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Sunday 23rd March 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Date	Day	Time	Service	Intention
Sat 22nd		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Jordan- RIP - Johnny Jordan - Brian Jordan
Sun 23rd	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	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	
Mon 24th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Kevin Austin - RIP
Tue 25th	Solemnity-The Annunciation of the Lord	12:10pm	Mass	Xianfeng Li's - Spl Intention
Wed 26th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Xuexian Li's - Spl Intention
Thu 27th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	
		5:00pm	Reception	Reception of Edmund Leo Croke (Deceased)
Fri 28th	Lent Feria	11:00am	Funeral Service	Funeral Service - Edmund Leo Croke (Deceased)
		12:10pm	NO MASS	NO ADORATION - NO MASS
Sat 29th	Lent Feria	2:00pm	First Reconciliation	Year 3 - First Reconciliation
		11:45am	Mass	Thomas Pinto - RIP
		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Heffernan - Spl Intention
Sun 30th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			Brendan McGranahan - RIP
		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
				Breda Connors - Get Well
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	

A CALL TO REPENTANCE!

During the Lenten season we are called to do thorough self-examination of our thoughts, attitudes, emotions, feelings, and responses to the numerous life's encounters. The self-examination can be possible and effective if we truly acknowledge our weaknesses and the dark spots of our spiritual life. An authentic spiritual life determines our actions and characters or behaviours. A well-balanced spiritual person would be expected to be polite, disciplined, and obedient, because our spiritual life controls or moderates our external actions. Spiritual life is when we acknowledge the living presence of the Lord and act according to His Divine instructions. The Lenten season gives this graceful opportunity to rethink our direction of action. Do we truly act according to the holy will of the Lord? Do we act justly and honestly to our brothers and sisters? Are we generous with our resources to help the needy? Do we truly observe the teachings of the Church on moral, social, and doctrinal issues? It is when we fall short of these questions that we need to call for repentance and make a firm resolution to do better. The Lord gives us time to reform and live better lives based on His promises. As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us of God's infinite mercy and compassion. At the same time, we should be aware of the dangers of lack of repentance for our evil actions. In the first reading from the book of Exodus (Exodus 3:1-8, 13-14), Moses was called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery. The Lord revealed His identity as Holy and name, as 'I AM WHO I AM' when asked by Moses. He is always present, there is nothing hidden from him. Our actions should therefore reflect holy will, which in most cases unfortunately we do not follow. He forgives us and waits for us to change. The Psalmist says, Lord, if you mark our iniquities, Lord who would stand?' (Psalm 130:3). The same message of God's mercy is echoed in the Gospel. Jesus answered those who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in that way? (Lk 13:2). It was an indication that all had sinned. Nobody was guiltless. Everyone needed repentance. The Lord gives time for us to repent and form our ways to do better. As in the parable of the barren fig tree, we need to water, fertilize, and dig around the tree of our spiritual life by prayer and good actions. May the Lenten season enable to produce good fruits in life of peace, love, mercy, kindness, and honesty. *Fr Pontius Bandua AJ*

Lectors:		Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity			
Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette	Sun 11:30am - Maria / Hope	Gift aid:	£ 581.51	Candles	£ 46.26
	Sun 6:00pm -	Loose:	£ 333.59	Maintenance	£ 216.03
Eucharistic Ministers: Maggie, Catherine, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette		Dona plate:	£ 280.00	Cafod	£ 375.41
				Papers	£ 5.00
		Total:	£ 1,195.10	Donation	£ 100.00

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
John Joseph Brett, Eileen Rose McHugh, Mary Rose Dunham, Mary Angela Meagher, Ellen Walsh - **Pray also for the sick of the parish**

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 6:00pm
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 Tuesday 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 will take place on Saturday 5th April - 9:30am-11:30am at St Osburg's

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

Third Sunday of Lent - 23rd March: 'Then if it should bear fruit next Year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' (Luke 13:1-9)

RCIA Scrutiny - Sundays 23rd, 30th March & Sunday 6th April

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.

Thank you - Fr Pontius would like to personally thank the donor that gave £500 (gift aid) for the new parish books. Also, to the donor which gave a £100 donation. Thank you sincerely for your generosity

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

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