

## **Parish News & Notices**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:** This Sunday invites us to reflect on the life of holiness. We should avoid revenge and anger, but promote peace and love.

**Ash Wednesday 26th February 2020:** There will be two masses on this day as we begin the season of Lent: 12:10pm and 6:00pm

**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.

**The Parish New Contacts:** The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.stosburg.org.uk> Email address: [pp.stosburg@gmail.com](mailto:pp.stosburg@gmail.com)

**The God Who Speaks** event is being organised as a Coventry City wide Retreat @ St Osburg's Coventry on 29/30/31st May 2020 (Pending interest). Are you creative/good at making artwork? Are you a musician? Would you like to help organise/ serve/ cook/ attend this event? We need your response now. Any donations will be a blessing and play an integral part in the event. If you feel you can support this event financially or are interested in any way, please contact Justine on 07551096269.

**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.

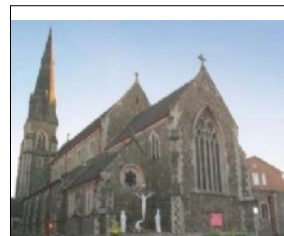
**RCIA:** Instructions are at 6pm in the Church or Foyer every Monday. They recommenced on Monday 13th January 2020. The Rite of Election will be celebrated by the Archbishop at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Sunday 1st March 2020 at 3pm. We pray for our three Catechumens and one Candidate. We shall leave for the St. Chad's Cathedral at 1pm on Sunday 1st March 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 on 07886456952.

**Piety Stall:** Did you know that we have a selection of Easter Cards, Mother's Day Cards, Mass Cards for Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy and Special Intentions? Also cards for Confirmation, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reception into the Church. We also have a good selection of devotional items for sale.

**HMP Hewell Chaplain.** HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please use the following link for the advertised post: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>

**BBC FLIMMNG :** Are you one of the children from 1962 who donated your pocket money towards the Children's Window at Coventry Cathedral? Or were you involved in the building of the New Cathedral all those years ago? The BBC are filming a piece at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 8th March 2020, and we'd love for you to come along with your family members, from approximately 12 noon until 3pm. For more details, please contact Mark Lewis on [mark.lewis03@bbc.co.uk](mailto:mark.lewis03@bbc.co.uk)



**St. Osburg's**



**A.J Missions**



**St Mary's**



**St Elizabeth's**

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### **BE AS PERFECT AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

There are several aspects of life that keep us tuned and alert. Amongst these aspects are; human rights of speech, the expression of opinions and rights to enjoy the social amenities of life. At the same time, we have the duty and responsibility to help and contribute to the wellbeing of others in our society. Above all else, as believers we have the obligation to make the effort to be holy as our Heavenly Father. Holiness in simple terms is living for God in all aspects of our lives.

Today we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time. In the First reading from the Book of Leviticus, we find the invitation to be holy, "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart". If we live for God, we should be quick to forgive and let things go. But if we keep anger, revenge and hatred in our hearts, then we know that the evil one has overtaken us. Again, in the Gospel, Lord Jesus says, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". Within the normal standards of the world, this is not easy, but if we allow the Gospel of Christ to transform us in our hearts, it can be possible. As Christians we are called to live a radical life for God and stand as the conscience of the world to promote the peace and mercy of our Heavenly Father. Be perfect as the Heavenly is perfect. We are called to be generous and merciful. We are temples of God as mentioned in the Second reading, so to live in anger and in spirit of revenge is to destroy the temple of God. May we spend our lives by keeping God's temple holy.

*Fr. Pontius Bandua*

**LENT; Please pick up a copy of "Walk with me" booklet for Lent from the back of the Church.**

## The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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### Parish Income

Gift aid: £223.00	Loose: £321.22	Total: £544.22
Candles: £92.54	Restoration: £165.28	Heating: £63.72
Hall Hire: £260.00	Gift Aid: £14.00	Saturday Lunches: £99.95
Papers: £133.01	Second Collection for life: £152.44	

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

Donation: In Memory of Michael Brady £236.00

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 was £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 February Draws Winners

First prize: 543	S. Sweeney	Second Prize: 451	W. Carson
Third prize: 563	P. Wilson	Fourth Prize: 118	T. McGee

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 23rd February - 1st March 2020

Sat	22	11: 45am	For all the souls in Aldona & Coventry
		5.30pm	Connie O'Boyle (RIP) Maureen McCooley (RIP) Fr. Pontius Bandua (Special intention)
Sun	23	11.30am	Brian McCarny (RIP) Augustine Halinan (RIP First anniversary) Denis & Maura (Get well)
Mon	24	12:10pm	Eaman Mullally (RIP) Holy Souls Theresa Rynne (Get well)
Tue	25	12:10pm	Michael Brady (RIP) Tommy & Margaret Cleary (Special intention)
Weds	26	12.10pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Bridie Rogers (RIP) Willie Joe Davis (RIP)
Thurs	27	12.10pm	Neil McHugh (RIP) Deceased members of the Tynan family
Fri	28	12.10pm	Jolan Rodrigues (Birthday intention)
		1.00pm	<b>FUNERAL : Margaret Mary Dawson</b>
Sat	29	11: 45am	Eaman Mullally (RIP))
		5.30pm	Aaron Hill (Special intention)
Sun	1	11.30am	People of the Parish Sister Philomena's 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 be allowed adequate time before the next recipient, ensuring a prayerful reception of the Eucharist.

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday 22nd February

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

#### Sunday 23rd February

11.30am: Janet & Frank (R)  
Maria (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.

**Death announcement: Margaret Mary Dawson** died on 30/01/2020, the funeral mass will be on Friday 28th February at 1pm. We pray for her and the family.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Tony Melody, John Osborne, John McDonnell, Colin Taggart, David McCann, Robert Anderson, Marge Stapleton, Patsy Byrne, Barbara O'Donnell.

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