

Parish News & Notices

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday invites us to reflect on Christian responsibility to bring other people to God's by our good actions. Discipleship is continuous life of loyalty and holiness. We called to promote justice and fair treatment of everybody as we remember the day of Racial Justice.

Racial Justice Sunday: the Catholic Church in England and Wales today celebrate Racial Justice Sunday with the theme "**You are at the heart of the Church.**" Let us pray for the rights all people

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 20th February 2020.

Marriage Care Support: We are currently in need of more facilitators to run marriage preparation courses for couples in the local area. We are also looking for qualified counsellors to train with us to support couples who are experiencing relationship distress, and centre personnel to support them. For more information, or to apply please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.

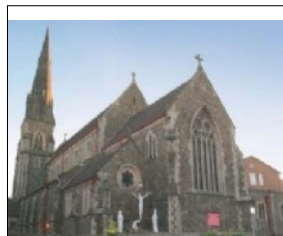
Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday and Saturday. Vespers and Benediction are on the First Thursday of every month and on the Last Sunday of every month. The next will be on Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 6.00pm.

RCIA: Instructions are at 6pm in the Church or Foyer every Monday. They recommence on Monday 13th January 2020. The Rite of Election will be celebrated by the Archbishop at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Sunday 1st March 2020 at 3pm. We pray for our three Catechumens and one Candidate.

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 on 07886456952.**

OVENTRY TYRONE ASSOCIATION – Annual Dance on Friday 14th February at Christ the King Centre. Admission £5 – Music by "Declan Gaynor and Martin Courtney". Proceeds on the night will go to a chosen charity.

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



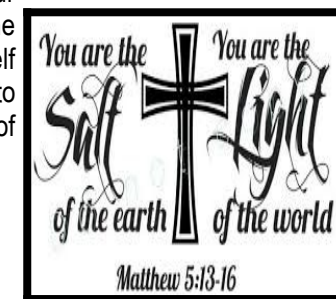
St Elizabeth's

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"SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

There are several values that sustain human society. It has always been a human struggle to maintain these values in all aspects of life down through generations. These values give meaning to human existence and they cut across the political and socio-economic life of all communities. The values that humanity cherishes are; love, peace, integrity, respect, justice, generosity and sacrifice for the good of others. These values in turn enhance harmonious relationships and a stable societal existence. Above everything else is the value of the Gospel, Jesus says "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life,*" (Jn8:12). By following the Good News of the Kingdom of God, humanity will positively realise its complete potential.

Today, we celebrate the 5th Sunday in Ordinary time. In the Gospel Christ reminds us of our Christian vocation and responsibility. He says, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? ... You are the light of the world." (Mt5:13-16). In its everyday use, salt gives flavour to food and also prevents it from getting bad. The Christian life should also give flavour to human society. By leading an exemplary life filled with patience, generosity and peace we can give hope to a society that is threatened by violence and disrespect for human dignity. We should not lose our direction of faith by following the whims of the contemporary world's attitude to Christ and religion. At the same time, light makes us see things clearly as we walk unlike darkness that can make us stumble and fall. Our Christian life should be one of honesty, justice and sincerity which can promote life and dignity for others. In the first reading, Prophet Isaiah says, share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see naked. Our Christian life should manifest itself as good actions. We should be able to extend our generosity to the needy in world. We should carry the light of our candle of baptism throughout our lives by living the Gospel values.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £65.00

Loose: £376.42

Total: £441.42

Candles: £102.05

Restoration: £10.24

Heating: £129.40 Rent: £1,300.00

Hall Hire: £125.00

Piety: £49.40

Saturday Lunches: £99.85

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 January is £1,470.00

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!

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, 9th - 16th February 2020

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)
Mon	10	12:10pm	Mary Veronica Fahey (RIP) Noreen Maguire (RIP)
Tue	11	12:10pm	Eucharistic Service
Weds	12	12.10pm	Tim Boyle (Special intention) John & Eileen (Special intention) Kathleen Whitecross (RIP)
Thurs	13	12.10pm	John Flaherty (RIP) Fr. Pontius' family intentions Special intention of a family
Fri	14	12.10pm	Mary Mitro (Birthday intention) Eamon Mullally (RIP) Fr. Vincent (RIP)
Sat	15	11: 45am	Valentino Pereira & Dorotea Fernandes (RIP) People of China
		5.30pm	Martin Shally (RIP anniversary) Eamon Mullally (RIP)
Sun	16	11.30am	People of the Parish Maureen Horley (Special intention) Margaret Gallen (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 8th February

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

Sunday 9th February

11.30am: Janet & Jolan (R)
Joyce (E)

Cleaners: This week's team is Team 2

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 remember in your prayers Grace Gaskell who is seriously ill.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Samuel McWhinney, John McCormack, Joyce Mora, Maureen McCooley, Hugh McCooley, Elizabeth Kennedy, Shally Martin, Lawrence Gallen.