

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed: to serve tea/coffee after 11:30am Mass in parish hall. If you are interested to help please speak to a priest. Thank you.

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

Changes: New Dates for Confessions Starting First Week August 2026. 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.

Food Bank, help needed: "We have faced shortages before but right now we are facing one of the most serious shortages we have ever experienced." The situation is serious and if we all added just one or two extra items into our shopping trolleys next time - it would turn the situation around.

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. The workshop is free and will be run by a local playwright, Jamie McGough. If you are interested, please email ctk.covty@rcaob.org.uk so we can judge numbers of interest people

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

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.

Pope's prayer Intention August: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.

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.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Mary Christina Hayes, Patricia Courtney Patsy, Peter Noel Gosrutas, James Anthony Haughney & James Slevin. R.I.P

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/Liturg
Surani & Jonathan

Church Cleaners
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Altar Servers
Joann

Red Boxes
Paul

Very important Notice.

Please contact Fr Moses Pitya David AJ for anything concerning the Parish, and for any item you would like to be added in parish newsletter. 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.**

Sunday 11:30am Mass: From September first this particular Sunday Mass will be moved 10:30am instead of 11:30. This adjustment is necessary for the new priests to manage the two parishes. This adjustment will not affect the evening Masses of both Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 6:00pm.

St Elizabeth's Parish will also adjust their 2 Sunday Masses to instead of 9:15am and 11:15am To 9:00am and 12:15pm respectively. These proposals were discussed by the Finance Committee of St Osburg's and the Parish Pastoral Council of St Elizabeth's. We are aware that these changes with inconvenient some people who are used to the previous timing, but I would like to appeal to you that this is done to help the priest serve you better.

Parish Mass Book: We are now using a new mass books volume 2. 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.

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.

Date July 2026: Time: Intentions: Week 17th Ordinary Time Yr A

25th July Vigil Mass	4:30pm	Rowland Family - Sp. Intentions	17th Sunday ordinary Time
26th July	11:30am	People of the Parish	
	6:00pm	Gretta Brien - Get Well	
Mon. 27th	12:15pm	Patrick Alfred Kavanagh R.I.P	Requiem Mass
Tues. 28th	12:10pm	Mr/Mrs Charles Oyibo/Cha 41st Wedding Anniversary	Feria in OT
Wed 29th	12:10pm	Curtis & Annie McLellan Wed Anniv. Thomas Pinto R.I.P	Ss. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus - Memorial
Thurs 30th	12:10pm	Dung Phung - Thanksgiving Carmel - Special Intentions	Feria in OT
Frid. 31st	12:10pm	Rowland Family - Sympathy	St Ignatius
Sat 1st Vigil Mass	11:45am	Carmel - Special Intentions	St Alphonsus M De'Liguori. Memo
	4:30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 2nd August	11:30am	People of the Parish	18th Sunday ordinary Time
	6:00pm	Max Gorman R.I.P Ann Wilddicombe R.I.P	

Parish Income this week - Thank You for Your Generosity.
Gift Aid Donation £00 Non Gift Aid £00
300 Club £00. 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.
 Priest available for **CONFESSIONS** during the Holy Hour.

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.

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 Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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Readings: 1Kings 3:5-6a,7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

The Kingdom of Heaven

This weekend's gospel reading gives us the third Sunday in a row where we hear from Matthew's chapter on the parables. Seven parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew appear in chapter 13. The setting is in the house, where Jesus continues to teach his disciples using his rhetorical device, often explaining the allegorical meaning to them. Though in this Sunday's reading Jesus asks them a simple question, 'Have you understood all this?' To which the disciples reply, 'Yes'. Of course, those at the liturgy this weekend will only hear those words if the longer version of the gospel's reading is proclaimed.

This gospel reading preserves parables not found anywhere else in the New Testament. The reading begins with two parables: the treasure buried in the field, and the pearl of great price. Each is a side of the coin so to speak, with Jesus instructing his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is worth such a price. In other words, once one encounters the kingdom of heaven, a proper response is to reprioritise all else in favour of this. It is worth selling everything else to possess this one thing.

The longer version of the gospel reading gives us one more parable, but it has another point. Rather than reinforce the lesson of the first two parables, the third – the net cast into the sea which brings in a terrific catch – has another message. The net is returned with good fish, but also with things that are not so good. The latter is thrown away. This then becomes the image for the eschatological judgement, a topic that Matthew addresses quite often. At the judgement, some will be not merely cast aside or 'throw away', but the angels will throw the wicked into the 'blazing furnace'.

God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth, and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make about these things have implications for how we live now and, in the life, to come.

We need to be aware of the complexity of the world in which we live, where such values may not be immediately discernible. There is an ongoing struggle between different philosophies of life. We have to learn how to evaluate the different messages we hear, the different pressures that are put upon us. We have to learn to choose and to support our choices. We also have to learn to tolerate. We need the excitement of great collectors, able to spot real value when it emerges and be able to give of our time and energies to help that value grow. Sometimes we have to dive in with total commitment, at other times we have to wait and see. Working for the kingdom is an awesome adventure.

In the weeks to come the extracts from Matthew's gospel will give us further insight as to how we need to go about our task.

