

### Parish News & Notice

**Sixth Sunday:** As we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings invite us to focus on true happiness and blessedness granted by God and not be in pursuit of material possessions.

**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.

**Young Adults meeting:** Next meeting at St. Osburg's Presbytery on 18th February 2025. At 7:00pm.

### 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, 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 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, 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.

**Presbytery Rooms for student accommodation :** Any single student looking for accommodation; please call the parish office number.

### The Parish Pastoral Council Structure: - St. Osburg's 2025

**The President—Parish Priest : Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ**

**Vice—President—Ass. Priest: Fr. Evaristus Sunday AJ**

**Chair—Tina Lanigan**

**Vice—Chair Anthony Iheanacho**

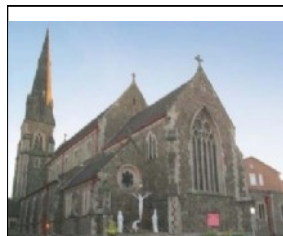
**Secretary—Annie McLellan**

**Vice—Secretary—Curtis McLellan**

**Treasurer— John Collins**

**Members of the council: Tina, Anthony, Pat, John C, Cathrine W, Martin M, Karen L, Maggie G, Joan, Patsy, Janet W, H/Teacher and the two priests. [14]**

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

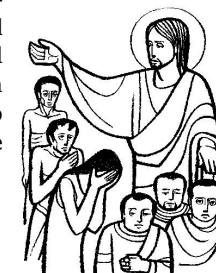
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### “BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR”

Material poverty is privation and detrimental to life. It must be curbed by all the caring and loving members of the world's society. It is possible that a section of human society has more than it needs for the facilitation of life, while another section lives below the poverty line. Such imbalances in the socio-economic world order must be addressed by the international humanitarian bodies. These organisations can effectively work and attend to human needs, with honesty and sincerity, when the Christian values of the Beatitudes are applied. Most often people emphasize material prosperity and the accumulation of wealth for material security. In doing so peace, justice, honesty and respect for human dignity are sometimes placed in jeopardy. As Christians, we are called to entrust our lives and hopes in God who is the ultimate provider of our needs, both material and spiritual. Spiritual poverty can be avoided by our sincere and faithful dependence on the Lord's promises. Who we are and what we have, are granted to us by our loving Father. We should, therefore, be generous and charitable during our life's journey.

As we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings invite us to focus on true happiness and blessedness granted by God and not be in pursuit of material possessions. The responsorial psalm says; 'Blessed is the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.' On the same lesson, the Prophet Jeremiah says, 'Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord' (Jer17:7). These phrases pose very serious, spiritual questions in our minds. In this modern and busy world, where do we place our trust? When we face challenges in marriage, at our work place and in our faith practice where do we turn? Today's gospel also gives an additional lesson when Jesus says, 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you..... on account of the name Son of Man.' (Lk6:20-22). The poor are blessed or happy, because they place their trust in God, but not in man or wealth. When we place our trust in God, the aspects of selfishness, pride, envy and greed will diminish in our minds and hearts. On the contrary, if we feel we are self-sustaining and capable of planning and handling our human issues alone, we shall not then seek the face of the Lord in our human events. We become rich in our earthly undertakings and push religion away from our life. We then miss the spiritual riches, the eternal kingdom, and never become satisfied with what the world has to offer. May we, therefore, place all hope in the Lord as we journey in this world. We also need to reflect on the words of Saint Augustine of Hippo (+430AD), who said, 'Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you'.

Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ



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**Asst: Fr. Sunday AJ**

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:**

**St. Osburg's Primary School**, Upper Hill Street Coventry CV1 4AP.  
Tel 024 7622 7165  
**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**Parish Income**

**Gift aid £75 Loose £447.87 Dona plate £115 Total £637.87**

**Candles £51.99 Church Maintenance £162.44**

**Hall Hire £60 Rent £450 Donation £**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**January 2025 Winners of 300 Club**

**1st Prize: 048 A Rodrigues**

**2nd Prize: 158 A Hamilton**

**3rd Prize: 289 B Brennan**

**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.**

**The Jubilee Year**

*Lenten sessions on 'Pilgrims of hope on the synodal pathway'*

Pope Francis said, "It is precisely the path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium". This Lent, you are invited to explore with others what it means to be a pilgrim of hope making this synodal journey and what significance the current Jubilee Year has in deepening our understanding of the working of the Holy Spirit at this time in our history. This faith exploration will take place over four Monday evening sessions at **St Osburg's Parish Hall on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**. Sessions will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please register your interest in these sessions, by contacting one of the following: **Barbara McGowan – 07528644617 Paschal Somers – 07403625292**  
The deadline for registration is **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.



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

**MASS TIMES DURING 16TH– 23RD FEB 2025**

Sat 15	04:30pm	Martin Shally RIP & PJ Fowler RIP Jordan John Gregory The Mandlin family & Private intentions
Sun 16	11:30am	People of the Parish Helen, Lou & Moreen McCooley ( get well)
	06:00	Lorraine Kennedy RIP Private intention.
Mon 17	12:10pm	Nora Mc Grane birthday int.
Tue 18	12:10pm	
Wed 19	12:10pm	
Thur 20	12:10pm	
Fri 21	12:10pm	Margaret Garatt Birthday int.
Sat 22	11:45am	
	04:30pm	Maragret Doyle RIP Pat Doyle sp int.
Sun 23	11:30am	People of the parish Thanksgiving and Holy Souls
	06:00pm	

**Sacramental preparations:** Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and **RCIA lessons:** 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:**

Gregory John Jordan, Josie Kennedy, & Joseph Formosa.

**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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