

Parish News & Notice

2nd Sunday : As we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of ordinary time, the readings remind us to reflect on the mystery of God's love for humanity as depicted by spousal love.

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 Mass 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, 2025 Calendars & Diaries, Gifts Mass cards for various intentions, Candles order of Mass leaflets, Statues, Rosary beads, Holy water bottles Devotional gifts, candles plus many other items.

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

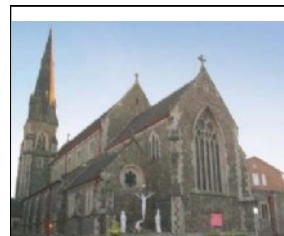
The Parish Hall: can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoors games. Please, call the Parish Number for bookings Tel: **02476220402. Weekends; from 5:30pm Saturday & Sunday 7pm to 10:30pm and Weekdays from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday.**

For the time being bookings are suspended until further notice apart from those already booked.

The Readers Retreat of the Deanery will be at St. Osburg's on 25th January 2025 From 9:30am to 1:00pm. Please, I encourage all who take readings at church to attend. There will be Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Talks, Soup and Sandwiches.

Parish Pastoral Council formation Meeting : Those who are issued invitation letters please, endeavour to attend on Thursday 23rd January 2025. at 6:00pm.

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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'THEY HAVE NO WINE'

The joy of marriage and family life is expressed in all cultures and traditions, including even those communities that are considered to be primitive when judged by modern standards. This is so because marriage, and the resulting family life, is a divinely instituted entity existing for His eternal glory and for the continuity of human race. It is within the family setting that moral, spiritual and social values are passed on to the subsequent generations. As Christians, we need to promote the gifts of family life and guide against the evils that can destroy this divinely instituted unit in life. It is not unheard of today that many families undergo various challenges such as unfaithfulness, disagreements, lack of generosity, resentment, fear, exploitation, violence and even severed relationships. Such situations undermine the sanctity and fundamental values of the family. When faced with such challenges, we need to invite Jesus and Mary into our families. Sometimes the wine of love, respect and forgiveness runs out during our journey of family life. It is then that we need to call upon the Lord to fill our empty pots with his living water of the Spirit.

As we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of ordinary time, the readings remind us to reflect on the mystery of God's love for humanity as depicted by spousal love. The love between a man and a woman in a Catholic marriage is to resemble that love which God has for His creation. This love is infinite and unconditional. The prophet Isaiah mentions this clearly saying, 'For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you' (Is62:5). Today's Gospel confirms God's love for humanity. Jesus performed one of his first miracles at the wedding in Cana, located in Galilee. This was to confirm the dignity and centrality of marriage in the human community. The Lord blessed the relationship in that marriage with the provision of the best wine. It was also pointing to the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. To 'confirm His divine authority, His mother Mary, said, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' Addressing Mary as 'woman' could be interpreted as showing a lack of respect for his mother. However, the deeper meaning was that Mary represents the human race redeemed by her Son. Even at the foot of cross, he said 'Woman this is your son', meaning John. At the same time he was handing the rest of his followers into her maternal care. The Mother of the Lord, continues to intercede for our Church and families, just as she did at the wedding when the wine of the feast ran out. We need to entrust our families, communities and the world into the loving care of the Lord. We need to read the signs of the time to do better and to fill our vessels with faith, love, patience, peace, justice, mercy, humility and hope. We should not let envy, jealousy, unfaithfulness, fear, anger, disrespect, grudges and pride empty the graceful vessels of life.

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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£102 **Loose**£377.70 **Dona plate**£186 **Total** £663.70
Candles£129 **Church Maintenance**£99.95 **Crib money**£35.85
Hall Hire£410 **Rent**£ **Piety Stall**£ **Donation**£410

*I would thank the **parishioners** who have donated **£310 & £100** to the parish fund. May the Lord bless their intentions.*

Thank you for your generosity.

December 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 002 A DeMello
2nd Prize: 103 LL Cassidy
3rd Prize: 246 McGee

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.*

Donation for the New Parish Mass Books: Anyone willing to donate £5 per book in memory of a beloved one, please do so. The name will be inserted in the book.

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.

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

Pilgrims of Hope Booklets: The Jubilee Year 2025. please pick a copy for the reflections in the year of Jubilee 2025.

Thank you for the Christmas gifts to the clergy.

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

MASS TIMES DURING 19TH– 26TH JAN 2025

Sat 18	04:30pm	Garry Bryne RIP Colm Doherty RIP
Sun 19	11:30am	People of the Parish Carol Weeks sp int.
	06:00pm	Pat Hand RIP
Mon 20	12:10pm	Clare Amplett RIP Tom Knowles may
Tue 21	10:00am	Funeral –Lynne Veronica Lynch RIP
Wed 22	12:10pm	Deceased members of McCooley family Lou & Noreen Holness sp int.
Thur 23	12:10pm	M & B. Brennan sp int. For the children of the world.
Fri 24	12:10pm	Carol Connor & family sp int. Michael Bromell RIP
Sat 25	11:45am	Ann Tourville Birthday int. Padraig Murray Birthday int.
	04:30pm	Family & friends sp int.
Sun 26	11:30am	People of the parish Josie McGrath—Birthday int.
	06:00pm	

Sacramental preparations: Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and **RCIA lessons , resume on 10th January 2025** : Meeting every Friday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Lectors 4:30pm & 11:30am

Saturday:

Sunday:

Eucharistic ministers: Catherine/ Agnelo/ Bernadette/ Maggie /Catherine

Sunday Mass at 6:00pm

Readers: Jonathan, Anne, Christine & Janet **Eucharistic ministers:** 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:

Teresa Gill, Robert Brady, & Joan Handbury

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.

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