

Parish News & Notices

Church Heating: We are glad to inform you that the heating of the church has improved. We shall be using it for our daily spiritual activities, until the engineers begin some work to rectify remaining section.

World Day of Prayer - A Service For Everyone: will be celebrated on **Friday 1st March**. The celebration "**COME, EVERYTHING IS READY**", has been prepared by the **women of Slovenia**. The venue for the area of St Osburg's is the **United Reformed Church, Warwick Road at 11am**. Other city venues are noted on the Church notice board. **All are welcome**.

Absence of the Priests of the Parish: Fr. Pontius and Fr. Sunday are going to an Assembly of their Order in Nairobi Kenya, for two weeks from mid- February. Weekday Masses will only be on Thursday and Friday, but Saturday evening and Sunday Masses remain as normal.

Guild of St Stephen (Altar Servers) Thanksgiving Mass 2019 was on Saturday 9th February at St Chad's Cathedral at noon. The chief celebrant was His Grace, The Most Reverend Bernard Longley. Seven of our children joined the Mass with their parents. We continue to support them with our prayers.

Piety Stall Update: The Piety Stall is opened 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. We have received many offers of help, **but are still looking for more volunteers**. 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.

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.

The Columban Missionaries Appeal: a Columban Missionary priest, Fr Gerry Markey, will make an appeal on 23rd and 24th February, and will celebrate the Masses that weekend as Fr. Pontius and Fr. Sunday will be away for the meeting in Africa. Please support them.

The Columbans work in 15 countries across the world and their aims include outreach to the poor and marginalised, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting local churches. Fr Gerry has worked around the globe, including the Philippines, the Mexican border in Ciudad Juarez and latterly in Chile.

Death Announcement of Isabel O'Loughlin who died on 31st January. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 4th March at 12.10pm.

Headteacher Vacancy: St George & St Teresa RC Primary School, Solihull, is advertising for a new Headteacher to start 1st September 2019. If you are interested in this position, please ring Mrs Alison Vining on 07971 265702 or avining@solgrid.org.uk. The closing date is 25th February.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THE ORGANISATION OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT & ST. OSBURG'S PARISH.

As a family of faith, the Parish encourages the active participation of all its members in the life of the community and shared responsibilities. The parish is blessed with two resident priests of The Apostles of Jesus, founded in Africa by the Comboni Missionaries in 1968. The parish is organised and led by different groups which work as a team coordinated by the Parish Priest and his Assistant. These are: Pastoral, Finance, Liturgy, Choir & Altar Servers, Youth Ministry, Steward/Development, Fundraising, Social Care, Peace and Justice, Bereavement and Reach out, Safeguarding, Education & Vocation Promotion, Faith Promotion and Renewal, Devotion & Spiritual Promotion, Pilgrimage Planning & Organisation, Helpers & Maintenance.

The Mission of the Parish is: *Unity, Teamwork and Love. The Lord Jesus said "May they be one as I and the Father are one (Jn17:21). "Ut unum sint".* Though the body has different parts but all of them serve as a single unit; if they are independent of each other they cannot serve the body (1Cor12:12.)

St. Osburg is the founding parish of our Catholic faith in the City of Coventry, with a deep and emotional history; all who serve and pray in this holy place are in constant union with our beloved brothers and sisters who served and prayed here. It is always wonderful to remember them as we come together in this church.

Today's readings encourage us to be humble and ask for God's mercy. We should be ready to say like the Prophet Isaiah, "I have unclean lips to proclaim God's word" (Isaiah6:5) ... and St. Peter in the Gospel, "Lord I'm unworthy leave me alone, I do not deserve this", after a huge catch of fish (Lk5:8) ... All that we have is because of God's infinite mercy and love.

May each one of us assigned with responsibility in the parish take it gladly and serve with love and commitment.

Fr Pontius

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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

Parish Income

Sunday Collection - Gift aid: £64.00 **Loose:** £343.02 **Total:** £407.02

Candles: £84.58 **Church Heating:** £14.50 **Restoration:** £6.70 **Rent:** £1,200

Saturday Lunches: £90.00 **Second Collection:** £131.56

Thank you for your generosity

300 Club January Draw Winners

First prize:	417	D Hurley	Third prize:	589	A Welsh
Second Prize:	714	P Flanagan	Fourth Prize:	438	J Murphy

May 2019 be filled with blessings for all

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

St Osburg's Confirmations: The school and parish wish to thank everyone who was involved in preparing the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which took place last Tuesday. We congratulate all the candidates and we are encouraged to keep them in our prayers that they grow in their knowledge and love of God, and their involvement in the local parish community. We also encourage their parents to continue to bring them to church and support their growth in faith.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 9th - 17th February 2019

Sat	9	11:45 am	Shandulani, Misha & Family (Sp Int) Patrick Ruddy (RIP)
		5.30pm	Doreen Kenny (RIP)
Sun	10	11.30am	People of the Parish Charles Wilson (RIP)
Mon	11	12.10pm	Claire Amphlett (RIP) Sean Gillespie (RIP) Bridie & Christopher Mullally (RIP) Santana Joanita (RIP)
Tues	12	12:10pm	Wilson & Alec Chere (Anniversary)) Peter Hicken (RIP) Philip Clarke (RIP)
Wed	13	12.10pm	Joao Antonio Demello (RIP) Patrick Morrish (RIP) Christopher Edwards (RIP)
Thurs	14	9.00am	(School Mass) Karen Ward (Sp Int) Tony Keogh (RIP)
		12.10pm	Mass—By Fr. Pontius
Fri	15	12:10pm	Ivete & Sanuelto Demello (for good health)
Sat	16	11:45 am	<i>Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
		5.30pm	People of the Parish Martin Shally (Anniversary) Deceased members of the Ruddy family
Sun	17	11.30am	Michael Brady (Sp Int)

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 9th February

5.30pm: Ann E & Maria (R)
Bernadette (E)

Sunday 10th February

11.30am: Jolan & June (R)
Catherine & Patsy (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 1

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.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Andrew Clark, John O'Brien, Sarah Worwood, John McCormack, Margaret Joyce, Maureen McCooey, James McCarron, Hugh McCooey, Mary Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Kennedy, John Lia, Helena Port, Kathleen Whitecross, David Kilfeather, Gillian Harris, Rose Breen, Kathleen Patchett, David Gillespie, David Hand-McGregor, Michael Ruddy, Martin Shally and Lawrence Gallen.

