

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.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

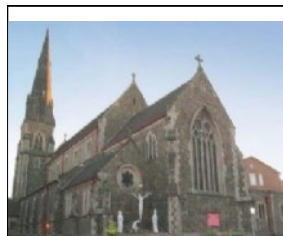
The Parish Hall: can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoors games. Please, call the Parish Number for bookings Tel: **02476220402. Weekends; from 5:30pm Saturday & Sunday 7pm to 10:30pm and Weekdays from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday.**

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

The Young Adults Meeting: *This will take place on Tuesday 28th January at 7pm. Venue, at St. Osburg's Presbytery -Reading Room, ground floor. There will be a guest speaker on "Living the Beatitudes"*

Parish Pastoral Council formation Meeting : *I would like to thank all those who had turned up for the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council formation. I congratulate all those have been elected to the Council. They will be commissioned on the first Sunday of February 2025 during the 11:30am Mass. We pray for them to work hand in hand with the Clergy to bring the Mission of Christ a reality in the parish community guided by the Diocesan Vision.*

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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'TODAY THE SCRIPTURE HAS BEEN FULFILLED'

Most often in life, we long for total freedom and liberation, especially when we are experiencing the hardships of life. These hardships can include, among others, economic, social and spiritual hardships. It is sometimes thought that things will get better in the future, especially for those faced with challenges of war and violence. However, as Christians, we are faced with constant spiritual warfare. The challenge between good and evil within us, or from external forces, is a fact of everyday living. Our habits, thoughts and inclinations can directly contradict God's law of love in us. An example of this is if we become less concerned with each other within a family or a community. We can even entertain thoughts such as hatred, revenge, resentment, or an addiction to the dislike of certain people. In such situations we are deeply enslaved. We need, therefore, the Word of God to touch our hearts and minds to liberate us from the bondage of evil impulses. According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, "Liberation from evil (sin) is achieved through aligning oneself with God's grace and living a virtuous life, as evil is essentially a privation of good." The best way to align with God's grace is through prayer and meditating upon the Holy Scripture. May we, therefore, deepen our love for God's word in the scriptures in order to shape our lives.

On this 3rd Sunday of the year, the readings remind us to reflect on God's Word which transforms and guides us along the path to holiness. Just as in the first reading, from the book of Nehemiah, as Ezra read the book of the law, all the people wept as they heard the words of the law (Neh8:9). It was an indication that they were touched and it recalled how far they had drifted from the law. They needed total transformation of their lives. The same is echoed in the gospel. As Jesus went to the synagogue, he was given a text to read from the prophet Isaiah which fulfilled his mission for the salvation of mankind. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim year of the Lord's favour"(Lk4:18-19). This was confirming Jesus' mission to this world. These words are relevant in our modern world that is rocked with the evils of materialism, secularism, individualism and capitalism. Such evils can make us blind, or cause us to live in unjust situations, which bring about suffering to so many members of human society. We should follow the instructions that Saint Paul gives us in the second reading, "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."(1Cor12:1-2). We should therefore be united in love and in the Spirit. (Lk4:14-21)

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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 [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£192.84 **Loose**£381.66 **Dona plate**£174**Total** £748.50
Candles£110.36 **Church Maintenance**£58.90
Hall Hire£245 **Rent**£ **Piety Stall**£ **Donation**£500 (in memory of Hellen Gough)
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 the 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.

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

MASS TIMES DURING 26TH JAN -2ND FEB 2025

Sat 25	04:30pm	Finton Ledwith RIP
Sun 26	11:30am	People of the Parish Josie McGrath—Birthday int.
	06:00pm	
Mon 27	12:10pm	Baily Read RIP
Tue 28	12:10pm	Kate (Thanksgiving for God's protection and mercy)
Wed 29	12:10pm	Tom O'Brien RIP
Thur 30	10:00am	Funeral
	12:10pm	
Fri 31	12:10pm	John Ogilvie RIP Finton Ledwith RIP
Sat 01	11:45am	Deidre & John H birthday intentions
	04:30pm	Tom O'Brien RIP Lorraine Kennedy
Sun 02	11:30am	People of the parish Ronald Smith RIP
	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:

Brigid P Tubbritt, Convey Bridget Mary, Geraldine Roger, William G Sheridan, Patrick Griffin, Christine Upton, Michael McCarthy, Liliana Odjo, Mary Dawson, Isabel O'Loughlin, & Peter Maher.

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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