

EASTER-HE IS RISEN!

The celebration of Easter gives us the hope of eternal life and reminds us of the profound Divine love and mercy for all humans. It is the day on which we rejoice because humanity has been given the opportunity to be reconciled with God and acquire the highest dignity through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Lord said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies." (Jn11:25-26). It is from this context we have the true meaning of life. Our human efforts and struggles would be futile if this belief was not upheld. The dignity of human life is centred on this fact and the empty tomb confirms it. The faith in the resurrection shapes our behaviour, character, and responses to the challenges of life. Amidst pain and loss we still need to see beyond what we experience in a particular moment. At the Cross, Jesus did not lose hope, he called his Father in agony, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Matt27:46). We are called upon to trust in the Lord in any single situation of Life. We rejoice in the Lord's resurrection because it also points to our own resurrection in the future. It is, therefore, a feast of hope and joy in new life.

As we celebrate Easter, we are reminded to reflect and deepen our devotion to the Divine will. During the Easter Triduum, we have been guided by the unfolding events that led to our eternal salvation through the paschal mystery. A day before he suffered, at the last Supper with his disciples, Jesus Christ instituted the Sacraments of Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood. This was to perpetuate his living presence in the Church, which is his Mystical Body. 'Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me ". In the same way, he gave them the cup after supper, saying "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, which is poured out for you" (Lk22:19-20). These words were all confirmed on the following day during his passion, crucifixion, and death on the cross. The ultimate love of God for humanity. His resurrection brought yet another life of victory over sin and death. May we therefore follow his footsteps of holiness, and denounce evil, ungodly dealings, thoughts, and feelings, that we may rise with him to a new life. *Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ*

PARISH INFORMATION, NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

<u>Adoration</u>: 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

<u>Sacramental Preparations:</u> 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

Richard John Hainey, Gertrude Mpofu, Ann Marie Costello, Veronica Woodward, Kathleen Haugh 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 13th May 7:00pm at St. Osburg's. All are welcome - Refreshments provided

<u>New Computer Donations</u>: We recently had to replace our 10-year -old computer system—two new PCs and an external hard drive—for a total of £400. If you'd like to help cover this unexpected expense, please donate via the collection or our Dona machine. Thank you for your generous support!

Our sincerest gratitude to the two parishioners who each donated **£500** each. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Livestream:

YouTube:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZI4w3HQVdjgMCN:https://mcn.live/Camera/st-osburgs-church-coventryWebsite:https://sto-cov.org.uk/live-streaming/

<u>Contactless Payment:</u> 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.mydona.com/st-osburgs-rc-church

Parish Hall Hire: - Please call 024 7622 0402 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

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

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

Would you wish to sponsor or contribute to any of these causes? The Apostles of Jesus Missionaries will ordain **32** members to the priest-

hood by December. **10** in temporal vows will pronounce their Perpetual Vows, while **10** others will start to prepare for their perpetual vows. **5** novices will make their first profession and **30** will be admitted to the Major Seminary as postulants. I'm sure some of these candidates will soon be here as missionaries. If anybody would like to financially support in any of their following requirements, it will be appreciated.

32 Priest Mass Vestment (Chasuble) each £61.00 Total £1952.00
32 Albs for newly Ordained priests each £50.00 Total £1600.00
15 Cassocks Novices and Newly Professed each £34.00 Total £510.00
3 Spiritual Retreats (facilitation and maintenance) £5512.00
Checks can be made payable to "Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK" Reg. Charity 1205905 or to the Give by Contact Dona
Machine at the back to Train a Missionary Priest.

- Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ

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 Email: sg.stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk

Alternative contact: 0121 2306240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

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

<u>St. Osburg's Parish Pastoral Council:</u> If you have any ideas or issues You would like to have the Council review, please email ppc.stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk

Lectors:			Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity			
Sat 8:00pm - Ann, Hope, Sharlene	Sun 11:30am - Jonathan and Maria	Gift aid:	£ 152.50	Candles	£ 64.26	
Jonathan, Uzo	Sun 6:00pm - NO MASS	Loose:	£ 543.24	Maintenance	£ 57.30	
Eucharistic Ministers:			£ 388	Flowers	£ 176.74	
Maggie, Catherine, Patsy, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette				Rent	£ 450	
			£ 1832.04			

Sat	HOLY SATURDAY	8:00pm	Mass	Easter Vigil (please meet outside the church)
Sun		11:30a	Mass	Solemnity of the Resurrection
	EASTER SUNDAY			People of the Parish
				Michael Naughton - RIP
Mon	Easter Monday	10:00a	Mass	Deanery Mass
Tues	Easter Tuesday	12:10p	Mass	Yvonne Trickett - RIP
				Ann Fenton - Special Intention
Weds	Easter Wednesday	12:10p	Mass	John Anthony Martin - RIP
				Ann Fenton - Special Intention
Thurs	Easter Thursday	12:10p	Mass	Bernadette Moss - Easter intentions
Fri	Easter Friday	12:10p	Mass	Yvonne Trickett - RIP
				Rita Bain - Easter Intentions
Sat		11:45a	Mass	
	EASTER SATURDAY	4:30pm	Mass	Yvonne Trickett - RIP
				Ann Fenton - Special Intention
Sun		11:30a	Mass	James O'Connor - RIP
	SECOND SUNDAY			Philomena O'Connor - RIP
				Mary Ellen Fallon - RIP
				Patrick Fallon - RIP
	OF			Julia Anthony - RIP
	EASTER	5:00pm	Benediction	Vespers and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	