

Parish News & Notice

5th Sunday of Easter : As we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Easter, the readings remind us of our spiritual union with Lord, to bear the fruits of Christian faith. If we remain united with the Lord by following his instructions, we shall bear the fruits of holiness, love, and peace among us.

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/5AOCwuzTdT0OFjNBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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.

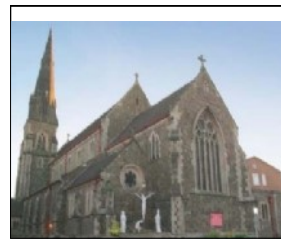
All parishioners who have specific roles/ duties: Sacristans, Altar servers, Readers, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Gift collections team, Choir members, Ushers and the rest should inform the Parish Priest through their specific leaders in case of an absence from duty. I request for your 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.

Council elections: there will be Council Elections on Thursday 2nd May at the hall. The hall will not be used by the parish on that day.

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

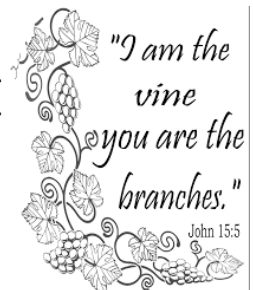
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"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES"

The life-line of Christian faith is our spiritual connection with the Lord Jesus through his life, the teaching contained in Holy Scripture and the Holy traditions interpreted by the Catholic Church. To follow the holy path of life, we need to be open to the Holy Spirit who will guide our thoughts, minds and hearts. This can be possible if we express deep faith in our actions and pray sincerely to God to ask for His will to be done in our lives. The Lord rightly says 'Make your home in me, as I make mine in you' (Jn15:1). It is a two-way relationship. It is the spiritual bond or blend which reflects his loving mercy and compassion onto our faces and our actions. In most cases, when someone exhibits generosity, kindness and peacefulness, people say the Spirit of the Lord has touched him or her. Our spiritual union, with sacramental commitment, should make us portray the Lord's image in our actions and thoughts. The Lord is the Vine and we are the branches, meaning that if we are cut off from him we can do nothing spiritually. May our day-to-day activities be focused on Christ.

As we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Easter, the readings remind us of our spiritual union with the Lord which enables us to bear the fruits of our Christian faith. If we remain united with the Lord through following his instructions, we shall bear the fruits of holiness, love and peace among us. If we cut ourselves off from him, we shall wither and become spiritually unproductive or die because we lack a link with the vine, Jesus our Lord. To build mutual union with the Lord requires our constant and authentic prayers. We need to pray constantly and without ceasing. Unfortunately, our world today is noisy both externally and interiorly. We need to give time to prayer in our busy and noisy schedules. Saint John affirms this instruction in his letter by saying, 'My Children, our love is not be just words or mere talk, but something real and active' (1Jn3:18). He again emphasises the point of spiritual union with the Lord by saying, who ever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. If we live in sin and do not make any effort to repent, then eventually we cut ourselves away from the Lord and wither in faith and holiness. We are reminded to be faithful and strive to bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit during our Christian journey of faith.

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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: £242.50 Loose £380.87 Dona £85.25 Total £709.24
Candles £97.73 Church Maintenance £63.57 Donation £50
Hall Hire £280 Rent £ Piety Stall £40 Second Collection clergy training £209.42

Thank you for your generosity.

April 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 377 T McGee
2nd Prize: 428 J Rodrigues
3rd Prize: 533 A Fenton

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.

Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK is a **Registered Charity (No. 1205905)**, in **England and Wales** with the purpose of giving financial support to young men above 18 years who wish to become missionary Priests and Brothers. The dwindling number of priests is a great concern for every Catholic who loves his/her faith. While there are few vocations in the West, God is inspiring many youth from other parts of the world to offer their lives as missionaries. It is these that we ask for your support. You can become a missionary without leaving your home by sponsoring a seminarian to become a missionary priest. **His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham has authorised the Apostles of Jesus to take two Second collections** in the parishes where they serve every year for the training of their seminarians. **These will be taken on 9th June and 10th November respectively.**

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, P.P St. Mary and Benedict -Coventry, email:
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Quotes and reflections : *Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure. The most powerful thing you can do on earth is the will of God.*

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Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to ‘T’

MASS TIMES DURING 28TH APRIL –05TH MAY 2024

Sat 27	04:30pm	Eleanor sp. Int.
Sun 28	11:30am	People of the parish Niamh Rynne birth day int. Maribel Burgos Aquim RIP
	06:00pm	Christopher Bays RIP Andy Mc Brien sp int. Dave Roberts birthday int.
Mon 29	12:10pm	Thomas Pinto (anniv) RIP Seamus McNulty RIP
Tue 30	12:10pm	Fiona Lindsay birthday int.
Wed 01	12:10pm	Patsy Lindsay birthday memorial
Thur 02	12:10pm	
Fri 03	12:10pm	
Sat 04	11:45am	
	04:30pm	
Sun 05	11:30am	
	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.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday: **Sunday:**

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

Thomas Alexander Pinto, Moran Gerard Paul, Kelly Mathew Paul, Lynch Michael, Joseph Boyle, John Patrick Malooly & Mary Patricia Campbell

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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