

Parish News & Notices

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday: This Sunday invites us to reflect on Christ as our chief shepherd and our gate to heavenly kingdom. We should also follow His example to be shepherds to each other, by bringing others to Christ by our good deeds. Today we pray for vocations to serve the Church which Christ established on earth.

The Pastoral Letter of Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham. On Good Shepherd Sunday, Please I encourage you to access it on our Parish Website.

Message from the Metropolitan Archbishops of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. I also encourage you to read it from our parish website.

Guide lines due to Coronavirus: Public Masses and services suspended until further notice. Follow the daily masses on Parish Webcam. Go to MCN—ST. OSBURG CHURCH. 12:10pm Weekday and 11:30am for Sunday. Also Saturday 11:45am and 5:30pm.

The closure of the church: The Church has been closed for Private visits. Please pray from home and follow the daily prayers in the church from webcam.

The Parish New Contacts: The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: pp.stosburg@gmail.com

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. Please note that these devotions are on livestream, follow them on webcam. We shall have Evening prayers & Adoration on Thursday 7th May at 6pm.

Month May for the Holy Rosary: The Holy Father Pope Francis has asked to consider seriously our prayer of intercession through **Mother Mary** in this month of May during this difficult the time by praying the Rosary daily individually or collectively.

RCIA: Baptism and Confirmation will be celebrated until the public Masses are allowed. We pray for the RCIA Catechumens and candidates.

Catholic Papers: The papers are available in the parish

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.

The bookings have been cancelled and suspended.

Marriage Matters—Maryvale reflections by Lianne Pap

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10)

Feeding your sheep

John 10:10 describes us as 'sheep'.

God watches over and feeds us with his Word, and in the Eucharist.

With God's help we have created a few more sheep, so we pray for His help, read books, use the internet to protect our children from the harm done by the 'media' and many of today 'addictions'.

That is being good shepherds.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

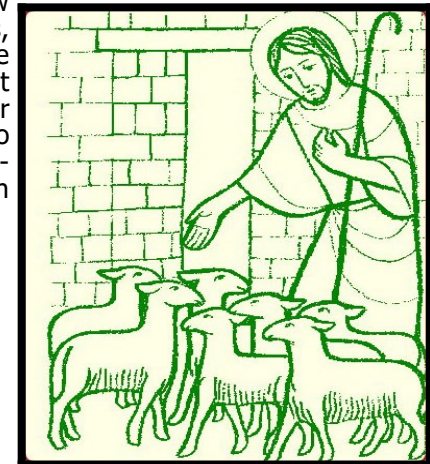
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3rd May 2020

“I AM THE GATE OF THE SHEEPFOLD”

There are common practices among members of given societies which identify them to respond to each other in given situations of life. The different practices can be based on socio- economic, political and religious backgrounds. What matters in all these is the determination the members will have to keep the standards. The consistent follow up of the core values of the common practices is what can keep the societies united and focused. Today in the Psalm we respond, “The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.” At same time, in the Gospel reading Christ said “I am the gate of the sheepfold”. In this respect, the Gospel of Christ is the centre or the focus on Christian identity, which keeps us united.

Today's Gospel (Jn: 10:1-10), indicates that Christ is the gate of life and through Him we find the complete meaning of life. He is the gate or the door way between earth and heaven. It is in Him that we can be protected and secured from the danger of losing our lives eternally. Normally, gates protect and also allow required persons in and out. Christ as the gate protects and allows us to enter into complete union with God. In the second reading, St. Peter, said “You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls”. This was when they accepted Christ in baptism. In the first reading from the Acts Apostles, when people asked St. Peter on Pentecost Day, “What must we do, brothers?” Peter answered, “You must repent”. Today we live in a broken world in terms of material, social, moral, psychological and spiritual lives. We are therefore called to renew our faith. During this time Christ is speaking to us, He is our gate and He will give us life. Let us hope and trust in Him, as He said, “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full”. By our virtue of baptism, we also become shepherds to each other, leading others to Christ by acts of charity, by showing kindness and support for those in need in our societies.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £ **Loose:** £ **Total:** £
Candles: £ **Restoration:**
Heating: £ **Piety:** £

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, I encourage you to keep your weekly contributions until public masses are allowed. You may bring them all at once when the public Masses will start. You can also call any of the Finance Committee members especially John on Mob No. 07503179735 to guide you to make Direct debt or Gift Aid to support the church at this difficult time. Thank you for the support.

300 Club March Draws Winners

First prize: 028 G. Trickett Second Prize: 305 A. Joyce
Third prize: 329 B McDonald Fourth Prize: 223 N. Wilson

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 live stream on the web cam,3rd –10th May2020

Sat	02	11:45am 05:30pm	Jacinta Mascarenhas RIP Matt Kelly RIP
Sun	03	11.30am	People of the Parish Maria Scott (intentions)
Mon	04	12:10pm	Ann Scott and family intentions
Tue	05	12.10pm	Brendan Cunningham RIP June McPhee (Sp. Birthday)
Wed	06	12.10pm	Luke Mc. Sp. Intention Baby Theo. (Get well intention)
Thurs.	07	12:10pm	Janet Wiltshire (Sp. Birthday)
Fri	08	12:10pm	Judith Endean RIP
Sat	09	11: 45am 05:30pm	Larry(33yrsRIP) & Teresa Mawn(21yrsRIP)
Sun	10	11.30am	People of the Parish

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

05:30 (R)
(E)

Sunday

11.30am: (R)
(E)

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

Cross Paul Joseph, John Patrick Mullooly, Watson James Henry, Poviliunas Peter, Deegan William Joseph, McKinney Katherine, Delia McNally and Bridget Philomena McNally

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