

Parish News & Notice

7th Sunday of Easter : As we celebrate the 7th Sunday of Easter, the readings draw our attention to our Christian unity reflecting on the unity of the Most Holy Trinity.

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/5AOCwuzTdT0OFINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> or MCN: <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-osburgs-church-coventry> See website for more information: <https://sto-cov.org.uk/live-streaming/>

First Holy Communion: Our Children of year 3 of St. Osburg's Primary School will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 10:30am. We pray for them.

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.

Reading rota June-Oct 2024

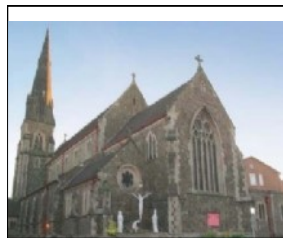
Readers thank you for your ministry. Please collect the latest reading rota from the sacristy.

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.

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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'MAY THEY BE ONE LIKE US'

Unity is one of the core values of any society that wishes to promote the common good for every member. It is commonly said 'unity is strength'. Sometimes, it is said, 'United we stand and divided we fall.' Any human society, be it family, an economic group or political organization, should be united in a common interest for its survival and continuity. The evils of selfishness, greed, favoritism and pride should be put aside in order to realize this unity. We should focus on the common good for all and implement a balance of ideas and plans which can serve the needs of all people, including those who are considered insignificant within our societal settings. We should promote social justice in all respects, in order for everyone to live meaningful lives. Above all, as Christians, we should follow what our Lord Jesus has taught his disciples. We follow the prayer he offered to His heavenly Father saying, 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us' (Jn17:11-19). Our Lord Jesus instructed his disciples to be united if the mission he left for them was to be accomplished. May we, as his followers, work together to build our faith and the practices of our sacramental commitment as celebrated daily in the Holy Eucharist. As we receive His Body daily in the Eucharist may we truly work for unity, love and truth. Let us witness the Risen Lord in our parish community, families and prayer groups by commitment and service to the parish. Our Catholic action should be real not just by words.

As we celebrate the 7th Sunday of Easter, the readings draw our attention to our Christian unity reflecting on the unity among the Three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity. The Lord Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father for unity among his disciples as a prerequisite of true discipleship. The disciples' unity would manifest as true witness and love. In today's first reading, Saint Peter asked the disciples to elect among them someone who would replace Judas Iscariot who had chosen to go to his proper place. This shows the sense of organization and unity among the disciples of the Lord. They were guided by prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit to elect Matthias. There was no politicking and they were entrusted to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May our families, communities and parishes be guided by prayer and Holy Spirit, and not by our human calculations and interests. As Saint John has emphasized, 'God is love, and anyone who lives in love lives in God.' It would be logical right that anyone who promotes division, gossip and favoritism does not live in God. May we therefore promote peace, love, truth and unity in our day-to-day living.

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 if you have any concern.*

Parish Income

Gift aid: £92.55 Loose £358.07 Dona £264 Total £714.62

Candles £95.08 Church Maintenance £85.27 B&R Mass £41.89

Hall Hire £305.00 Rent £ Piety Stall £

Thank you for your generosity.

Today, there is second collection for Catholic Communication .

April 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 377 T McGee

2nd Prize: 428 J Rodrigues

3rd Prize: 533 A Fenton

Maintenance of the Church: Please make your donations to maintain the church in the usual box at the wall. Thank you.

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 & Benedict.** 07906124756

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 12TH -19TH MAY 2024

Sat 11	04:30pm	Bernadette Armstrong RIP Margaret Conway (get well)
Sun 12	11:30am	People of the Parish John De Mello RIP birthday memorial Deceased members of Pereira Demello & Rodrigues family. James McTigue RIP
	06:00pm	Josephine McAloon birthday intention Ian Duffy (get well)
Mon 13	12:10pm	Justine Idehen—birthday int. Idehen family int.
Tue 14	09:00am	Roy Mortan RIP
Wed 15	12:10pm	Catherine Wilson sp int. Edward O'Malley sp. Int.
Thur 16	12:10pm	
Fri 17	12:10pm	
Sat 18	10:30am	First Holy Communion—School Year 3
	04:30pm	
Sun 19	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: 6:00pm—Vivien / Marie

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

Kate Agnes Edden, & Beckett Leonard Joseph

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.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 25th May: Please more room for seats in the couch at **St. Elizabeth Parish,** call Annet on 07903070940 for booking.

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