

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.

New Dates and Times for Confessions: Every **Wednesday** after 12:10pm **Mass. Every Friday** during Holy Hour **11am-12:00pm** and **12:45-1:15pm**. **Saturdays** during Holy Hour **10:30am -11:30am** and **12:00Noon - 12:30pm**. Please contact a priest if you need Confessions other times. Thanks.

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.

Family Quiz Night 28th Friday August: at St Elizabeth's Parish Jubilee Hall Friday 28th August from 7:30pm Start. Teams of up to 5 players at a cost of £2 for adults and £1 for Juniors. Tea & Coffee provided. Please bring your own alcohol. Thank you for your support. Tony Ashby

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

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:** Third Saturday each month 9:30am-3:30pm & Spiritual Guide each Friday 6pm-7:30pm Foye

Death Anniversaries this Week: Teodoro Caldarulo, James Slevin, and Neil A Nelson. 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/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 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 **1st September** this particular Sunday Mass will be moved to **10:30am** instead of **11:30**. This is a necessary adjustment for the new priests to manage the two parishes of St Osburg's and St Elizabeth's amicably. This adjustment will not affect the other two evening Masses Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 6:00pm.

St Elizabeth's Parish will also adjust their 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 these changes will inconvenience some people who are used to the previous timings, but I appeal and hope that you will understand. This will help the priests to 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 of 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.

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

Date August 2026: Time: Intentions: Week 18th Ordinary Time Yr A

1st. August	4:30pm	People of the Parish	18th Sunday
<u>Vigil Mass</u>	11:30am	People of the Parish	ordinary Time
2nd August	6:00pm	Max Gorman R.I.P Ann Wilddicombe R.I.P	
Mon. 3rd	12:15pm	Martin O'Brien Special Intentions	Feria in OT
Tues. 4th	12:10pm		St John M. Vianney
Wed 5th	12:10pm	Caefiton Rebelo (1st Anniv. R.I.P)	Feria in OT
Thurs 6th	12:10pm	Dolores Bradley RIP Funeral	Requiem Mass
Frid. 7th	12:10pm		
	1:30pm	Jennifer Margaret Ickle. Funeral	Requiem Mass
Sat 8th	11:45am		St Dominic,
<u>Vigil Mass</u>	4:30pm	Pat Kavanagh R.I.P	Priest - Memorial
Sunday	11:30am	Pereira Demello Family intentions	19th Sunday
9th	6:00pm	Shandulani Mathumo R.I.P	ordinary Time
August			

Parish Income this week - Thank You for Your Generosity.

Gift Aid Donation **£109** Non Gift Aid **£474**

300 Club **£228**. Don Maintenance **£102** - **QR code**

Dona Offering **£379**. Hall hire **£360**. Funeral Fee Donation **£50**.

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/Readers: Sat 4:30pm - Ann/Bernadette. Sun 11:30am: Catherine/Chris, Maria/Sharlene, Uzo/Anne, Jolan/Catherine, Hope/Chris, Catherine/Anne, Jolan/Uzo, Sharlene/Chris.

Sun 6:00pm: Jonathan/Annie, John/Jonathan, Janet/Annie, John/Annie, Janet/ Jonathan.

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: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145 Romans 8:35,37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Gifts of Love and Compassion.

The gospel reading this weekend has some discord between Jesus and his disciples. Although Jesus had been the one to leave the crowds and seek out a lonely place to mourn John the Baptist, when the crowds find him and interrupt his solitude, instead of irritation or annoyance, 'he took pity on them'. The disciples seem to be the ones who are flustered by this turn of events and so take it upon themselves to tell Jesus when evening falls that it's time to dismiss the crowds so they can go and buy their dinners.

The crowds do not seem concerned about physical hunger. Perhaps the hunger Jesus was already filling, the hunger that initially drove them out of their familiar towns and into this lonely place, was deeper than any physical hunger pains could be.

Jesus tells his disciples, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' As with all his words and actions, Jesus is mentoring the disciples in what it really means to follow him. Instead of sending away, they should be inviting them closer. Instead of telling them to go and take care of their own needs, they should be feeding them (both spiritually and physically) themselves. As followers of Christ, we are also the intended recipients of the words of Jesus.

The gospel is about the multiplication of loaves and fishes. People are hungry. Touched with pity for them, Jesus blesses five loaves and couple of fish, breaks the loaves, and gives them to the apostles, who distribute them to the people, about five thousand of them. They all have their fill, and twelve baskets of fragments are left over. Obviously, Jesus intended this miracle to prepare the apostles, and us, for the greatest of all God's love-gifts, the eucharist. The essential meaning of "eucharis" is "gift". The eucharist is Christ's gift of himself, his gift of love.

And so, with all the sacraments: God comes to us in every one of life's needs, out of sheer, undeserved love. This is true not only of the Eucharist but also of the wonderful sacrament of reconciliation. The entire Bible demonstrates God's eagerness to forgive – not just once but again and again. And this is especially true of Jesus, Son of God. There is nothing we can do to keep God from forgiving.

But we have to accept God's love into our lives and hearts. Once we realise fully how very much God loves us, anything can happen. We might even become saints!