

Parish News & Notices

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord: Today, as we celebrate Christmas our hearts and lives are filled with great joy. We are invited to reflect on that first night when the angels broke the news of great joy to the shepherds. It was an ever lasting joy of the birth of the Saviour of the world, new era for human race. Let us rejoice and be happy amidst the temporary sufferings we go through these days.

The Christmas Masses on 24th & 25th : Due to the current situation of the Covid-19 pandemic, we shall have three Masses. Thursday 24th at 5:30PM, Friday 25th at 9:30AM & 11:30AM. Priority will be given those who have booked. Our capacity is 80 people for each Mass. Please cooperate with stewards when you will be told no more space. **Those who have booked should be seated by at least 15 minutes** before the start of each Mass.

The public Masses : Public Masses started on Wednesday ,2nd December. You are expected to follow the regulations of safety strictly. The Sunday obligation is still suspended, please choose any day in the week to come for Mass. **All who come for Mass must wear face masks, it is compulsory.**

Mass and Confessions programme at St. Osburg's Church: From 2nd December, 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**

Collecting Contact Details: All those who come to church are required to give their names and phone numbers for NHS track and trace. It is a government directive. The details will be kept safely by the Parish Priest.

Parish Projects : The church spire repair works have been completed. It has been a major expense on the parish. I request you dear parishioners to give your generous support to meet the expenses. Next year we shall also repair the water goods. Let us work together to keep our historical church well maintained.

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.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: pp.stosburg@gmail.com

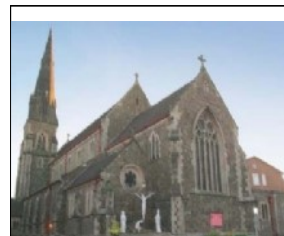
Heating the church: As we are in the cold season, I request your usual support for the heating of the church.

Devotions: The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church (at this time it is suspended, but prayed individually at home). 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 27th November 2020. These will all be live streamed not communal celebrations.

Fundraising resources: Parish Hall: For Hall hire, please call **Angelo Rodrigues on 07886456952, bookings allowed for special cases only, maximum 15 people. Social events not allowed.**

The Catholic Universe: Please pay for the copy (£1.50).

Christmas envelopes: There are envelopes for the offering for the clergy at the back of the church. Please, place your offering in them as you exit the church. Thank you.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

Parish Newsletter –Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord 25th December 2020

'TODAY A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU'

The birth of a child to a family is usually considered as news of great joy, not only for the parents but for the whole set of relations. Naturally, it is sign of hope for the continuity of human race and the greatest gift of human life. For Christians, the birth of a child is a blessing and gift of God. Above everything else is the greatest news of all, the birth of the Divine Son Jesus, the Saviour of the world. The angel said to the shepherds 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you' he is Christ the Lord (Lk2:11). The joy we share today is God's love and mercy. 'For God, so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life' (Jn3:16).

Today, as we celebrate Christmas our hearts and lives are filled with great joy. We are invited to reflect on that first night when the angels broke the news of great joy to the shepherds. The shepherds represent all of us. They were told not be afraid. Today, we are also told not be afraid. Christ has been born to us. Let us rejoice individually and collectively in our families, homes, and in the world. Christmas is a moment to reflect on God's gift and love in Jesus, a baby born in a humble situation and first announced to the shepherds. God saves us in the most difficult situations. He is a loving and merciful Father. He has saved us from the bondage of slavery to sin. Jesus took our human nature to bring us closer to God. Jesus Christ, the Saviour born to us, has come to teach us the way of righteousness. 'His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God. But emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are. And being as all men are, he was humbler yet even to accepting death, death on a cross' (Phl2:5-6). We are invited to follow the example of the self-sacrificing life of Jesus Christ who saved us. He comes to us daily in the sacraments and in the Holy Scriptures. Let us commit our lives to prayer and works of charity. We should allow Christ to be born in our hearts and lives today. We need to avoid the human tendencies of pride, indifference, injustice, egocentrism, and unforgiveness. We should instead cultivate the spirit of generosity, love, mercy, and concern for the poor and needy in our world society. We need to radiate the Christ who was born to us by our way of living.



Fr. Pontius Bandua

Merry Christmas!!

The Most Holy Sacrament and St. Osburg

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Parish Income

Gift aid: £374 **Loose:** £ 545.27 **Total £919.27**

Candles: £ 106.67 **Restoration:** £87.23 **Piety stall** £110

Heating: £42.26 **Donations:** £100 **Hall hire:** £

Rent: £ Cafod: £147.59

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, make your weekly offertory collection on any day of the week when you come for private prayers. Please place it in the box at the exit. Thank you for supporting the Church.

Offertory please place your offertory collections in the boxes as you exit the church. Thank you.

Second collection: Today second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea/ Stella Maris

The Christmas Bazaar : Due the current situation, the Christmas bazaar has been cancelled: You are encouraged to give your donations to support the restoration fund. Thank you for support.

300 Club December 2020 Draws Winners

First prize: 16 P O'Connell Second Prize: 188 K Vaughan

Third prize: 7 A Hamilton Fourth Prize: 224 McGee

The winner of 4th prize **McGee** has donated £12 of win to the parish funds.

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK 20TH—27TH DEC 2020

Sat	19	11:45am	Berry Dunleavy RIP
		05:30pm	Stapleton Family intentions Mary & Henry Christmas intentions
Sun	20	11:30am	People of the Parish.
Mon	21	12:00pm	Mrs Hobbs & Son Garry intentions
Tue	22	12:10pm	Michael McGrane (Anniv.) Sr. Philomena & Sr. Teresa Christmas int.
Wed	23	12:10pm	Nula Gaffney B'day intention Mathew Ruddell RIP Gerard McGrogan RIP Anniv
Thur 24		12:10pm	Ann Fenton Christmas intentions
		05:30pm	Anne & Michael O'Shea Christmas intention of
Fri 25		09:30am	Tony McKiernan RIP Tom Timmons Sp. intention
		11:30am	The Hughey family intentions Bernadine Dympna Warren RIP
Sat	26	11:45am	Ann Fenton family Christmas intentions
		05:30pm	Margaret Mary Caines RIP
Sun	27	11:30am	Mary & Michael Mulrine RIP Margaret McGee RIP John Lappin RIP Padriag Gallagher RIP

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday
05:30

Ann E & Maria

Sunday

11.30am:

Frank & Jolan

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:

Chappell Ann Catherine, Mannion Michael and Morgan Patricia Mary

Stella Maris/ Sea Sunday (Apostleship of the Sea) Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at Sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris, the Catholic maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To donate please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5.

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