

Parish News & Notices

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time year B: The readings remind us of God's mercy, love and compassion. We are called to show love to everyone we encounter in life.

Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021. There will be one **Mass at 12:10pm**. It is the beginning of Lent. A day of penance marked by fast and abstinence. The discipline of Lent calls for renewed spirit of prayer, penance and charity/alms giving. We are in difficult times of the pandemic. We need to renew our faith in God.

Every Friday of Lent, we shall have the Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:00pm. You are encouraged to follow on the webcam, if you are able, please come to the church.

Lent Fast Day on Friday 26th February: The following Sunday there will second Collection for CAFOD.

The public Masses: Public Masses started on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. 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

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

Change in weekday Masses: Due to the present situation, we have reduced the weekday public Masses to two; **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Tuesday we shall not have public Mass until the situation improves. The weekend Masses remain as usual.

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Due to the increasing cases of infection, programme for the baptism of babies has been suspended until further notice.

Parish Projects: The church spire repair works have been completed. It has been a major expense for 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.

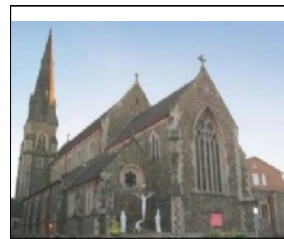
Updated Webcam Camera: Dear parishioners this is to inform you, that the Webcam Camera has been upgraded. Please click on **MCN MEDIA—ST. OSBURG'S**

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

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. 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 –Sixth Sunday Ordinary time cycle B 14th February 2021

"IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN."

The desire for healing is central to all human aspirations. It cuts across all aspects of life including the physical, moral, social, and spiritual elements. Unless we are guided by truth and enlightened by divine wisdom, incorrect means of healing can be followed. Spiritual healing is paramount to the wellbeing of Christians and for all believers. Faith is central to healing because it gives reassurance and hope. On several occasions when Jesus healed the sick he would tell them their sins were forgiven. This pointed to a holistic treatment or healing. Our world needs holistic healing, that means we need to acknowledge our sins of injustice, hate, pride, unbelief and disrespect for God's order of nature.

Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday of ordinary time, cycle B. The readings focus on healing based on faith. The present situation of the world calls for healing from the pandemic. The readings are calling us to refocus our lives on faith in God. In the first reading from the book of Leviticus it is mentioned that those who were found with leprosy were told to isolate from the society. The sickness was considered as a curse and a result of sin. The priest, Aaron, was involved in the healing process and also for the approval to be readmitted into the community. In the gospel, Jesus changed the understanding. When a leper requested healing, 'if you wish, you can make me clean' (Mk1:40). He expressed deep faith in Jesus and he was healed. We are told Jesus touched him and at once the leprosy left him. Jesus went beyond the traditions of isolation and discrimination of the sick and the sinners. He showed divine mercy, love and compassion to the marginalised. He raised the dignity of life for those who were isolated. We are called to care and promote life in all its forms. Saint Paul said, 'Avoid giving offence, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God'. We should therefore support each other during this difficult time. Our healing calls for an holistic approach, a change of attitude in order to love God and to love everyone.



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Parish Income

Gift aid: £ Loose: £ Total £

Candles: £ Restoration: £ Piety stall £

Heating: £ Donations: £ Hall hire: £

Rent: £ Cafod: £

Donate your support/weekly collections to the parish online: Go to the parish website and click on the page <https://sto-cov.org.uk/donate/>

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 January 2020 Draws Winners

First prize: 411 M Concannon Second Prize: 559 B Fitzsimons

Third prize: 47 A Crowe Fourth Prize: 245 T Rynne

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK 14TH –21ST FEBRUARY 2021

Sat 13 11:45am

05:30pm

Sun 14 11:30am

People of the Parish
For vocations to religious life.

Mon 15 12:10pm

Tom Bewick RIP

Tue 16 12:10pm

Caroline Ikazoboh RIP

Wed 17 12:10pm

Ash Wednesday

Thur 18 12:10pm

Fri 19 12:20pm

Sat 20 11:45am

05:30pm

Josie & Eddie Corrigan (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Sun 21 11:30am

Saturday

05:30

Maria & Ann Fenton

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday

11.30am:

Frank & Janet

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:

Martin Sally, Gallen Lawrence, Patrick Joseph Melody, Josie Kennedy, Ives Imelda, Joseph Formosa, Gibson Philomena and O'Reilly William Patrick.

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