

## Parish News & Notice

**Seventh Sunday:** As we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings remind to be merciful in life. We are encouraged to promote peace and justice. We are expected to cultivate the virtue of compassion



**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, and every Sunday at 5:00pm. I encourage all parishioners to attend.

**Livestream:** YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdT0OFINBwRwwmBxvtqayKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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)**

**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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### **BE MERCIFUL EVEN AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL.**

One of the greatest challenges of human formation is how to manage anger and establish emotional equilibrium. Many families, communities and organisations have continued to experience difficulties from members who fail to manage their emotional outbursts. As Christians we are supposed to be beacons of hope and mercy in a very challenging world. We should be able to control and manage our feelings and thoughts during the most difficult times. 'We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world' (Matt5:13-14). On another occasion, Jesus told Peter of the need to forgive many times. When Peter asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive, my brother when he sins against me? Seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you not seven times, but seventy-seven times' (Matt18:22). Our Christian principle of life is to promote forgiveness and peace. This reality becomes hard at times because we are controlled by unmanageable emotions and ungraceful responses to some challenging situations. The underpinning reality of Christian faith is forgiveness. If we fail to forgive, then we fail to meet Christian standards of living. The heavenly Father has forgiven us through Jesus Christ, therefore, as members of his mystical body, we should be guided by the virtue of forgiveness.

As we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings remind us to be merciful in life. We are encouraged to promote peace and justice. We are expected to cultivate the virtue of compassion. We should treat those who hurt us with a Christian spirit of forgiveness. At the crucifixion, Jesus forgave his executioners. Saying, 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do' (Lk23:34). In the first reading today, David forgave Saul who was pursuing him to be killed. David had the opportunity to kill him but instead, he said 'Do not destroy him, for who can put his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?' David's faith in the Lord was strong. He again said, 'The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness.' The gospel echoes a similar lesson. Jesus said, 'Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you and bless those who curse you, and pray for those who abuse you' (Lk6:27-28). It is commonly said that violence breeds violence. We are called to balance the situations of life with reason, faith and the law of love. As Saint Paul has mentioned in the second reading, we should be guided by the Spirit as we are made in the image of heaven. May we allow the Holy Spirit lead us life.

**Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ**



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**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 £56 Loose £482.01 Dona plate £163 Total £701.01**

**Candles £77.01 Church Maintenance £31.24**

**Hall Hire £210 Rent £ Donation £ Friday Lunch: £300.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Next Sunday, there will be second collection for Cathedral maintenance**

**February 2025 Winners of 300 Club**

**1st Prize: 034 T McGinley**

**2nd Prize: 145 J McGrogan**

**3rd Prize: 238 Y Trickett**

**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*



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

**MASS TIMES DURING 23RD FEB-2ND MARCH 2025**

Sat 22 04:30pm Maragret Doyle RIP  
Pat Doyle sp int

Sun 23 11:30am People of the Parish  
Thanksgiving and Holy Souls  
Lorna Sheilds RIP

06:00 Sheila Downey RIP

Mon 24 12:10pm Felicity & Chnedu sp int.  
Husband & Son sp int.

Tue 25 10:00am **Funeral - Mary Patricia Woods**

12:10pm Husband & Son sp int.

Wed 26 12:10pm Husband & Son sp int.  
Dn Pat Flannagan RIP

Thur 27 10:30am **Funeral—Peter Joseph Clyne**

12:10pm

Fri 28 12:10pm Husband & Son sp int.  
Thomas Pinto RIP

Sat 01 11:45am Husband & Son sp int.

04:30pm John Vaughan RIP  
Marrela sp int.

Sun 02 11:30am People of the parish  
Terence Mark sp int.

06:00pm Mareela Sp int.

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

Thomas Christopher, James Walsh, Robert Anderson, & Barbara O'Donnell

**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.