

Parish News & Notices

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday invites us to reflect on the cost of discipleship which calls for commitment and loyalty. We are called to be consistent and obedient in following the teachings of Christ as transmitted by the Church in doctrines, morals, social welfare and spiritual awareness.

The Parish Feast Day of St. Osburg, and our Parish Day of dedication will be celebrated on **9th September**. There will be special prayers and a common lunch organised. For details of the programme please see the Noticeboard.

The Parish New Contacts: The Parish has new Website link <https://www.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: pp.stosburg@gmail.com Please use them for official communications of the parish. You can now access information of the parish through the link; Newsletter, history, prayer schedule and adverts.

Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday and Saturday. Vespers and Benediction are on the First Thursday of every month and on the Last Sunday of every month, at 6.00 pm.

RCIA: All those who would like to join the Catholic faith are invited to register for the RCIA programme. Please call the Office number or the Parish Priest Number for appointments. At the same time we invite the parents whose children are not in Catholic schools to register their children for instructions for first Holy Communion and Confirmation. The instructions will start on Monday 9th September, at 6pm in the foyer.

Baptised and sent (our call to be Missionary Disciples). Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as an extraordinary Missionary Month. The Justice and Peace Commission for the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Columban Missionaries invite us to reflect on our experiences, celebrating and putting into action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation. Two members from our parish have been invited to attend the assembly on Saturday 12th October 2019, at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary school, Solihull from 10am to 5pm. Please book your place http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019. or email: events@columbans.co.uk

Biblical and theological reflections on the Church's mission by Columban Missionaries - Acts of the Apostles five evenings. Details check the notice board.

The Saturday Lunches will resume on Saturday 14th September 2019. Please do support these.

The Church Choir: We are in need of parishioners who can play keyboard to support the music in church. There is great joy in making music for the Lord; please come and have this joy with the Lord.

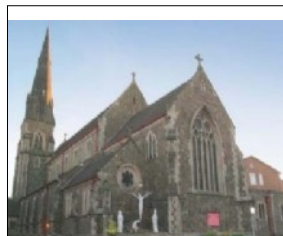
Fundraising resources:

Parish Hall: As our Parish Hall and Kitchen have been improved, I encourage you and your friends to come and use it for your parties or ceremonies (Birthday, Anniversaries, Graduations, Weddings, Rehearsals for drama/music, Meetings and any others).

Items for the forthcoming Christmas Bazaar: We shall have the Christmas Bazaar on 23rd November, anybody willing to donate items **with monetary value** for the day is encouraged to bring them to the Presbytery.

Any other person with fundraising initiatives is welcome. Please contact the Parish Priest to discuss details.

Volunteers are required for the activities of the parish: Saturday lunches, Altar servers, gardeners, church cleaning and welcoming worshippers at the entrance of the church.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME (Lk9:23)

According to worldly standards, successful life in society is measured in terms of material wealth and status. In other cases, a person who lives according to the moral norms of a given society is considered successful. It is sometimes through sacrifices that one becomes successful. Above everything else in life, Christian vocation requires sacrifice and commitment which sometimes involves self-denial. Some examples of genuine followers of Christ are the Martyrs and Saints such as St. Thomas More, Maximilian Kolbe and St. Francis.

Today in the Gospel, Christ said "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Lk14:27). To be a disciple of Christ requires total commitment and dedication. It is a fundamental choice which does not entertain doubts and conditions. The Gospel also mentions separation from natural family relations, which implies there are no excuses to be made if one chooses to follow the Lord. As disciples of Christ, we need to show total love and trust in him, allowing him to rule our lives. At times we fall short in our prayers because we do not pray for the will of God to be done. We focus on asking for our own will to be done, as if to command God. Instead we are invited to be obedient to him by avoiding sin and seeking holy living through loving everybody. We should also treat the difficult moments in life with patience and hope, confident that our Lord accompanies us daily. We need to be conscious of our Christian vocation in following Christ who died on the cross to save us. The modern world is getting indifferent to Christ's message of peace and love but advocating for humanistic, materialistic and hedonistic tendencies. These tendencies should not withdraw us from the eternal love of God. We are to overcome our spiritual difficulties by trusting in God's infinite mercy and love. We need to avoid unforgiveness, resentment, anger, gossip and hate if we allow the Lord to rule our hearts and thoughts. In order to uplift our spiritual strength, we need prayers, meditation and a strong will to stand and put God at the centre of all our daily activities.

