

Parish News & Notices

Second Sunday in ordinary time: This Sunday invites us to reflect on our Christian Vocation and commitment. The Holy Father the Pope invites us to pray for peace of world as we live our Christian vocation, "PAX CHRISTI " Sunday.

The burglary at the Sacristy: Last Saturday on 11th January, at 5:30 Mass a burglar broke into the sacristy and made away with the valuables of the Priests and the Sacristan. Regarding the church property, there was nothing destroyed nor stolen. We would like to thank all those who sent to us encouraging words and kind support for us to replace the keys and personal property. Later on Friday 17th evening, the Police called that our phones were recovered from the suspect, we thank the Police for their professional job to get back our phones. I encourage each of us to be conscious of our security.

Sacrament of Confirmation: We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Kenney to St. Osburg's parish to confirm a number of our Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 29th January at 6.30pm. We pray for the children and their parents to be active and close members of St. Osburg's Parish community in practice of their faith.

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 us 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 church maintenance: The parish has received a donation of £1000.00 from building society of Coventry and £200.00 from a parishioner for the maintenance of the church. We greatly appreciate their generous donation.

The Parish New Contacts: The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.stos-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 20th January 2020.

Catholic Papers: Until now the Catholic papers were supplied on a sale or return basis, but from this month we have to agree to pay a fixed price whether or not we sell any papers. The minimum number we can have is 5 per week. This will cost us £280.00 a year. Please sign your initials on paper placed at the back if you agree to buy the weekly supplies. We need two more signatories, only three have signed.

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: Instructions are at 6pm in the Church or Foyer every Monday. They recommenced 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).

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THE CHRISTIAN VOCATION

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will"

The journey of life is the providential fulfilment of God's plan for each person. We live relatively in different situations of life ranging from material healthy conditions or in abject poverty. There are those of us that are homeless and those that have joyful or sorrowful situations, balanced or broken relationships, good health or poor health. In all these situations God speaks to us and keeps us under His loving care. We are invited to listen to Him in the of events of life by following His will. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we promised to do his will and denounce evil or that which contradicts his holy will in this world.

Today, as we celebrate the Second Sunday of the year, the readings remind us of our Christian Vocation and commitment. We are called not to be complacent in the practice of faith. We should avoid compromising our faith practice to suit the contemporary world ideologies. For example "Do what pleases you, no need to follow religious morals or obligations". Our faith is based on the great example and the teachings of Christ as pointed out to us by John the Baptist. "Look, there is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn1:29). The lamb recalls the event of the glorious night when the people of Israel were freed from Pharaoh's slavery. Each family had sacrificed a lamb and used its blood to mark their door-posts, which saved them from death. This is known as "The Pass-over event" (EX12:1-14). By pointing to Jesus as the lamb of God, John the Baptist was indicating to people His great vocation and mission. Christ will save us from sin by his teachings and redemptive death on cross which leads us back to God. As Christians we are called to do the will of God. We need to be patient in moments of the difficulties and challenges of life. We should be generous, kind, humble and peaceful like Christ who gave up his life to save us. Christian vocation is to witness to the teachings and mission of Christ. We should be willing to sacrifice some of our contradicting desires, attitudes, emotions and plans for the good of others. We should be able to say here am I Lord, I come to do your will, not my will.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £43.00	Loose: £383.44	Total: £426.44
Candles: £113.80	Restoration: £28.78	Heating: £25.45
Donations: £1200.00		

Thank you for your generosity

Today there is a voluntary Second Collection for Pax Christi

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 December is £1,400.00

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. We thank all those who give their time to help the parish; the choir, readers, extra-ordinary ministers, gift collection, Saturday lunches and maintenance of parish property.

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

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 19th - 26th January 2020

Sat	18	11: 45am	
		5.30pm	
Sun	19	11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon	20	12:10pm	Deceased members of the Moran Family (RIP)
Tue	21	12:10pm	Tony Keogh (RIP) Sr. Sabina (RIP)
Weds	22	12.10pm	
Thurs	23	10.00am	FUNERAL - Ronald Thomas Johnson
		12.10pm	
Fri	24	10.30am	FUNERAL - Joseph Paul St. John
		12.10pm	Jenefar D'Mello (Birthday intention)
Sat	25	11: 45am	Eamon Mullally (RIP)
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun	26	11.30am	

Youth Ministry Team in the Deanery: There will be an event of youth ministry, a Mission weekend on 25/26th January at St. Mary and St. Benedict Parish. Maria the Youth Leader will speak to us about the event after mass today.

PEACE WEEK; The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to pray for the Peace of the world, Theme: **Peace as a journey of Hope** by Pope Francis. Please pick a copy at the back of the Church.

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 18th January

5.30pm: Ann F. & Ann E. (R)
Maggie (E)

Sunday 19th January

11.30am: Frank & Jolan (R)
Angelo (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 1

Death Announcement: Eamon Mullaly died on 13th January 2020. 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: Helen Davies, Joan Handbury, Bridget Convey, Geraldine Rodger, Robert Briscoe, Elfriede Parker, Patrick Griffin, Christine Upton, Michael McCarthy

LEGION OF MARY Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Alfie Lamb on Friday 24th January at 7pm.