

Parish News & Notices

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: We are invited to reflect on the gift of life and give gratitude to God as the Holy family and the holy persons Simeon and Anna. We remember our commitments at Baptism as we light the candles.

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. Matthew's Gospel.

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.

Bible Course: with a DVD 'The Word of God' Every Thursday at 1.00pm for six weeks. A Bible course on the Word of God will be conducted in the Foyer. Contact Andy 073-05784184. Please we encourage everyone to come for the sharing of the Word of God.

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 15th February 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.

Racial Justice Sunday: Next Sunday 9th February, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice Sunday with the theme "**You are at the heart of the Church**"

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. The next will be on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 6.00pm.

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). For **Hall hire, please call Angelo Rodrigues No. 07886456952.**

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION

There are several ways to express gratitude for someone's act of goodness. The acknowledgment of good action defines human dignity and respect amongst people. Above everything else is the gratitude we give to God, based on faith, trust and hope. We can find a complete and fulfilling life if we have sincere gratitude to God each day. Jesus said, "**My purpose is to give them rich and satisfying life, I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance (Jn10: 10).**"

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. According to the laws laid by Moses, every first-born male was consecrated to the Lord. At same time a sacrifice was offered, in the form of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. It was done forty days after the birth which marked it as a moment purification and dedication. This dedication was so much more, in that it was a thanksgiving to God for the gift of life and also an invocation of blessings upon the parents. At the moment of the presentation of Jesus, two great persons of faith and hope are present. Anna and Simeon represent the Israelite community and are guided by the Holy Spirit. They confirmed the birth of the Saviour and they were happy because they had seen the light and salvation of Israel. As Christians today, we can reflect on the importance of this day. We are called to offer our lives to God in faith, trust and hope just as Simeon and Anna demonstrated. We should be able to invite Christ in our daily life because of the light we received at baptism. Our decisions and plans should be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and by our dedication in prayer. We should be able to offer our time, energy and resources to support the mission of Christ in the Church and in the world. We need to bring our children close to the church and to becoming engaged in pious activities.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £105.00

Loose: £377.28

Total: £482.28

Candles: £103.31

Restoration: £74.92

Heating: £46.88

Papers: £38.86

Pens: £34.20

Hall Hire: £200.00

Saturday Lunches: £80.32

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 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 January Draws Winners

First prize: 54	S. Tierney	Second Prize: 293	J. Hussey
Third prize: 598	M. Collins	Fourth Prize: 006	V. Fahey

Congratulations to the winners!

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 2nd - 9th February 2020

Sat	1	11: 45am	Michael Grady (RIP)
		5.30pm	Paul Cawley (RIP)
Sun	2	11.30am	People of the Parish
			Jacinta Mascarenhas (RIP)
			Patrick O'Malley (Get Well)
Mon	3	12:10pm	FUNERAL - Michael Brady
Tue	4	12:10pm	Mary Veronica Fahey (RIP)
			Eamon Mullally (RIP)
Weds	5	12.10pm	Kathleen Doody (RIP)
Thurs	6	12.10pm	Mary Mitro 100th Birthday intention
Fri	7	12.10pm	Alfred Brennan (RIP)
			Eamon Mullally (RIP)
Sat	8	11: 45am	Maria Butler (RIP)
		5.30pm	Mary Veronica Fahey (RIP)
			People of the Parish
Sun	9	11.30am	Shandulani Mathumo & Misha WP Tomlinson & family (for thanksgiving)
			Michael Brady (RIP)

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 1st February

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

Sunday 2nd February

11.30am: School Children (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.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Eva Chambers, Bridget Sharrey, Cath Malone, Josephine Kennedy, Margaret King, Lelsey Stephen, Samuel McWhinney,

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