May this Sunday deepen in us the understanding of following Christ in life.

Fr. Pontius Bandua

NOTE: RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: The Reception of the Holy Eucharist should be with reverence and in prayerful mood. The minister and the recipient need to allow some time before the next recipient for a prayerful reception.

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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Tel 024 7622 7165

Headteacher: Mrs Nicola Rynott.

St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

52a, Raglan Street Coventry, CV1 5QF. Tel 024 7625 8901

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Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

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Parish Income

Gift aid: £109.00

Loose: £379.84

Total: £488.84

Candles: £74.23

Restoration: £24.25

Heating: £18.82

Rent: £800.00

Piety Stall: £90.00

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday 8th September today's **second collection** for Catholic Education Service.

Sunday 15th September **second collection** for Home Mission.

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, the parish is undertaking the following tasks that need financial support; routine service of the boilers and heating in the three buildings, the periodic check up of the electrical installations in the three buildings, Church Spire repairs, fire risk & safety assessments and the day to day running of the parish. I appeal to your continued generosity to support the parish.

300 Club July & August Draws Winners

July: First prize: 589 A Welsh Second Prize: 705 A Joyce
Third prize: 673 B Melody Fourth Prize: 361 A McGinley

Aug: First prize: 581 B Kennedy Second Prize: 761 A McGinley
Third prize: 722 A Jackson Fourth Prize: 424 M. Fenton

Congratulations to the winners!

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 8th - 15th September 2019

Sat	7	11: 45am	The Pope, priests and forgotten souls in Purgatory
		5:30pm	People of the Parish Jason Tutty (RIP)
Sun	8	11:30am	Eamonn & Bridget Gannon (Birthdays)
Mon	9	9:00am	School Mass
		12:10 pm	People of the Parish Odilia Tibakaba (Get well)
Tues	10	12:10pm	Elizabeth Willets (Get Well) Bridget Nolan (Sp intention) The Connors Family (Sp intention)
Weds	11	12:10pm	Joanita Figueira (RIP) Joyce Nazareth (Birthday intention)
		6:00pm	Reception of the Body George Daly
Thurs	12	9.00am	Funeral - George Daly
		12.10pm	James Green (RIP)
Fri	13	12.10pm	Joao Antonio Demello (RIP) Trevor Dixon (RIP) Suzanne Martin (RIP)
Sat	14	11: 45am	Suzanne Martin (RIP)
		5.30pm	
Sun	15	11.30am	People of the Parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 7th September

Sunday 8th September

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

11.30am: Jolan & Janet (R)
Patsy & Catherine (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.

Death announcements: **George Daly** died on Sunday 1st September. The funeral mass will be on 12th September at 9.00am. Reception of the body into church on 11th September at 5.30pm.

Thomas Joseph Somers died on 28th August. The funeral mass will be on 18th September at 1pm. Reception of the body into church on 17th September at 5pm.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Maurice Breen, Grace Reid, Phyllis Inckle, Linda Earley, Frankie Brown, Rosaleen Hayes, Margaret Whiting, Gerard McManus, Terence McGurk.

Blessing of the Graves: We will have the Blessing of the Graves again this year. The arrangements are as follow; Canley 3pm 15th September, Lenton's Lane 3pm 22nd September, London Rd 3pm 29th September, St Paul's 3pm 6th October.

