

Dates for your Diary

NO Second collection this Sunday.

Contactless machines: available in this church for your offerings by cards or Smartphones. Please speak to stewards if you need assistance with this.

New Parish Priest induction 4th October 2026 at 6pm: Fr Moses Pitya David, AJ, the new parish priest will be officially inducted as Parish Priest of St Osburg's Parish during the 6:00pm Mass. All the parishioners are invited.

Christmas Bazaar: The annual parish Christmas Bazaar of St Osburg's this year will take place on Saturday 5th December 2026. Items for Bazaar are needed.

Heritage Open Days 2026: On Friday 11th September 2026 many school pupils, communities, faiths and cultures groups all taking part. Parishes, parents and families all invited to join at 10.00am at Godiva Statue in Broadgate Coventry City, starts at 10:20am with Procession. More information will follow later.

Volunteer Needed: to serve tea/coffee after 11:30am Mass in parish hall. If you are interested please speak to the priests. Thank you.

300 Club June Draw: July 5th draw: 1st Prize - O Wilson (£50)-No 203. 2nd Prize - R Goodwin (£30)-No 121. 3rd Prize - M Concannon (£20)-No 111.

Free Course at Christ the King: "We are looking to start a writing group in October. This will be a chance to meet and share story ideas. Many people think they may have a story to tell, but don't know where to start. The workshop is free and will be run by a local playwright, Jamie McGough. It will be a relaxed and informal group meeting over a number of sessions. If you are interested, please email clk.covty@rcaob.org.uk so we can judge numbers and the level of interest.

Sacramental Preparation: Please register for RCIA, Confirmation, baptism, Marriage and Child's baptism with the priests. Please book for appointment.

Group Devotions: *Rosary daily after mass. Vespers and Benediction - Sundays at 5:00pm. Holy Face:* Tuesdays at 6:30pm. **Bible Study:** Resumes on 1st Wednesday of September at 6pm - all in church. **Legio of Mary:** Thursdays at 7:00pm. **Rosa Mystica:** 13th each Month at 2:00pm. **Motus Christi:** Second Saturday each month 9:30am-3:30pm.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

Sunday 20th Sept: For Home Mission/CASE.

Sunday 27th Sept: For Father Hudson's Society

Sunday 4th October: For CAFOD Harvest 2nd Fast.

Sunday 18th October: For AP World Mission Sunday - Papal Charity.

Sunday 1st. November: For John Association (Retired & Infirm Clergy).

Sunday 22nd November: For Catholic Youth Service.

Pope's prayer Intention July: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God

Death Anniversaries this Week: Michael F Linnane, Mary E Cassidy & Mary C Hayes

Pray for the Sick: Let us know if you want the name of the sick to be added here.

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Parish School (Head)
St. Osburg's
Nicola Rynott.

Parish Coordinators:

Parish Office Logistics
Maggie

**Chair of Parish Finance
and Gift Aid Scheme**
John Collins

Chair of PPC
TBC

Parish Maintenance
Martin, Paul

RCIA and Sacraments
TBC

Sacristans
Maggie, Martin, Paul.

Church Flowers
Patsy

Safeguarding Officer
TBC

Church Music/Liturgy
Surani & Jonathan

Church Cleaners
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Altar Servers
Joann

Red Boxes
Paul

Very important Notice.

Please contact Fr Moses Pitya David AJ regarding any information that needs adding to the parish newsletter or anything concerning St Osburg's or St Elizabeth's Church, Foleshill. You can also book appointment with him whenever possible. Please use either email: the fr.moses.david.pitya@rcaob.org.uk. Or Fr Moses' mobile **07882825479.**

Volunteer Vacancy for Parish Safeguarding Representative. The Parish of St Osburg's is looking to recruit a Volunteer Parish Safeguarding Representative. Full training and induction available.

