

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.

Volunteers Needed: to work on Friday Lunches from 10:30am—2:45pm. Work includes preparing food and Serving. Please contact Rose. Thank you.

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.

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

Save the date and start planning for Adoremus Saturday 10th October.

Parishes and schools across the archdiocese are encouraged to play an active part in this year's Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress. The Congress on Saturday 10 October is the bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. Parishes are encouraged to hold Adoration, Catechesis, Holy Hours and/or Eucharistic Processions across the weekend. Many schools are already taking part in an art competition in celebration of the event.

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: James Delargy, Emmanuel Gerard McErlane, Margaret Mary Bernadette Dunleavy and Duffy Edward. 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

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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: 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 back to **10:30am**. This is a necessary adjustment for the new priests to manage the two parishes of St Osburg's and St Elizabeth's amicably. 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. We are aware that these changes will be inconvenient for 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: You are invited to dedicate volume 2 of the parish Mass books currently on use to either a member of your family 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: 2nd August draw: 1st Prize - O Wilson (£50)-No 203. 2nd Prize - R Welsh (£30)-No 69. 3rd Prize - B Kennedy (£20)-No 181.

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.

Date August 2026: Time: Intentions: Week 19th Ordinary Time Yr A

8th.	4:30pm	Pat Kavanagh R.I.P	19th Sunday ordinary Time
August Vigil Mass	11:30am	Pereira Demello Family intentions	
9th August	6:00pm	Shandulani Mathumo R.I.P	
Mon. 10th	12:15pm	Joan Ryan R.I.P	St Lawrence
Tues. 11th		NO MASS	NO MASS
Wed 12th	12:10pm	Mary Brida & Julie Killaly Sp.Int	Feria in OT
Thurs 13th	12:10pm	Arthur Carmel Thornhill Rip Anniversary	Feria in OT
Frid. 14th	12:10pm	Carmel & Seamus McNulty RIP	Maximilian M Kolbe
Sat 15th	11:45am	Matthew Stevens & Anny Marie McFagan Sp.int	Feria in OT Vigil Assumption
Vigil Mass	4:30pm	Arthur Carmel Thornhill RIP Pat Tynan	
Sunday 16th August	11:30am	Adelaide Damello RIP Annivesary	Solemnity of Assumption of the BVM
	18:00hr	Jim Elliott RIP & Brenda McDonald	

Parish Income this week - Thank You for Your Generosity.

Gift Aid Donation **£86** Non Gift Aid **£595**

Donations **£153.** Maintenance **£40**

Dona Offering **£189.** Mass Book Dedication **£5.**

Friday Lunches **£335.** Standing Orders for July: **£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.

Readings: 1Kings 19:9,11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

"Lord, I'm drowning!"

With respect to all sea-loving people, one tends to agree with observation of Carl Sandburg: "The sea speaks a language polite people never repeat. It is a colossal scavenger slang and has no respect". Who can count the number of human lives that the oceans have destroyed and swallowed!

But for the timely help of Jesus St Peter himself would have drowned. The raging waves of the sea are often compared to the storms of human life. But what do we do when being ravaged by the turbulent waves of adversity? We have that faith of St Peter to stretch out our hands to cling to Jesus. (Mt 14:31). What do we do when we are lashed by stormy marriage, straying children, an impossibly demanding vocation, and a walking into the future with some dread diseases? What do we do when we are gripped by an overwhelming history, a history of drugs or drink or any worldly desires that claim us again and again? It may be that our love of the world has gone beyond a limit and therefore we have lost the power to walk upon the waters and the world is about to engulf us, for it always devours its lovers. But even then, when we feel our foot slipping beneath us, are we able to cry out to him, "Lord, I'm drowning"?

When human frailty made him falter, St Peter turned once more to the Lord, who immediately stretched forth his hand to help him. It is when we are in trouble that we must seek out Christ more. It is unfortunate that some of us run away from God, like Elijah, when he is most needed. Elijah the prophet unable to face violent opposition gave himself up to despair and hid in a cave; but God called him out to meet him (1Kgs 19:9). It is a reminder that we cannot afford to take our eyes off Jesus at any time.

In the early days of sailing, a boy went to sea to learn to be a sailor. One day when the sea was stormy, he was told to climb to the top of the mast. The first half of the climb was easy. The boy kept his eyes fixed on the sky. But half to the top, he made a mistake. He looked down at the stormy waters. He grew dizzy and was in danger of falling. An old sailor called him out: "Look back to the sky, boy! Look back to the sky." The boy did and finished the climb safely.

To cling to Christ is not exactly clinging to his Church. If the sea is our life, the boat is the symbol of the Church especially with St Peter, the first Pope in it. For the Church itself is a frail craft manned by all too human mariners. Therefore, the boat alone won't save us from going under. We do not put out faith in any ultimate sense in the Church. Of itself it cannot provide final security. We know the Church itself is rocked by innumerable problems and unanswered questions. The Church itself is going through rough and troubled waters in many parts of the world? Yes, Jesus alone can carry us and sustain us. Not ourselves, not even the boat – the Church – but the Lord of the Church alone - The Holy Spirit. It is true that it is in the boat we come to know Christ and recognise him; however, it is not in the boat but in Christ we must believe; it is to Christ we must cling.

To cling to Christ, especially in times of turmoil, we need strong faith in his mighty power and in his presence even today in our midst. Faith is more an encounter with Christ than it is a belief about him. It is more an experience of his divine presence itself than an acceptance of dogmatic pronouncement about him. Sometimes people ask about the need of faith.