

Parish News & Notices

The Parish General Meeting: This is to inform all the Christians of St. Osburg's Parish that there will be a General Parish Meeting to plan for the year ahead on **Tuesday, 15th January 2019**, starting at 6:00pm with Holy Rosary. Please make an effort to attend.

Found in Church: A ring was found in the church after the funeral of Joan Skidmore on Friday.

Church Heating: This is to inform you that the heating of the church has broken down again. The engineers are looking for ways to rectify it. This will take some time, so let us be patient and pray over it. We shall have daily Masses and spiritual activities in the Parish Hall. The Church will be opened for private prayers, funerals and other celebrations.

Mass Intentions: Please remember to book mass intentions at least 2 weeks in advance if you would like the intention to be on a particular day.

Piety Stall Update: The Piety Stall will still be open inside the Church at Mass times at the weekend. We have a selection of Mass Cards for different occasions as well as devotional items for sale.

Coventry Winter Night Shelter: St Osburg's hosts the Night Shelter in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays during the winter season. More help is urgently needed to make this a success. We have received many offers of help, but are still looking for more volunteers, particularly for the night shift. If you would like more information, please contact Helen Needham on cwnshelen@hopecoventry.org.uk or 077133 40065.

The Church Choir: You are invited to join the Choir. If you would like to join, please come up to the choir loft after mass. There is great joy in singing, please come and have this joy with the Lord.

Vespers and Benediction: Thank you to all those who have been coming. The next celebrations will be Sunday, 27th January and Thursday 31st January, both at 6pm.

St. Osburg's Parish Youth Ministry: This is to inform the Parish community that the parish youth ministry is again active and we request that it should be encouraged and supported. We encourage the young people to join altar service, choir, bring gifts and take readings at the Church liturgy.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: On Saturday 19th January at 1pm there will be an Ecumenical Service in the Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral. The speaker will be Rev Dr Gabrielle Thomas, on the subject, "Justice, and only Justice you shall pursue" (Deut. 16:18-20)



St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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MAKING THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

In life, we make daily journeys to make ends meet for our natural survival or to build and renew our human relationships. Any journey in life implies risk, sacrifice and determination. It is Christian practice to start a journey with a word of prayer, that our heavenly Father guides us through the unknown steps we wish to take. At the beginning of the year we need to entrust our life's journeys under the care of the Lord, both materially and spiritually. In making the journeys we need to abandon some things that can hinder or obstruct us from giving room for God and for other people we encounter during this year's journey.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the visit to the Infant Lord by the wise men (Magi) from the East. Their journey was directed by the star that led them out of darkness to the place where the child was born. They had to abandon their home and risked their lives in the long and tedious journey to search for the King who was born in Bethlehem. Their joy of searching for the king was not shared by all the people of the time. King Herod, for example, tried to kill the child by giving a false promise of homage. *"Go and make careful search for the child and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him"* (Matt 2:8). He felt his position and authority were threatened. As a leader of the Israelite community, he failed to make a spiritual journey out of himself, to abandon his attachment to power and fame. The religious leaders of that time also paid less interest. In contrast, the wise men from a different background took keen interest in following the events of the Messiah's birth, indicating that Christ was born for all peoples who are open to search for him, not just for some few.

As Christians, we are invited to search for Christ in our life's journey and offer him gifts of Gold, Myrrh and Frankincense by the way we pay attention to the scriptures, the teachings of the church and our cordial relationships with each other. Above all, as Christ came for all peoples, we need to abandon our natural inclinations to segregate and discriminate against other people if we are to be led by the light of his star in our life's journey during this 2019th Year of The Lord.

May the Feast of Epiphany open our eyes of faith to centre our life's journey's on Christ to love and respect all people.

Fr. Pontius

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**The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity
No. 234216**

Parish Income

Sunday Collection - Gift aid: £59 Loose: £300.73 Total: £359.73

Candles: £139.42 Church Heating: £1500.28 Restoration: £44.65 Rent: £800

Thank you for your generosity

300 Club December Draw

Winners:

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| 493 | M Riddell | 248 | S Grafton |
| 336 | B McDonnell | 754 | A Collins |
| 460 | H Gough | 476 | B Armour |
| 196 | B Melody | 277 | J Higgins |

Congratulations!

In the event of any queries, contact Ann Fenton on tel 024 7659 9544

School News: The spring term begins this week. Please keep all the schoolchildren and staff in your prayers. There will be a school mass on Thursday morning at 9am to start the new term well. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 5th - 13th January 2019

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| Sat | 05 | 11.45am | Rita Jordan (Sp Int) Joan Fitzgerald (Sp Int) |
| | | 5.30pm | People of the Parish Leo & William Craven (Sp Int) Pat Baldwin (Sp Int) |
| Sun | 06 | 11.30am | Bernadette Lappin (RIP) Jerry Clarke (RIP) |
| Mon | 7 | 12.10pm | Hilda Gibson (Sp Int) Matt Buckley (Sp Int) Carmella (RIP) |
| Tues | 8 | 12:10pm | Nancy Carroll (Sp Int) Leonora Craven (Sp Int) Nora Warnaby (Sp Int) |
| Wed | 9 | 12.10pm | Marguerite Craven (Sp Int) Mary Warner & family (Sp Int) |
| Thurs | 10 | 9.00am | School Mass |
| | | 12.10pm | Daniel Kirkwood (RIP) Kirkwood family (Sp Int) Margaret Hicks (Birthday) |
| Fri | 11 | 12:10pm | Cristina Croitoriu & family (Sp Int) Santana Joanita Figueira (RIP) |
| Sat | 12 | 11.45am | |
| | | 5.30pm | Joe Braiden (Sp Int) |
| Sun | 13 | 11.30am | People of the Parish |

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 5th January

5.30pm Bernadette & Ann E (R)

Angelo (E)

Sunday 6th January

11.30am Janet (R)

Patsy & Teresa (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 2

Please pray for those who are sick in the parish: We pray for all the sick in the parish, asking God to be with them in their need.

Death announcement: **Charles Wilson** died on 4th January 2019 and **Mary Theresa Considine** died on 26th December 2018. We pray them and their families.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Elizabeth McCarron, Elizabeth Kennedy, Bernadette Lappin, Denis Meagher, Martin McKee, John Farrelly, Thomas Duffy, Mary Lenehan, Charles Gibson, Patrick Salter, Marion Busst, Henry McNulty, Michael O'Connor, Margaret Navin, Massa Gyles, Michael Joyce, Michael Grant, Teresa Gill.

