sp intention Alicia Fitzpatrick (get well)
Sun 14	11:30am	People of the Parish Michael Naughton RIP John Bradley RIP
	06:00pm	Patsy Keogh—Easter int. Cora Lanigan Birthday int.
Mon 15	12:10m	Theresa Murry birthday intention Joyce McElroy (get well) John Herlihy RIP
Tue 16	12:10pm	Gabriel Murphy RIP Column Nugent RIP Catherine Gorman birthday int.
Wed 17	11:30am	<b>Funeral—Anne Robertson RIP</b>
Thur 18	12:10pm	Sr. Teresa & Sr. Philomena sp. Int. Mae Carr sp int. Ackley Ferrie RIP
Fri 19	12:10pm	
Sat 20	11:45am	Rose Dugdale RIP
	04:30pm	Ann Fenton birthday intention Deceased members of Keogh family
Sun 21	11:30am	People of the Parish Joan Birthday and thanksgiving. Margaret Osborn RIP (anniv)
	06:00pm	

**Sacramental preparations:** Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and RCIA arrangements:

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday:** **Sunday:**

**Ann F & Bernadette** **Jolan & Catharine**

**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 Announcements:** **Alice Duke** died recently, the funeral will be on Wednesday . 24th April. We pray for her and all who mourn.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Margaret OSBORN, Clark Joyce & Getrude Mpopu.

**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 this week. 3. **Rosa Mystica** on the 13th of every month 2pm to 3pm. 4. **Legion of Mary** Thursday at 6pm.

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