

Parish News & Notices

The Epiphany of the Lord: Is the feast of manifestation of the Lord in the world, as the Magi paid homage to him. We are also invited to make pilgrimage to Christ in the Sacraments, prayer and in holiness of life.

The year of the WORD: The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is encouraging all to celebrate, live and share God's word with this exciting new Scripture initiative. 2020 has been chosen as it is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. In the parish we shall have days of reflection on the Scripture focusing on St. Mathew's Gospel.

Donations for Heating & Maintenance: Two parishioners have donated £550 for heating and maintenance of the church, £500 and £50 respectively. We greatly appreciate their generous offers.

The Christmas Gifts to the Parish Clergy: The priests of the parish would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the parishioners for the gifts, prayers and words of encouragement during this Christmas time. May the Lord grant you peace, joy and love.

The Parish New Contacts: The Parish has a 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 i.e. Newsletter, history, prayer schedule and adverts.

The Organist for the Church Choir: St. Osburg's church is searching for an Organist who can support the Choir. The terms of the support will be negotiated. Please send your applications to the Parish office not later than 10th January 2020.

The Winter Night Shelter: Thank you very much for your generous donations of food, clothes and money for the Night Shelter which was much appreciated by our guests. All has been well there over Christmas.

WASPS - COVENTRY: have contributed food, toiletry and clothes for the Winter Night Shelter through a family of the parish, we thank them for the generosity.

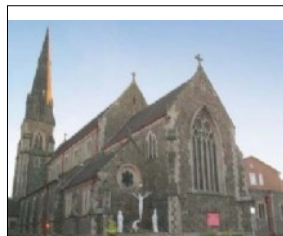
Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday and Saturday. Vespers and Benediction are on the First Thursday of every month and on the Last Sunday of every month, at 6.00 pm. The next will be on Sunday 26th January 2020.

RCIA: The instructions begin at 6pm in Church or Foyer every Monday. We shall break for Christmas on 9th December and start again on Monday 13th January 2020

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)

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THE CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE

The new year brings vast opportunities as we have undertaken resolutions to improve our conditions of living. Amongst the resolutions should have been the spiritual ones, for example to be regular and active at Sunday Masses, or to increase our support spiritually and materially for the faith-based communities. Above everything else is our continuous pilgrimage to Christ in holiness of a life manifested in love, kindness, humility, forgiveness, charity and generosity.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is the manifestation of Christ born to the world. The birth of Christ changed the face of the earth in all respects. The wise men who interpreted the different seasons of the year at that time were able to recognise this fact in the movements of the star. It was an indication that Christ has authority over the universe. The foreign kings were able to respond with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh as they made their pilgrimage to the baby king born in Bethlehem. The gifts indicated the baby's future with His Kingship symbolized with gold and also Frankincense to represent His mission and role as a priest as well as sacrificing lamb for the atonement of the sins of the world. The myrrh indicated the preparation for His death. As Christians we are invited to make pilgrimage to the Bethlehem of our hearts, families and communities. Our hearts and attitudes should be of love, humility and forgiveness as we begin this year. Our star for the life journey should be Christ the Lord, in sacraments and prayer. We should avoid evil practices of injustice, resentment, selfishness and gossip or prejudice. We should be able to overcome tendencies of bad feelings towards others like hate, jealousy and dishonesty all of which were the traits Herod displayed. We should bring to Christ our gifts of peace, charity, humility and listen to Him in the scriptures. We listen especially during this year dedicated to the Holy Scripture as "THE GOD WHO SPEAKS."



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £56.00	Loose: £273.53	Total: £329.53
Candles: £171.07	Restoration: £223.43	Heating: £437.75
Rent: £400.00	Hall Hire: £225.00	Donation: £69.35

Thank you for your generosity

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, the parish is undertaking the various tasks that need financial support especially the **heating of the church (please support the heating of the church by your contribution towards the bills).**

NOTE: Give your donations to keep our church WARM in the Box on the wall at entrance. The heating bill of the Church for November is £1,300.00

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

300 Club December Draws Winners

First prize: 471	J. Wiltshire	Second Prize: 175	P. J. Doherty
Third prize: 759	A. Murphy	Fourth Prize: 194	N. Phelan

Congratulations to the winners!

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

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 5th - 12th January 2020

Sat	4	11: 00am	Sister Teresa Christmas intention Tom Ward for his intentions
		5.30pm	Patsy Keogh Christmas intention Catherine Wilson (Christmas intention)
Sun	5	11.30am	People of the Parish, Pat Ruddy (RIP 1st anniversary) George Campbell (RIP) Charlie Wilson (RIP 1st anniversary)
Mon	6	12:10pm	Hilda Gibson (Special intention) Lyn & William Craven (Special intention) The Joy family (Special intention) Bernadette Lappin (RIP anniversary)
Tue	7	12:10pm	Matt Buckley (Special intention) Canon Tom Farrell for his intentions Tony Pattison (Intention)
Weds	8	12.10pm	Sheehy family (Special intention) Fr. Andrew Franklin for his intentions
Thurs	9	12.10pm	Sister Teresa & Philomena for their intentions Mrs. Hobbs & Gary Christmas intention
Fri	10	12.10pm	Craven family (Special intention) Padraig Gallagher (RIP)
Sat	11	11: 00am 5.30pm	Nancy Carroll (Special intention) Phyllis Gardner (RIP)
Sun	12	11.30am	People of the Parish Rev. Tony Janew (Special intention)

NOTE: RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: The Reception of the Holy Communion 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.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4th January

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

Sunday 5th January

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

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 1

Death Announcement: Ronald Thomas Johnson died on 19th December 2019. The funeral Mass will be on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 10:00 am . We pray for him and the family.

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: Duffy, Margaret Christina, Fowler, James Robert, Charles Patrick Wilson, Lappin, Bernadette, Meagher Denis, Duffy Thomas Peter, O'conor Michael, Joyce Michael, Grant Michael and Gill Teresa