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**Sunday 6th April 2025**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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Sat 5th	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Sarah Salisbury - RIP
				Jenny Hopkins - RIP
Sun 6th		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Celedonio Millan - RIP
				Teresa O'Keefe - RIP
				Kevin O'Keefe - Get Well
Mon 7th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Yvonne Trickett - RIP
				Ann Fenton - Get Well
Tue 8th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Kevin Shakespeare - RIP
Wed 9th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Theresa Rynne - RIP
Thu 10th	Lent Feria	9:00am	Mass	School Mass
	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Curtis and Annie - Spl. Intention
Fri 11th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Qiubai Li's - Spl. Intention
				Aimei Maria Yu - RIP
Sat 12th	Lent Feria	11:45am	Mass	Una Byrne - Spl. Intention
		12:30pm	Penitential Service	Lenten Penitential Service
		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Palm Sunday
Sun 13th	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	11:30am	Mass	Palm Sunday - People of the Parish
				Nellie Shannon - RIP
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Ann Fenton - Get Well

**DO NOT JUDGE, OR YOU TOO WILL BE JUDGED!**

Having spiritual awareness directs us to examine our own thoughts, emotions and deeds. Whilst spiritual blindness hinders us from seeing our own faults. Instead, we begin to point out the mistakes of others. In such situations, we will not be able to improve and develop the spiritual strengths of goodness and holiness. In the Beatitudes, Jesus says, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven' (Matt 5:3). Those who search for the truth and the holy way of life, desire to do good. If someone assumes he or she is perfect, they might become reluctant to progress spiritually. Such reluctance can lead to sloth which becomes detrimental to a spiritual and moral life. It is often easy to judge the moral, social and spiritual life of others. It is also possible that the mistakes we identify in others could also be weaknesses within us. So, the spiritual principle is, let us not judge. It is the prerogative of the Lord to judge because he sees everything that we do.

As we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us to reflect on the infinite mercy of God and His readiness to forgive those sinners who turn to Him sincerely. In the second reading, Saint Paul thanks the Lord for his mercy and compassion and referring to his past. That through faith he had been united with the Lord Jesus. 'But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead....' (Phil 3:13). The mercy of God is also echoed in the gospel which tells of the sinful woman. Jesus told those who had accused her, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her' (Jn 8:7). We are told that after hearing this, all of them left one by one. They realised they had also been at fault. They became aware of their spiritual mistakes. Jesus opened their eyes and released them from their spiritual blindness. The woman was told to go but to sin no more. Her sins were forgiven, and she avoided judgement of the people, and the Lord saved her. As we move towards the Holy week, may we make a sincere confession and a perfect contribution to remove all our spiritual blind spots of pride, deceit, envy, greedy and resentment. **Fr Pontius Bandua AJ**

**Lectors:**

Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette

Sun 11:30am - Uzo / Anne

Sun 6:00pm - Annie / Janet

**Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity**

Gift aid:	£ 399.00	Candles	£ 85.29
Loose:	£ 558.12	Maintenance	£ 41.05
Dona plate:	£ 674.00	Pro Life	£ 10.00
		Cathedral Main	£ 10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 1,631.12</b>		

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Maggie, Catherine, Patsy, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette

### 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:** RCIA meeting every Friday 5pm-7pm  
Please call parish number for Baptisms, Confirmation and Marriage

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
James Patrick Giltrap, Maureen Patricia Gregson, Edward McCarthy  
Theresa Patricia Rynne, Joan Lucas Fitzsimons, Martin James Moran  
**Please pray also for the sick of 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 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

#### **Lent - Holy Week - Easter Tridium**

<b>Penitential Service</b>	Sat 12th April	12:30pm
<b>Passion Sunday</b>	Sat 12th April	4:30pm
	Sun 13th April	11:30am 6:00pm
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Thu 17th April	7:00pm
<b>The Passion of The Lord</b>	Fri 18th April	3:00pm
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Sat 19th April	8:00pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Sun 20th April	11:30am
<b>Easter Monday (Deanery mass)</b>	Mon 21st April	10:30am

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

**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

**Traditional May Procession:** Saturday May 3rd - after the 11:45am Mass. Please join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother

**Holy Week Reflections:** On Sunday 13th April at 6:00pm - St Thomas More Parish. A chance to reflect on Holy Week through word and Music, concluding with Solemn Benediction - Please see poster.

**Couples Retreat:** On 6th & 7th (7:00pm-9:00pm) in the MMR. A Chance to enrich your marriage as you understand God's purpose For your married life. A retreat led by Br Colin Calmiano. £15 per Couple. Please call 07438 774231 or 07405 889088. See poster

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2025:** An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage At St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd May at 12:00pm**, followed By light refreshments. Please visit: [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass) - or scan the QR code to confirm attendance by 13th April



**300 Club winners for March 2025:** 1st prize - R Welsh - 067  
2nd prize - J Mello - 180  
3rd prize - J Walsh - 281

#### **Safeguarding Statement:**

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

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Annie McLellan

Alternative contact: 0121 2306240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

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

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

<b>President</b>	Parish Priest: Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ
<b>Vice-President</b>	Ass. Priest: Fr Evaristus Sunday AJ
<b>Chair</b>	Tina Lanigan
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Anthony Iheanacho
<b>Secretary</b>	Annie McLellan
<b>Vice-Secretary</b>	Curtis McLellan
<b>Treasurer</b>	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