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Sunday 2nd March 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sat 1st	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	John Vaughan - RIP
Sun 2nd				Marrela - Sp Int
				Coleman McDonagh - RIP
		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
				Terence Mark - Sp Int
				Nancy Keogh - RIP
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Marrela - Sp Int
				Li's - Sp Int
Mon 3rd	Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Husband and son - Sp Int
Tue 4th	St Casimir	12:10pm	Mass	Stewart and Janet - Sp Int
				Andy Davis - Sp Int
Wed 5th	Ash Wednesday	9:10am	Mass	Children's Mass
		12:10pm	Mass	Denis Tynan - Sp Int
				Deacon Pat Flannagan - RIP
		6:00pm	Mass	Michael Lanigan - RIP
Thu 6th	Lent	12:10pm	Mass	
Fri 7th	Ss Perpetua & Felicity	12:10pm	Mass	
Sat 8th	St John of God	11:45am	Mass	
	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Richard Walker - RIP
				Anthony Edward - RIP
Sun 9th			11:30am	Mass
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Adna Fernandes - B.day Int

CAN A BLIND MAN LEAD A BLIND MAN?

It is commonly said that no person has a monopoly of knowledge or truth. We should, therefore, be slow to condemn or judge anybody. This aspect calls for humility and an openness to learn and take advice from other people. Most often in life, we are quick to act and judge other people's actions or behaviour, forgetting our own shortcomings and faults. Advice and correction are good points of growth but should not be used in a conclusive and judgemental way. Unfortunately, this is the case in most instances. As Christians, we should lead by example and authentically follow the gospel of Christ and not succumb to human whims and calculations. It is also possible that we may be tempted to twist Christian principles to suit our modern ideologies or inclinations, thus becoming the blind leading the blind, by following what is not the truth of the gospel values of Christ. Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (Jn14:6). Do we truly follow his teachings as a guide for our decisions in life? As we celebrate the 8th Sunday, the readings remind us not to judge others. As in the first reading, the book of Sirach says 'Do not praise a man before you hear him reason...' (Sir27:7). Our inner thoughts should be reflected in our external actions. We should not be taken by a physical appearance or by what someone claims to be. Today's gospel echoes the same lesson, that we should be slow to judge others, because we ourselves can also make similar mistakes to those which we are quick to identify in others. The Lord Jesus said, 'Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?' (Lk6:41). This excerpt underpins the fact that there are those who claim to be righteous in the eyes of other people and yet they have lots of defects in their own moral and spiritual life. This was the case with the Pharisees and Scribes of Jesus's time. Such people are blind guides in the moral and spiritual aspects of life, while they are in fact blind themselves in the aspects of truth, justice and sincerity. May we, therefore, be honest and sincere in approaching life's issues regarding our true and authentic Christian living. **Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ**

Lectors:	Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity				
Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette	Sun 11:30am - Sharlene / Chris	Gift aid:	£ 173.00	Candles	£ 88.40
	Sun 6:00pm -	Loose:	£ 438.12	Maintenance	£ 15.22
Eucharistic Ministers:		Dona plate:	£ 227.00	Hall Hire	£ 315.00
Maggie, Catherine, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette				Donation	£100.00
		Total:	£ 838.12		

PARISH INFORMATION, NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays after 12:10pm mass and Saturday after 11:45am mass

Adoration: Fridays and Saturdays: 10:45am - 11:45am
Every Sunday at 5:00pm
First Thursday of every month at 5:00pm

Devotions: Rosary is prayed after daily masses in the church
Vespers and Benediction - First Thursday of each month and every Sunday at 5:00pm

Sacramental Preparations: Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage - RCIA meeting every Friday 5pm - 7pm

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Barbara O'Donnell—John Chalmers - Brian Farich - Ruth McCamphill
Edward McEntee

Please pray for those who are sick in the parish and community

Prayer Groups - You are invited to join:

Legion of Mary - Every Thursday at 6:00pm
Holy Face of Jesus Devotion - Every Tuesday at 6:30pm
Bible Study / Prayer Group - Every Monday at 7:00pm
Rosa Mystica - On 13th of every month 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Young Adults Group (aged 18 - 35) - You are invited to join:

The young adults group meeting - next meeting on 11th March at 7:00pm at St. Osburg's. All are welcome - Refreshments provided

Jubilee Year: Lenten sessions on 'Pilgrims of hope on the synodal pathway' - This Lent, you are invited to explore with others what it means to be a Pilgrim of hope. This faith exploration will take place over four Monday evening sessions at St. Osburg's Parish Hall on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 2025 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

To register your interest please contact: Barbara McGowan - 07528 44617 or Paschal Somers: 07403 625292 by Monday 24th February

Lent - Ash Wednesday 5th March -The sign of the cross is made with ashes on the forehead, accompanied by the words: "Repent and believe in the Good News" or "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Lent is traditionally a 40 day fast - a reference to time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It is a time when we can prepare our hearts for the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death. The six-week period (excluding Sundays) is dedicated to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation of the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.

Livestream:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z14w3HQVdjg>
MCN: <https://mcn.live/Camera/st-osburgs-church-coventry>
Website: <https://sto-cov.org.uk/live-streaming/>

Contactless Payment: We have a machine to make your donations to support our parish using debit/credit cards using contactless in church or use the QR code
Also online at: <https://donate.myдона.com/st-osburgs-rc-church>



Parish Hall Hire - Please call 024 76 220402 to enquire
The parish hall can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoor games.
Available: Mon - Thu 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday 5:30pm - 10:30pm
Sunday 7:00pm - 10:30pm

Presbytery Rooms for Student Accommodation: Any single student looking for accommodation, please call 024 76 220402

Donation for New Parish Mass Books - Anyone willing to donate £5 per book in memory of a beloved or family intention, please do so and the name will be inserted in a mass book.

Maintenance of the Church - Please make donations to keep our church warm during this winter in the usual box in the wall at the back of the church or use the dona machine. Thank you.

Catholic Herald Magazine - Available at the back of church for £5

300 Club: New members are invited to join and support the parish
Please contact Pat C, Maria or Jesuina to join

Piety Stall: Items - Mass cards for all occasion and intentions - Candles - Order Of Mass leaflets - Statues - Rosary beads - gifts etc
Available: Saturday evening mass & Sunday morning mass

Coventry Comhaltas St. Patrick's Ceili

Friday 14th March 2025 8.00-11.30pm
Christ the King Club, Westhill Rd, Coventry CV6,2AA
Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band (with Caller)
Adults £5.00 Children £2.50
For details please contact PRO Jarlath Mulhern on 07876 013590

Safeguarding Statement:

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Anne Collins – 024 76 670304
Alternative contact: 0121 2306240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

St. Osburg's Primary School: Head Teacher - Mrs Nicola Rynott
Upper Hill Street, Coventry, CV1 4AP - Tel: 024 76 227165

Lent - Walk with me booklets available in the church - please take a copy - the donation for the booklet is £1

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

President	Parish Priest: Fr. Pontius Bandau 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:

Pat C, Catherine W, Martin M, Karen L, Patsy K, Maggie G, Joan, Janet W, Head Teacher - Nicola Rynott, Fr Pontius Bandau AJ and Fr Sunday Evaristus AJ. The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham - Reg. Charity No. 234216