

Parish News & Notice

1st Sunday of Advent: As we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent, the readings invite us to be awake as we await the Lord's coming.

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.myдона.com/st-osburgs-rc-church> or use the QR code. You can also gift aid all donations.

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/5AOCwuzTdT0OFINBwRwwmBxvtgayKS0BNIK1vZN7> 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 6pm of every month and on every Sunday @ 5pm.

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

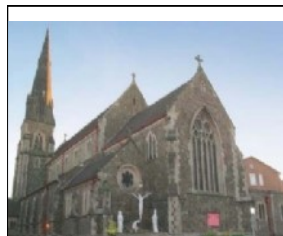
Piety Stall—New items; Mass cards for all occasions, including Christmas cards, Christmas Mass cards, 2025 Calendars & Diaries, Gifts Christmas Candles order of Mass leaflets, Statues, Rosary beads, candles plus many other items.

NOTE: The Piety Stall is open for sales on Saturday Evening Mass and Sunday Morning Mass

Deanery Crib Blessing; It will take place on Sunday 1st December—Coventry City Broad gate at 04:00PM. All are invited to attend.

The Parish Hall: can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoors games. Please, call the Parish Number for bookings Tel: 02476220402. Weekends; 4pm to 10:30pm and Weekdays from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday.

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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STAY AWAKE!

The Season of Advent prepares us for the coming of the Lord. It is a period of waiting for the great event of our salvation. The Word of God is alive and active among us. We are invited to wait for the Word to take root in our hearts, families, parish and in the world. Who is this Word? He is Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. He comes to us in the Holy Scriptures and also daily in the Sacraments. The question posed today is, how do we prepare to celebrate the great event of his immediate and second coming at the end of time? Also, do we live each day in our modern world with this great expectation? In the normal rhythm of life, we prepare for the great events of life such as the graduation of students, a wedding day for engaged couples, the results of an election and announcements of innovation and discovery in scientific research. It is by experiencing such events that individuals are fulfilled. However, above all else we need spiritual fulfilment during our life's journey. Spiritual fulfilment propels us towards acting for the greater good and is achieved by living in accordance to the commandments of the Word of God. One of the best ways to attain this is to be spiritually awake. Our readiness to do the will of God is to be morally, socially and spiritually alert. The Advent season invites us to carry out a self-evaluation, or examination of conscience, daily so that we may be worthy to meet the Lord when he comes.

As we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent, the readings invite us to be awake as we await the Lord's coming. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah gives hope to the Israelites about the righteous reign of a leader in the future. 'In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land' (Jr33:15). This was pointing to the coming of Jesus who would establish the Kingdom of justice and peace on earth. The gospel warns about the lack of preparedness whilst waiting for the Lord's second coming. 'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.' (Lk21:34). We are invited to stand ready for the Lord's coming with a holiness of attitude and actions. We should avoid reckless behaviour. Saint Paul affirms this in today's second reading when he says, 'Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints' (1Thess3:12-13). Advent is a season for reaffirming our faith and our Christian practices.

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Parish Safeguarding Representative:

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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 £132.40 Loose £428.75 Dona plate £146 Total £707.15

Candles £66.44 Church Maintenance £131.73

Hall Hire £95 Rent £ Piety Stall £130 Donation £552

Second collection £156.41

Thank you for your generosity.

Today there is second collection for Catholic Youth Service

Today, there is second collection for the Apostles of Jesus seminarians in Africa (Formation houses in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania).

November 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 010 K Joyce

2nd Prize: 158 A Hamilton

3rd Prize: 271 Williams

The New Lectionary: I thank the two parishioners who have contributed to buy the New Lectionary Volumes: I request for more support to get the other volumes of the Mass books. ***We need four more volumes for the Cyle year A, B, & C Mass Books. Please I encourage all to use the new books for active participation in the Liturgy. I would like to thank the family that has donated £500 for the 2nd Volume year C of Mass Books.***

Maintenance of the Church: Please make your donations to keep our church warm during this winter in the usual box at the wall. Thank you.

Apostles of Jesus Missionaries: There will be a second collection on 30th November and 1st December to support the seminarians of the Apostles of Jesus in Nairobi - Kenya - Africa. Please pray and support them.

Christmas Bazaar: This will be on Saturday 14th December. Please, bring bottles, for Bric-a -Brac, Prizes, valuable items for sale. The Raffle tickets are on sale at least buy a booklet.

Catholic Herald Magazine is back in our parish: Please buy a copy for reflections on our faith and Church. Each copy is £5.

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

MASS TIMES DURING 1ST – 8TH DEC 2024

Sat 30	04:30pm	Lyn Sp. Int. Mrs Karekla, M. Pickering & E. Nielson sp int. Ann Fenton sp int.
Sun 01	11:30am	People of the Parish Qinbao Li's deceased family members Michael & Eileen Needam sp int.
	06:00pm	Fr. Pontius Sp int.
Mon 02	12:10pm	Sylvia Moore sp int Grand parents sp int
Tue 03	12:10pm	Karen Hart RIP 3rd Anniv Michael & Teresa Mulrine Sp int.
Wed 04	12:10pm	Tony Bain RIP Stewart & Janet Davis Sp int.
Thur 05	12:10pm	Bernadette Moss sp int. Rita Bain sp int.
Fri 06	12:10pm	Roman Pietrzykowski birthday memorial Francie O'Grady Christmas int.
Sat 07	11:45am	Peter Fahey sp int. Bridie Mc Dermottand and Marie Christmas int.
	04:30pm	Betty Clark RIP Ann Fenton sp int
Sun 08	11:30am	People of the Parish Kitty Ledwith Christmas int. Mary Whitehouse Christmas int.
	06:00pm	Seamus Butler RIP

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 those who are sick in the parish community.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Margaret Hastings, Zigmias Bentley, Karen Morton, Flood Joseph Anthony, & Joycelyn C, Caffery

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.