Are you committed to promoting the welfare of children young people and adults at risk? Do you want to support your Parish to be a Safe Place for all? Do you have a background in or understanding of Safeguarding? If you are interested please contact **Fr Moses the PP.**

Changes: New Dates for Confessions Starting First Week August 2026. Dates for Confessions at St Osburg's from August. Every **Wednesday** after 12:10pm Mass. **Every Friday during Holy Hour 11am-12:00pm** and after Mass. **Every Saturday during Holy Hour 10:30am-11:30am** and continues. Please be reminded that there will be NO official Confessions on other days except by appointments.

Confessions until July 31st: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:10pm & Saturday 11:45am - all after mass.

Parish Mass Book: We are now using a new mass books volume2. all parishioners are invited to dedicate one of these books either for deceased or living members of their families or friends. The cost per dedication is £5. Please give your desired dedication name and £5 fee to either a priest or steward. Thanks.

Date July 2026: Time: Intentions: Week 16th Ordinary Time Yr A

18th July Vigil Mass	4:30pm	Yvonne Middleton Sp. Int	16th Sunday ordinary Time
19th July	11:30am	Alison Foster R.I.P	
	6:00pm	Max Gorman R.I.P & Becky Concannon B'day	
Mon. 20th	12:10pm	Alison Foster R.I.P	Feria in OT
Tues. 21st	12:10pm	Pat McNicholas R.I.P	Feria in OT
Wed 22nd	12:10pm	Rosleen O'Neil R.I.P	St Mary Magdalene Feast
Thurs 23rd	12:10pm	John De R.I.P	St Bridget Feast
Frid. 24th	12:10pm	Mary Cassidy (Anniv. R.I.P)	Feria in OT
Sat 25th Vigil Mass	11:45am	Gretta Brien - Get Well	Feast of St James, Apostle
	4:30pm	Rowland Family - Sp. Intentions	
Sunday 26th July	11:30am	People of the Parish	17th Sunday ordinary Time
	6:00pm	Gretta Brien - Get Well	

Parish Income this week - Thank You for Your Generosity.

Gift Aid Donation **£59** Non Gift Aid **£464**

300 Club **£48**. Don Maintenance **£00** - **QR code**

Dona Offering **£Tbc**. Standing Orders for June: **£438** . **Thank You**



Holy Hour & Adoration: Fridays: 11:00am-12:00pm - Saturdays: 10:30am-11:30am

Tuesday Club: Tues-weekly in Foyer after 12:10pm mass-meet up for a chat over light refreshments. All are welcome.

Young Adults Group: (aged 18-35)-Please join: Last Tuesday-monthly at 7:00pm hall.

300 Club: Please consider joining our 300 club. It costs just £2 per month & we have a cash prize draw on the first Sunday of each month. It's a good way to support the parish. Next draw for 300 Club on Sunday 5th July. Thank you for the support.

Lectors: **Sat 4:30pm** - Ann/Bernadette. **Sun 11:30am:** Hope/Chris, Uzo/Maria, Catherine/Chris, Maria/Sharlene, Uzo/Ann, Chris/Hope. **Sun 6:00pm** - John/Jonathan, John/Janet, Jonathan/Annie .

Parish Safeguarding: This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding representative is (TBC) can be contacted at: sq.sosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk or Diocesan Safe-guarding team on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43.

Ponder the Word of God!

This weekend's gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. This chapter 13th of Matthew indicates that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was talking about. The Catholic community has always taken the outlined in Matthew's Gospel very seriously. We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations. Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles, and the disciples are recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the word of God.

That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement the council also reminded us, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole church has the task to discern where the word of God is leading us. To help this discernment, our scholars, who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual, and cultural issues in and around the Bible, have always aided the Catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the scriptures have helped or hindered the church over the centuries. We place great weight on the "here and now" of the faith community who listens to the word of God and lives it out.

Our approaches a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so, they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves. We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that cannot err in leading us to the saving truth about God. The word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him. When there are inconsistencies or differences in any two scriptural texts, rather than unsettle us, we see these differences as examples of the various rich approaches to the truth of our salvation in and through Christ.

Let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.

