

## **Parish News & Notices**

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:** This Feast invites us to renew our baptismal promises as we celebrate our Lord's Baptism. These promises were made to serve the Lord, to renounce evil and to renounce all that is contrary to His teachings.

**The public Masses** : Public Masses started on Wednesday ,2nd December. You are expected to strictly follow the regulations of safety. 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 as it is compulsory.**

### **Mass and Confessions programme at St. Osburg's Church:**

From 2nd December 2020, 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

**Confessions:** Monday and Thursday @ 12:45pm-1:30pm

**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.

**Gratitude;** I would like to thank all of those who have supported us and given donations to support the parish projects. May the Lord reward you for your generosity.

**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. This year we shall also repair the water goods. Let us work together to keep our historical church well maintained.

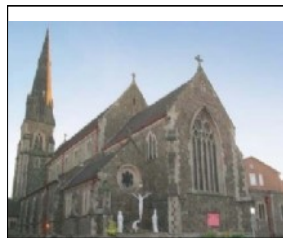
**Updated Webcam Camera:** Dear parishioners this is to inform you, that the Webcam Camera has been upgraded. Please click on **MCN MEDIA—ST. OSBURG'S**

**The Parish New Contacts:** The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.sto-cov.org.uk> Email address: [pp.stosburg@gmail.com](mailto: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 31st January 2021. 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.**



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

## **Parish Newsletter –Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 10th January 2021**

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD AND CHRISTIAN LIFE**

A sense of belonging is essential for the well being of every human person. In order to live meaningful lives, people strive to belong to communities that will promote the individual and therefore the society as a whole. The realisation of the goal of a common good for all, depends on the commitment and active participation of the members of any given society. Above everything else, is the spiritual sense of belonging based on faith in God, demonstrated by peace, honesty, love and justice. In Christian faith, this is initiated by the Sacrament of Baptism. Whether baptised as babies or as adults, a fundamental choice is made to follow the path of holiness illumined by the teachings of Jesus Christ the Lord. *"You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mtt5:48).*

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the end of Christmastide and the beginning of the ordinary time of the liturgical year, cycle B. It prepares us for the spiritual journey of the year. We are also reminded to renew our baptismal promises. These promises were made to serve the Lord, to renounce evil and to renounce all that is contrary to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. The baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan provides great spiritual insight for us as His followers. It was a complete revelation of the Holy Trinity; *heaven was torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove descended on him. A voice came from heaven, you are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.* Heaven was torn open for all those who believe and seek repentance so that they may enter the kingdom of God. Jesus though sinless, received John's baptism of repentance in order to identify with us as sinners and in doing so He saves us. It was the beginning of his public ministry and it also confirmed the purpose of his mission, which was to teach the way of righteousness. The baptism of Jesus also reminds us that the way to the Heavenly Kingdom is through baptism. *Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life (Jn14:6).* Today, we are invited to renew our faith in the Sacrament of Baptism and in each of the other sacraments. We should be able to witness and belong to the Church that Jesus established and in doing so we will be made worthy to be citizens of the heavenly Kingdom. We are called to promote peace, love and justice based on prayer and active participation in our parish community.



*Fr. Pontius Bandua*

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**Asst. Fr. Sunday AJ**

**Parish Sisters:** Sr. Philomena and Sr. Teresa (PBVM)

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Anne Collins 024 7667 0304

**St. Osburg's Primary School,** Upper Hill Street Coventry CV1 4AP.

Tel 024 7622 7165

**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

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

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**Parish Income**

**Gift aid:** £ 470 **Loose:** £634.88 **Total £1,104.88**

**Candles:** £ 178.30 **Restoration:** £903.43 **Piety stall** £50

**Heating:** £28.20 **Donations:** £1,820 **Hall hire:** £430

**Rent:**£800 **Cafod:**£

**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 you visit the church. 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.

**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 10TH- 17TH JAN. 2021**

Sat	09	11:45am	Nula Gaffney Family intentions Deacon Joe Patterson Christmas intentions
		05:30pm	Jergus Doran (get well) Sr. Philomena & Sr. Teresa Christmas intentions
Sun	10	11:30am	People of the Parish Thanksgiving for a job Denis Tynan Sp. Intentions
Mon	11	12:10pm	Nula Gaffney family intentions Brian Fitzsimons intentions Pat & Margaret Doyle intentions
Tue	12	12:10pm	Nula Gaffney family intentions Coia family intentions Mary & Peter Duggan intentions
Wed	13	12:10pm	Theresa Ryne Intentions Christina Clark intentions Teresa Becker RIP
Thur	14	12:10pm	Brendan Butler Sp. Intentions Anthony Edward RIP Ann Doherty RIP
Fri	15	11:15Pm 12:20pm	<b>Funeral Service—Gloria Magdalene Morais</b> Nula Gaffney family intentions Kathleen & Paddy Saxon Sp. Intentions John Sid Lines RIP
Sat	16	11:45am	Nula Gaffney family intentions Steve Edward RIP
		05:30pm	Christine Crowe RIP John Curristan RIP
Sun	17	11:30am	People of the Parish Patrick Doherty RIP Deceased members of Davis & Kennedy families Mieczyslaw Pauls RIP

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Bernadette & Ann E

**Sunday**

**11.30am:**

Janet & Frank

**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:** **Gloria Magdalene Morais** died on 10th December 2020. The Funeral will take place on Friday 15th January at 11:15am, - St. Osburg's Church. We pray for her and for all who mourn.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:**

O'Connor Michael, Gill Teresa and Brady Michael Robert.

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