

Parish News & Notice

4th Sunday—Easter :As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter, the readings draw our attention to the focus on Jesus as the good shepherd who laid his life to save us from slavery to sin. May we do the same in our different responsibilities in life.

The youth meeting: There will be youth meeting on 5th May, after 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.

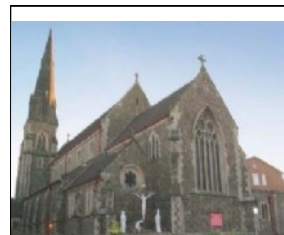
300 CLUB, more members are invited to join it to support the parish, please approach, **Pat C., & Maria**

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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'I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD'

The survival of any human society depends on the commitment and consistency of its leader. A leader is expected to love and care for every member by avoiding the evils of favouritism and the motive of personal gain. The base line for a leader's decision making is the promotion of the common good of all. As a leader, one is expected to sacrifice his or her comfort for the good of those whom they are leading. Each one of us has a role to play as a leader. For example, this may be as a parent, teacher, nurse, doctor, civil servant, pastor or any role where we give a service to people. We are all entrusted with leadership roles. How do we approach our duties? We should learn from our Lord Jesus Christ who said, 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep' (Jn10:11). As our Lord was crucified on the cross, he was defending the truth and proclaiming the message of holiness. May we follow his example of holiness and denounce all that contradicts God's eternal plan for the universe.

As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter, the readings draw our attention to the focus on Jesus as the good shepherd who laid his life to save us from slavery to sin. His life, teachings, death and resurrection have reconciled us to the Eternal Father. We are, therefore, invited to reject sin and avoid it in order to live as children of the light. This is affirmed by Saint John when he says, 'Think of the love that Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are (1Jn3:1). Just like any other ordinary shepherd who loves his animals, Jesus loves us and cares for us in the most difficult of times. This is the reason he was able to give up his life to save us from the carnage of sin. As Christians, we are called to show self-sacrificing love to all those we lead and all whom we encounter in this world. We should love without reserve and with no conditions attached. May the Lord enlighten us to love all his children without reservation. We are invited to share our lives, skills and other resources to support the mission of Christ as today. We pray for vocations, especially to religious life and priesthood.

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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 []. 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:£785 Loose£496.23 Dona £41 Total£1,661.23
Candles£92.46 Church Maintenance£249.77 Hall Hire£
Rent£ Donation£ Nuns£526.34(loose)

Thank for your generosity.

Today there is 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.

Quotes & Reflective sayings: *"Do not let the roles you play in life make you forget who you are"*

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

MASS TIMES DURING 21ST –28TH APRIL 2024

Sat 20	04:30pm	Ann Fenton birthday int. Deceased members of Keogh family Jaac Barret RIP
Sun 21	11:30am	People of the parish Joan birthday int. & thanksgiving Margaret Osborn RIP (anniv)
	06:00pm	Nevenka Susilo & family sp int. John, Mary, & Nan Brennan Joe, Teresa & Karen Hart
Mon 22	12:10m	Anne Costello RIP (Anniv) Andy Davis sp. Int.
Tue 23	12:10pm	(Priests for training workshop no Mass)
Wed 24	12:10pm	Funeral— Alice Duke RIP
Thur 25	12:10pm	Bob Symthe RIP & Robert Ferrie RIP Anne Costello RIP
Fri 26	12:10pm	Deceased members of Keane & Carr families. Frank Concannon RIP
Sat 27	11:45am	Jack, Sylvia & Sheila McGrane The Gayongo family
	04:30pm	Sr. Teresa retirement int. Sr. Philomena retirement int. Alice Duke RIP
Sun 28	11:30am	People of the Parish Niamh Rynne birthday int. Maribel Burgos Aquin RIP
	06:00pm	

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

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday: Ann F & Bernadette
Sunday: 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

Anne Marie Costello, & Woodward Veronica,

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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