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**Sunday 11th May 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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Sat 10th	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Jean Ankev- RIP
Sun 11th		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish Christina Colleran - Get Well Vanessa Mmesoma Ojimba - Bday Int Amit Prakash - Spl. Int
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Breda Usihev - Spl. Int Siju, Ahana, Anju & Abraham—Spl. Int
Mon 12th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Sandra Branson - RIP Jean Hallissey - Bday Int
Tue 13th	Easter Feria	9:00am	Mass NO 12:10pm MASS	Mary Heffernan - Spl. Int Jimmy Heffernan - RIP
Wed 14th	Feast of St. Matthias-Apostle	12:10pm	Mass	Roseleen - B.day Int
Thu 15th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	
Fri 16th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	
Sat 17th	Easter Feria	11:45am	Mass	
Sun 18th	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Cora Lanigan - Bday Int
		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	

### **"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHARD"**

The shepherding of the flock underpins care, concern, protection, and nurturing. In the religious sense a shepherd or a pastor, is the one who directs and brings his followers closer to the heart of Christ. The modern pastors should follow the example of our Lord Jesus who said 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. When he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away....'(Jn10:11-12). As Christians, we are the sheep of the flock and we should listen to our supreme leader and shepherd, Jesus Christ. The Lord has left his voice to be listened to from the teachings of the Church and the Holy Scriptures. How often do we take his word as a lamp for human steps in moral, social and spiritual decision making? As Christians, we have the extensive role and responsibility to bring others to Christ, as teachers, parents, and social workers. How often do we follow these duties faithfully?

As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter, the readings remind us to focus on Christ as the good shepherd. He laid his life on the cross to bring us back to the heavenly Father. He washed away the many sins of the world by his blood. At same time he sealed the New Covenant with his blood, for the eternal life with God. During the Last Supper, Jesus took the cup filled with wine, said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'.....(Matt26:27). He is the good shepherd because to laid his life to save us. As his followers, it is a universal call for us to listen and be obedient to him. As in today's gospel Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life... (Jn10:27). The joy of Christian faith is to have hope in the loving and caring Lord. He knows our needs even before we express them to him. In the first reading, saints Paul and Barnabas had this single hope and trust in the Lord that made them to go on spreading the good news of the gospel, despite facing fierce rejections and oppositions. Both spoke boldly as the shepherds of the people saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles'(Acts13:46). Just as in the early Church, we should be good shepherds to each other and the good sheep that listen to their shepherd. **Fr. Pontius Bandua**

<b>Lectors:</b>		<b>Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity</b>			
Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette	Sun 11:30am - Uzo / Chris	<b>Gift aid:</b>	<b>£ 172.80</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>£ 90.72</b>
	Sun 6:00pm - Annie / Jonathan	<b>Loose:</b>	<b>£ 413.12</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>£ 43.48</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Maggie, Catherine, Patsy, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette		<b>Dona plate:</b>	<b>£ 133.00</b>	<b>Accom</b>	<b>£ 200.00</b>
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 718.92</b>		

## 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**  
 Thomas Martin Ryan, Kate Agnes Edden, Christopher Thomas Brown  
 (Christy).

**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  
 7:00pm at St. Osburg's. All are welcome - Refreshments provided

### **First Holy Communion**

The year 3 children from St. Osburg's school will be receiving their  
 First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th May at 10:30am.

**Jubilee Prayer** - May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken  
 in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of  
 heaven. To you our God, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



### **New Computer Donations**

We recently had to replace our 10-year-old computer system. Two  
 new PCs and an external hard drive - for a total of £400.00. If you  
 would like to help cover this unexpected expense, please donate via  
 the collection or our Dona Machine. Thank you for your support.

### **Livestream:**

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZI4w3HQVdjg>  
**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.mydona.com/st-osburgs-r>



### **Two missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus**

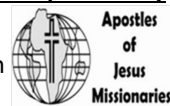
- will arrive in the  
 Archdiocese to begin their missionary work. For the first time in so  
 many years Our Lady of the Angels Parish and St Elizabeth's Parish  
 will have assistant parish priests. We would like to thank you for  
 your determination to support the training of a missionary priest,  
 which, as you can see is bearing fruit to benefit the church. The new  
 priest's names are Fr. Pius Mmanda Junior from the Republic of  
 Tanzania and Fr. Robert Mugabe from Uganda. I thank the trustees  
 of the Charity 'Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK' who  
 approved the sponsorship of the Visa process which cost around  
 £10,000 for both priests.

### **Clergy Training Fund - Second Collection 10th/11th May**

Please support the second collection on 10th/11th May for the  
 Clergy Training Fund which pays for the formation of future priests  
 And deacons for our Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Apostles of Jesus Missionaries - Second Collection 24th/25th May**

Please support our fundraising for the Apostles of  
 Jesus Missionaries through the second collection on  
 24th/25th May. Thank you for your generosity



### **Prayer for Pope Leo XIV**

Welcome to our new Pope - Leo XIV  
 Prayerful congratulations to Cardinal Robert  
 Francis Prevost, the new Holy Father.



**Mission Boxes** - For those that have a red Missio box, could you  
 Please hand them in and collect new boxes, thank you.

### **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

**For all ideas / issues please email: [ppc.stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ppc.stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk)**  
**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