

Parish News & Notice

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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 online.

The contactless Dona machine at the church is not working well, please for the moment use your phone, computer or tablet for the donations by scanning the Q code on the Newsletter.

Apostles of Jesus & Evangelizing Sisters of Mary missionaries: The members of these Religious Orders will celebrate their Founders Day on 30th July at St. Osburg's Parish. All are invited. The Mass will start at 12:10pm and thereafter refreshments at the Parish Hall. There will be a collection during the Mass for the formation of Sisters and Priests in Africa.

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 every Sunday at 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/>

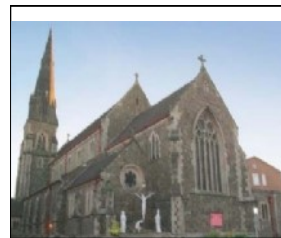
Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday and Saturday. Vespers and Benediction are on the First Thursday of every month and on the Last Sunday of every month @ 6pm.

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

ADORATION & BENEDICTION every Sunday at 5:00PM; please come and join us.
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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"CHRISTIANITY AND GENEROSITY!"

One of the core virtues of Christian faith is generosity. Right from the beginning of the infant Church, as reflected in the Acts of Apostles, everyone's needs were taken care of and they shared everything in common. 'The whole community of believers was one in heart and mind. No one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but rather they shared all things in common' (Acts 4:32). More recently in the 19th Century, Christians in Europe and America supported the young churches in Africa and Asia with their material donations and in turn they have now become the great hope for the growing population of Christians in the world. The Lord uses us as His instruments to expand His Kingdom of love, peace, justice and compassion. We are, therefore, called to cooperate with him by following the Gospel values of justice, peace and generosity. In our modern days the spirit of generosity is unfortunately dwindling due to the ideas of capitalism, secularism and materialism. As Christians, we are called to denounce these evils and adhere to the Gospel values of Christ.

As we celebrate the 17th Sunday, the theme of the Scriptural readings invites us to trust in God's providence and be generous. All that we possess is from God and we should take note of the less fortunate people in our society. In the first reading from the book of 2 Kings (2Kings4:42-44), a man brought the Prophet Elisha the first fruits of his harvest. This was an act of generosity and showed his gratitude to God. At the same time, the prophet used them to feed a hundred men who were hungry. The same lesson is echoed in the gospel (Jn6:1-15), when Jesus fed the five thousand people from five loaves and two fish which were offered by a small boy. The boy in the gospel and the man in the first reading are clear examples of generous people. We should therefore learn from their example and be generous in life. These events foretold of the Sacrament of the Eucharist which was instituted by the Lord Jesus during the Last Supper. Today, we continue to celebrate and receive daily. If we truly receive Holy Communion daily to imitate Christ's generosity, we should then respect, love and care for everyone regardless of origin and background. As we provide for the material needs for the poor, we will then satisfy the deeper hunger for justice, peace, love and compassion. May the Lord touch our hearts and minds to be generous in all aspects of our lives. We shall then fulfil and confirm what Saint Paul said when he asks us to live in unity and love. 'Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together' (Eph4:3).

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£68 Loose£575.18 Dona£175 Total£818.18
Candles£76.52 Church Maintenance£47.37
Hall Hire£ Rent£ Piety Stall£

Thank you for your generosity.

July 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 014 M Fernandes
2nd Prize: 165 S Fernandes
3rd Prize: 263 S Thomas

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 28TH JULY -05TH AUGUST 2024

Sat 27	04:30pm	Tim Connelly RIP Pat Cox Sp int. Ann Irwin—Thanksgiving
Sun 28	11:30am	People of the Parish Adelina Sp. Int. Wieslaw Jendizejczyk RIP
	06:00pm	Martin McMenamin RIP & Mary Clancy RIP Mieczyslaw Powlus & parents RIP
Mon 29	12:10pm	Thomas Pinto RIP Peter Knox RIP
Tue 30	12:10pm	Apostles of Jesus and Evang. Sisters of Mary Missionaries Int. Annett Mulvena RIP Daniel O'Shea's int.
Wed 31	12:10pm	Elizabeth Wiltshire RIP Brian Davis sp int.
Thur 01	12:10pm	Zofia & Stanislaw Pyclik & sons Bernadette Moss birthday int.
Fri 02	12:10pm	John & Felicity Holland Golden wedding Anniv. Dennis Tynan –get well int.
Sat 03	11:45am	
	04:30pm	Lorna & Jane sp int.
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

Saturday:
Eucharistic minister: Catherine/ Agnelo/ Bernadette/ Maggie
Sunday Mass at 6:00pm

Readers: C . Christine & Jonathan
Eucharistic minister: 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

Peter Noel, James Anthony, Slevin James, Teodoro Caldarolo, and Neil Anthony.

Death Announcement: **Mary Cassidy**, died recently and we pray for her and the family.

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