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Sunday 16th March 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Sat 15th | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | 4:30pm | Vigil Mass | Jim Foley - RIP |
| Sun 16th | | 11:30am | Mass | People of the Parish |
| | | 5:00pm | Adoration | Adoration and Benediction |
| | | 6:00pm | Mass | |
| Mon 17th | Feast of St Patrick | 12:10pm | Mass | |
| Tue 18th | Lent Feria | 12:10pm | Mass | |
| Wed 19th | Solemnity of St Joseph | 12:10pm | Mass | |
| | | 6:00pm | Funeral Mass | Requiem Mass - David Alan Barton |
| Thu 20th | Lent Feria | 9:00am | Mass | School Mass |
| | | 12:10pm | Mass | |
| Fri 21st | Lent Feria | 12:10pm | Mass | |
| Sat 22nd | Lent Feria | 11:45am | Mass | |
| | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | 4:30pm | Vigil Mass | Jim Jordan - RIP |
| Sun 23rd | | 11:30am | Mass | People of the Parish |
| | | | | Vicky Fernands - B.day Int |
| | | | | Patrick Joseph Kelly - RIP Anniversary |
| | | 5:00pm | Adoration | Adoration and Benediction |
| | | 6:00pm | Mass | |

THIS IS MY SON, MY CHOSEN ONE; LISTEN TO HIM!

The transformation of our lives spiritually, and to pursue goodness or holiness in life's journey goes hand in hand with faith. Faith according to the teachings of the Church is 'a personal adherence of the whole man and woman to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words' (CCC 176). Considering this underpinning explanation of faith, therefore calls each one of us to make personal efforts to form our intellect with the grace of the Lord, to move beyond the material or physical experiences and place our whole being into the spiritual realm. This aspect of transcendence calls for formation, interest, desire, and meditation on the, mystery, majesty, or the glory of God aided by constant prayers. Many Biblical Patriarchs like Abraham, Isaac and Moses and the Saints in the history of the Church demonstrated this act of faith by their life examples. As Christians in the modern world, we are reminded to be transformed interiorly to believe and act according to the moral, social and spiritual values of the Gospel of Christ. Do we truly listen to the voice of Christ who has taught how to live in this world, or are we guided by our premeditated motives of life?

As we celebrate the 2nd Sunay of Lent, the readings invite us to meditate on the heavenly glories. The reflection and acknowledgement of heavenly realities form our attitudes and transform our personal and erroneous convictions. In the first reading (Gen15:5-12), when Abram was called, God pointed assured him of the bright future by pointing to the heavens and stars. The gaze at the stars gave Abram hope and transformed his attitude. As Christians today, we should gaze at Christ and his sacraments to get us to heaven, but in faith. The similar lesson is echoed in the gospel in the event of the transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36). When Jesus was praying, his appearance changed and clothes became dazzling white. It was an indication of the glory of God and heavenly manifestation. Undoubtedly, the event inculcated hope and confidence in the disciples who witnessed it. The presence of Moses, Elijah, and the voice from heaven, saying this is my Son, my Chosen one; listen to him' were all consoling and encouraging for the disciples. May we as Christians today, listen to the voice of Christ and focus on the loving presence of God in our day to day living. So, we can say 'the Lord is my light and my salvation.' **Fr Pontius Bandua AJ**

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| Lectors: Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette Sun 11:30am - Hope / Anne Sun 6:00pm - | Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity | | | |
| | Gift aid: | £ 78.00 | Candles | £ 58.79 |
| Eucharistic Ministers: Maggie, Catherine, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette | Loose: | £ 480.97 | Maintenance | £ 207.64 |
| | Dona plate: | £ 1,168.00 | Hall Hire | £ 420.00 |
| | | | Cathedral Main | £ 1.00 |
| | Total: | £ 1,726.97 | Donation | £ 200.00 |

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
Nuala Kelly, Anne Robertson, Nicolina Buonopane, Anne Howe
Please also 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 Wednesday 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 at 8th April.
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 Monday's 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 2025 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. To register



Your interest please contact: Barbara McGowan - 07528 644617 or Paschal Somers: 07403 625292 - all are welcome to join

Readers Meeting - In preparation for Holy Week
Saturday 5th April - 9:30am-11:30am at St Osburg's

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm

Second Sunday of Lent - 16th March: 'His face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.' (Luke 9:28-36)

Lord, may we see with our own eyes the beauty and splendour of your divine love. Grant us a foretaste of paradise, a foretaste of heaven.

Livestream:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl4w3HQVdjg>
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.

Thank you - Fr Pontius would like to personally thank those donors that gave £500 each through the donation machine for the parish funds. Thank you sincerely for your generosity.

CAFOD - Second Collection on Sunday 16th March

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

From the Dicastery for Evangelisation - In this Jubilee Year, the 12th edition of '24 Hours for the Lord', a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world. As with previous editions, the event will take place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, from **Friday 28th to Saturday 29th March**. This year's motto is 'You Are My Hope'. Churches across the Archdiocese of Birmingham are set to observe an extended time of Eucharistic Adoration within the parish alongside an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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| 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:

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