

Parish News & Notices

Third Sunday of Lent year B: The readings remind us to ponder on God's infinite love expressed in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, the new and eternal covenant established between God and humanity.

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.

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 present situation, 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.

Covid-19 vaccination survey:

St Elizabeth's, and St Osburg's parishes will host a Covid-19 vaccination webinar on Saturday, 13th March - please share meeting flyer and survey link. <https://forms.gle/PzjvSr58UU3MTdKZ9> with other parishioners (within Coventry). ZOOM LOGIN: Meeting ID: 816 7924 0240 Passcode: 120509.

Time: 10am—12:00 Noon.

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

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'DESTROY THIS SANCTUARY, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP'

The period of Lent prepares us to celebrate the greatest expression of God's love for humanity in the Paschal Mystery. The infinite love of God opens avenues which enable humanity to know the means to eternal joys of life. He continuously calls us through the sacraments, holy scriptures, teachings of the Church and by the examples of holy brothers and sisters (saints). He is present in our families, communities and parish communities. The commandments regulate our relationships and direct us to follow the law of love. To clarify how we are related to each by faith in God, Jesus said, 'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me' (Matt25:45).

Today, we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent. The readings remind us to ponder on God's infinite love expressed in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The gospel mentions the cleansing of the Sanctuary by Jesus when he drove out those who had used the holy place for personal, material gain and business. The spiritual purpose of Temple was negated by using it for their businesses. Jesus told them not turn His Father's house into a market. When asked by the Jews for a sign for the action, he answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up' (Jn2:19). He was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body (Jn2:21). He wanted to teach his disciples that he was the real sanctuary. It is through him that true worship of God can take place. During this Lenten season, we are expected to deepen our understanding of the mysteries of God's love even in these most difficult times of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are called to open our hearts, minds and lives to listen to God's invitation and not to be hard-headed. The commandments in the first reading can shape our thoughts and actions. At times, we can be tempted to search for material blessings instead of searching for our spiritual transformation in the Church. We are invited to purify our thoughts and actions as Jesus comes to our families, personal lives and to the world that is slowly becoming anti-Christ. Saint Paul confirms this fact of faith when he says, 'Christ is the power and wisdom of God, for all who believe.' May we invite Christ to cleanse our lives and hearts during this Lenten season.

John 2:19

Destroy
this temple,
and I will
raise it again
in three days.

Fr. Pontius Bandua

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Parish Income

Gift aid: £138 **Loose:** £546 **Total** **£684.47**

Candles: **£98.29** **Restoration:** **£173.46** Piety stall £30

Heating: £19.24 **Donations:** **£3,150** **Hall hire:** **£360**

Rent:£400 **Cafod:**£319.85

Note: The income is of two weeks

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. I would like to encourage you make more donations as we prepare to repair the gutters of the church due next month. 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.

Easter Flowers: You are requested to make donations for Easter flowers in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you.

300 Club February 2021 Draws Winners

First prize: 23 C Jones

Second Prize: 87 C Wilson

Third prize: 115 M Southern

Fourth Prize: 262 E Walsh

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

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK 7TH -14TH MARCH 2021

Sat	06	11:45am 05:30pm	Jean Green RIP Christopher Duncan RIP Tom Rushe RIP
Sun	07	11:30am	People of the parish Lucy Brenan (Anniv) RIP Stapleton family— deceased members Nancy Carrol (Sp. Intention)
Mon	08	12:10pm	James Butler RIP Seamus Higgins RIP
Tue	09	12:10pm	Chris Duncan RIP Kristina Clark (sp intentions)
Wed	10	12:10pm	Thanksgiving for Mrs Collins Kathleen Binion sp intentions
Thur	11	12:10pm	Jerry Joy RIP Patrick & Elizabeth Buckley RIP Patricia & Tony Baldwin RIP
Fri	12	12:20pm	Michael & Bernadette Burke RIP Tomas & Tiquinn RIP Richard Walker RIP
Sat	13	11:45am 05:30pm	Owen Gibson RIP Leonard & William Craven Sp intention Davey Reilly RIP Jude & Charles sp intention
Sun	14	11:30am	People of the parish Tress Clark birthday int. Brigid Tubritt birthday int.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday

05:30

Ann E & Bernadette

Sunday

11.30am:

Jolan & 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.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

McCamphill Ruth, John Christopher Byrne, McEntee Edward, O'Sullivan William Augustine, Gorman John Anthony, & Anthony Francis Edwards.

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