

Parish News & Notices

The Fifteenth Sunday of the year. This Sunday invites us to have positive and personal response to the word of God. We need to listen and conform our lives to the teachings of the Kingdom of Heaven based on faith, patience and love.

St. Osburg's Church is open for Public Masses and Confessions: Those who would like to come for the Masses should book by calling or sending text messages to the Parish Priest. The Sunday obligation is still suspended, please choose any day in the week to come for Mass. All who come for the Mass must wear face masks, it is compulsory. The live streaming Masses will be everyday, please you are encouraged to follow from home. We shall have confessions on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** only for 45 minutes each day, from 12:45pm to 1:30pm. We need more volunteers to help in the daily Masses and confessions, but only those who are not vulnerable.

Mass and Confessions programme at St. Osburg's Church: From 11th July, please follow the programme below: Saturday @ 5.30pm Public Mass
Sunday @ 11.30am Public Mass
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday @ 12.10pm Public Mass
Monday to Friday @ 12.10pm Livestreamed Mass.
Saturday @ 11.45am Livestreamed Mass
Monday and Thursday @ 12:45pm -1:30pm Confessions

Time: On the day of public Masses, the church opens at 11:30am, Sunday at 11am and Saturday 5pm. Please note the time. Confessions' days at 12:45pm

Candles: Please ask the stewards to light the candles for you, do not touch them.

Gift Aid envelopes: Please pick your Gift Aid envelopes at the exit from the steward. Those who would like to be included in the scheme, please pick a form at the exit, fill it and send it back to the presbytery addressed to the treasurer.

Updated Webcam Camera: Dear parishioners this is to inform you, that the Webcam Camera has been upgraded. Please click on **MCN MEDIA—ST. OSBURG'S**

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

Fr. Sunday Evaristus: Due to the commitment to serve at the University Hospital Chaplaincy, he will have less time in the parish. We continue to pray for his mother **Odilia Takyombweine (RIP)** who died recently.

Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church (this time it is suspended, but done individually). 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, please follow them on the webcam. The next Benediction will be on 26th July 2020. They will all be live streamed not communal celebrations.

Sponsor 20km walk by Fr. Pontius on the day of his 20th Ordination Anniversary to support the church. I have received **£475.00** as a donation of sponsorship from the parishioners and friends. Thank you for your support.

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. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, all the bookings are suspended.**

The parish hall and Foyer are not to be opened for any gathering until we get directives from Diocese.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

Parish Newsletter – Fourteenth Sunday 12th July 2020

“SOME SEED FELL INTO RICH SOIL AND PRODUCED ITS CROP”

In normal life situations, people have different levels of perception of the same reality. An individual's personal disposition and interest can influence someone's level of understanding or perception. When people are not interested in a particular subject matter, the attention and the rate understanding will cease or will be adversely affected. Our response to the word of God can be influenced by our spiritual disposition and a total surrender to the will of God. If we are well disposed, the word of God will transform our way of living. As the prophet Isaiah mentions, “thus says the Lord, As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth...”. The word of God has influence in our lives, but it also calls for our personal response.

In today's Gospel, Christ gives the parable of the sower. When being sown, the seeds fell in different soil conditions namely, on the edge of the path, onto patches of rocks, among thorns and lastly on rich soil where it yielded fruits. The word of God is addressed to us in different circumstances of our lives. What are our responses? At times we face challenges in life's journey, like a break down in our health, financial difficulties or loss of dear ones or loss of a job. Do we still trust in God in those moments? What is our response to the word of God during this Covid-19 pandemic? In the second reading, Saint Paul says in the letter to the Romans, “from the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know has been groaning in one great act of giving birth...” This is the pain of waiting in hope, to be set free. We need freedom from any form of suffering, and it is in Christ, that we can attain lasting peace and tranquillity in life. When we have faith in God, we shall yield the fruits of patience and love. Christ assures us of His loving presence. He says, “I'm with you always until the end of time (Mtt28:20).” We are called to be positive in our hearts and minds as we trust in the Lord's words. We must be a fertile soil for the word of God to take root, like the seed that fell in the rich soil.

Fr. Pontius Bandua

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Parish Income

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| Gift aid: £ | Loose: £ | Total £ |
| Candles: £ | Restoration: £ | |
| Heating: £ | Piety: £ | Rent: £ |

Donation and support. I would like to thank all those who have supported the church with generous donations during this difficult time. Thank you and may God bless you

The appeal of the Parish Priest: Dear parishioners, I encourage you to bring your weekly offertory collections of the last four months this time when you come for the public Masses. At the same time you can make your weekly offertory collection on any day of the week when come for Mass. Please place it the box at the exit. Thank you for supporting the Church.

300 Club June Draws Winners

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| First prize: 407 | A. Walker | Second Prize: 360 | H. Gough |
| Third prize: 281 | J. Walsh | Fourth Prize: 316 | P. O'Connell |

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

P. O'Connell has donated her £20 to the heating fund of the church.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK 12TH –19TH JULY 2020

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| Sat | 11 | 11:45am | Special intention (M) |
| | | 05:30pm | Special intention (AJN) Chizaram Laura Ohadomere (Birthday int.) |
| Sun | 12 | 11:30am | Alice Keogh RIP People of the parish |
| Mon | 13 | 12:10pm | Kevin Shakespeare (Sp. Intention) |
| Tue | 14 | 12:10pm | Cini John (Get well) |
| Wed | 15 | 12:10pm | Anne Connor RIP |
| Thurs. | 16 | 12:10pm | Luke and John (Sp. Intention) |
| Fri | 17 | 12:10pm | James E. Connor RIP |
| Sat | 18 | 11:45am | Jim Timmons RIP |
| | | 05:30pm | Odilia Takyombweine (RIP) |
| Sun | 19 | 11:30am | |

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

Mary Stanton, John McCafferty, Nora Lacey, Paul Samuel and Michael O'Grady