

### **Parish News & Notices**

**21st Sunday:** Today, we celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of year B. The readings invite us to reflect on the choices we make in order to serve the Lord. We are called to serve God and our fellow human beings with undivided hearts.

### **Open House Faith- City of Culture events:**

As part of the city of Culture Focus on Faith there will be a series of events taking place in the city from Friday 10<sup>th</sup>—Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021. These events will be a celebration of Faith in the city. The Catholic Churches will be open all day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> as part of the Open House, including St Osburg's. More details will be available after Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**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.

**Weekday Masses have resumed as usual:** Monday /Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday /Friday @ 12.10pm Public Mass Saturday @ 11.45am. All Masses are live streamed.

**Confessions: Thursday & Saturday after Mass**

**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.

**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**

**NOTE: This Church live streams Mass and other events.** Back up by You tube, You only log on the website, as we wait for MCN repair services.

**The Parish New Contacts:** The Parish has a new Website link <https://www.stocov.org.uk>

**Email address:** [stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk)  
[fr.pontius.bandua@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.pontius.bandua@rcaob.org.uk)

### **GUTTER REPAIR WORKS COMPLETED**

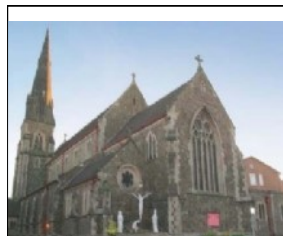
Your support is still required to meet the cost. We thank all those who continue to make generous donations to support this work.

**Devotions:** The Rosary takes place after the daily masses in the church. 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.

**Piety Stall;** Please visit the piety stall to buy some sacramentals.

**Fundraising resources:** Parish Hall: For Hall hire, please call **Angelo Rodrigues on 07886456952, bookings allowed, maximum 50% of the capacity.**

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**St. Osburg's**



**A.J Missions**



**St Mary's**



**St Elizabeth's**

## **Parish Newsletter 21st Sunday year B 22nd August**

### **LORD, WHO SHALL WE GO TO?**

Our life depends on the choices we make. We can make good choices if we open our hearts and minds to the voice of the Lord in sincere prayer. For example, Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer' (Jn6:63). We can therefore, realise some sense of joy in life, if our decisions are illumined by the Divine wisdom. This joy can also be possible when we develop personal love and a relationship with Lord. The decisions we make individually can be either constructive or destructive, depending on the effects. The same also applies to some socio-political aspects of our lives where collective decisions are made. It is therefore critical that the Divine enlightenment should be sought in all human endeavours. Above everything else, is our choice to serve the Lord during our time on this earth.

Today, we celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the year B. The readings invite us to reflect on the choices we make in order to serve the Lord. We are called to serve God and our fellow human beings with undivided hearts. We must make a fundamental choice to serve the Lord in all respects. In the first reading, the leaders of Israel were asked by Joshua to choose between serving the Lord and serving other gods. They were called to make a choice of loyalty. A similar situation is reflected in the gospel when Jesus asked, "What about you, do you want to go away too? Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life...' " (Jn6:68). These excerpts remind to us to make choices, and in doing so we should listen and follow the gospel. In modern times, there is ever growing disgust for, or an aversion to, the values of gospel. This is most unfortunate because it is the gospel that keeps us at peace with one another. The pursuit of pleasure, comfort, power and wealth blurs our vision for a true life based on justice, respect, peace, and reconciliation. In contemporary times, most of our choices have been influenced by other values rather than the spiritual ones taught by our Lord and as a result human relationships have experienced untold sufferings. In the second reading, Saint Paul said we should give way to one another in obedience to Christ. We should sacrifice our thoughts, ideas and desires for the good of the others. We can reach this level if our choices are guided by prayer. We can therefore say, 'Who shall we go to?' The Lord is our source of life and strength.

**Fr. Pontius**

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**Asst: Fr. Sunday AJ**

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

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

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Tel 024 7622 7165

**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

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

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**St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church**

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Parish priest: Fr. Moses Pitya David AJ

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**Parish Income**

**Gift aid:** £83.00 **Loose:**£277.14 **Total** £360.14

**Candles:** £69.25 **Restoration** £20.50 **Piety stall** £60.00

**Heating:** £03.30 **Gutters Gift Aid** £100.00 **Loose:**£85.50 **Total** £185.50

**Rent:**£ **Cafod** £ **Papers:**£ **Hall hire:**£450.00 **Mass cards**£

**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 to make more donations as we have started the repair of the gutters of the church. 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. Thank you for supporting the Church.

**Repairs at the Presbytery:** We request you to support in anyway possible, the boilers at the Presbytery and new camera for live streaming services at the church. Both of the repairs will cost £6000.00

**Offertory** please place your offertory collections in the baskets next to you. Thank you.

**300 Club August 2021 Draws Winners**

First prize: 151 P Campbell

Second Prize: 76 B. Armour

Third prize: 250 P Porretta

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

**MASS TIMES DURING 22ND—29TH AUGUST 2021**

Sat	21	11:45am	Preston Fernandes B'day Joan Gostautus (RIP)
		05:30pm	Linda Special Intention People of the Parish
Sun	22	11:30am	Owen Gibson (RIP) Pat Tynan (RIP) Don Kenny RIP
Mon	23	12:10pm	Betty Hunter Special Int Holy Souls
Tue	24	12:10am	Matt Buckley Birthday Int Elizabeth Buckley (RIP)
Wed	25	12:10pm	Jim De Largy (RIP) John & Eileen Walsh Intentions
Thur	26	12:10pm	
Fri	27	12:10pm	Jason Tutty (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary RIP) Ryan Fenton (RIP)
Sat	28	11:45am	
		05:30pm	
Sun	29	11:30am	Thanksgiving mass

**Sacramental preparations:** Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and RCIA arrangements:

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Bernadette & Ann E

**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.

**Death announcement:** Recently died **Don Kenny** late, Former Head Teacher St Osburg's School may he Rest In Peace. On another sad note, **Teodoro Calderulo** died on 2nd August, funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 1st September at 1:30pm. We pray for them and all who mourn.

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

Joan Gostautas, Somers Joseph & Hitt Charles Anthony

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