

## Parish News & Notices

**Third Sunday of Lent:** This Sunday invites us to reflect on living Water, which is the abiding presence of the Lord in our lives. We need to search for the spiritual water that can give us complete joy and fulfilment of our lives.

**Guide lines due to Coronavirus:** Please follow the NHS directives of hygiene.

Take note of the following: 1. We will continue to refrain from the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. 2. Communion to be received on the hand, rather than the tongue. 3. The Priests alone will receive from the Chalice. 4. The Priests, Deacons and Ministers will use hand gel before and after Communion and we would ask you to make sure you wash your hands and use hand gel as regular as possible and certainly before and after the Church. 5. We will take the collection at the end as you exit the Church, rather than passing the collection bags from hand to hand. 6. We will also use single use hymn sheets rather than using the Mass books and prayer books. 7. We will stop, CAFOD soup, tea and coffee after Mass at the weekends. These are precaution measures but not to worry us.

**The Spire:** Survey and repair works in the Church Spire starts on Monday 16th March. The car park will be blocked for some time.

**Funeral notice:** The funeral Rites for **Fr. Robert Wright** who sadly died will be on Friday 20th March at 12:00 Noon. The reception of Body into Church will be on Thursday 19th March at 6pm, St. John Fisher Parish. Please see details on the notice board.

**The Parish New Contacts:** The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.stos-cov.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). Would you like to help organise/ serve/ 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.

**Youth leadership training;** Three parishes St. Osburg's, Christ the King and Holy Family will have youth leadership training on every Wednesday at Christ the King parish starting at 7:00pm. Next will be on 18th March.

**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 29th March 2020 at 6.00pm. **The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm.**

**RCIA:** The Rite of Election was conducted last Sunday at St. Chad's Cathedral in a wonderful ceremony led by the Archbishop of Birmingham. Three of our catechumens and candidate joined hundreds of others from the parishes across the Archdiocese with their sponsors. First Scrutiny will take place today on this 3rd Sunday of Lent.

**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.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



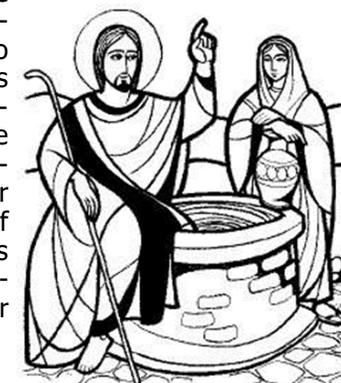
St Elizabeth's

### Parish Newsletter – Third Sunday of Lent 15th – 22nd March.

#### THE LIVING WATER

The search for happiness and fulfilment of life is a natural desire for humanity. In most cases this is hardly achievable within our limited lifespan. Unless our minds are illumined by the divine wisdom in faith, we struggle in vain as we make life's journey. Unfortunately, most people tend to confine their measurement of a fulfilled life by the level of material acquisition and wealth obtained, or in the amount of natural pleasures experienced. Both these aspects are temporary in so far as the promise of an eternity with the Lord is concerned. Above everything else, we need total trust and hope in God during the events of life in order to make this earthly journey complete and fulfilled. The living water which the Lord Jesus mentioned to the Samaritan Woman in today's Gospel should be our main focus in life.

Today, we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, which directs us to reflect on the gift God gives to us as represented in the symbol of water. In natural situations of life, water is essential, it sustains and promotes life. In Christian life, water has a lot of spiritual significance in the Sacrament of Baptism. In the First reading from the Book of Exodus, Moses was directed by the Lord to strike the rock to provide water for the Israelites after they had complained (Ex17:3-7). In the Gospel, during the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman, the Lord said he would give living water, and whoever drinks it will never be thirsty again. After her conversation with the Lord, the Samaritan woman was later converted and she also announced her experience of the Lord to the town's people. In our journey of life, we should make efforts to encounter Jesus in the sacraments and teachings of the holy scriptures. There is also a need for us to let others know Christ by our way of life (like the efforts made by the Samaritan woman). We need to avoid prejudice and discrimination, following the example of the Lord by breaking the barriers of tradition between Samaritans and Jews. We also need to pay attention to our spiritual wellbeing as we struggle with the comforts of the material world. As Christians we are invited to focus our interest on spiritual fulfilment and happiness by following the path of sanctity and searching for the water of life prompted by the Holy Spirit.



Fr. Pontius Bandua

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Parish Safeguarding Representative: Anne Collins 024 7667 0304

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Tel 024 7622 7165

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### St. Mary & St. Benedict R.C Church

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### St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church

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### Parish Income

Gift aid: £44.00 Loose: £318.57 Total: £362.57

Candles: £112.44 Restoration: £27.35 Hall Hire: £370.00

Heating: £35.22

Second Collection Cafod: £497.97

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 for 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 February was **£1,370.00**

**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 February Draws Winners

First prize: 543 S. Sweeney Second Prize: 451 W. Carson

Third prize: 563 P. Wilson Fourth Prize: 118 T. McGee

Congratulations to the winners! Any queries, contact Ann Fenton on 024 7659 9544

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

### MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK, 15th - 22nd March 2020

Sat	14	11: 45am	Suzanne Birkin (RIP)
		5.30pm	Nuala Kelly (RIP anniversary) Deceased members of the Stapleton family Sophie Cox (Get well)
Sun	15	11.30am	Patrick Melody (RIP) People of the Parish
Mon	16	12:10pm	Patrick Melody (RIP) Maureen & Peter Jones for their intentions
Tue	17	12:10pm	Matilda (Pat) O'Toole (RIP) Daniel Kirkwood (RIP)
Weds	18	12.10pm	Kay Mills (Get well) Eamon, Bridie & Christopher Mullally (RIP)
Thurs	19	12.10pm	John Hornby (RIP anniversary) Kath Bradley (RIP)
Fri	20	12.10pm	Patsy Keogh (Birthday intention) John & Annie (Anniversary)
Sat	21	11: 45am	Brendan (in thanksgiving) Jan, Daniel & Philip (Special intention)
		5.30pm	Jimmy Jordan (RIP)
Sun	22	11.30am	People of the Parish

**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 14th March

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

#### Sunday 15th March

11.30am: Frank & Joan (R)  
Angelo (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.

**Death announcement:** Please pray for **Anthony Edwards** who died recently and we pray for the family.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Mary McConville, Nuala Kelly, Annie McLeneghan, Angela Gaffney, Noel Cross, Michael O'Keeffe, Ellen Yeomans, Nicolina Buonopane, Anne Howe, Mary Fallon

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