

### Parish News & Notices

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#### **Message from Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: Guidance for Churches—December 2021:**

*Practical Guidance for Churches With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:*

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- Face coverings must be worn by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!

**More details can be found at the back of the church.**

**Synod 2021-2023, for a synodal Church:** Communion, Participation and Mission. Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and our Archbishop Bernard Longley would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. We would like to know at the end what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church today. To know this, the synodal process has been proposed. Synod means journeying together, and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together. Theme: **'Walking Together'**. **We shall have a meeting on Tuesday 25th January, at 5:30pm with different groups at the parish hall.**

**Mass and Confessions programme at St. Osburg's Church:** Weekday Masses at 12:10pm, except Saturday at 11:45am. Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5.30pm Sunday @ 11.30am.

**Certificate of licences and Services:** Our parish has been covered to play church music in all the services. We encourage our choir to play recorded music sometimes. I thank those who have supported this initiative.

**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. MCN** livestreaming services are back. Please log on **St. Osburg's Church MCN— Media.**

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

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

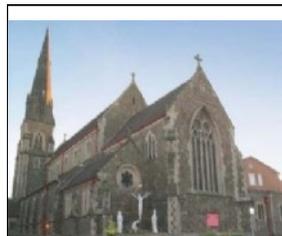
**[fr.pontius.bandua@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.pontius.bandua@rcaob.org.uk)**

**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 @ 6pm

**Piety Stall:** We have Church Art Calendars for 2022 and other sacramentals available for you to purchase.

**Fundraising resources:** Parish Hall: Hall hire will be suspended at the end of January 2022 until further notice. It will be for special parish events only from February.

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

### **Parish Newsletter Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 09th Jan 2022**

#### **'THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD'**

When a person enters any human society, organisation or group there is normally a process of initiation and growth within that community which requires commitment and loyalty. A fully initiated member is expected to behave and act according to the set norms and regulations of the that given group. Above all, our spiritual union with God, through the sacrament of Baptism, requires that we follow the standards of our Christian living based on personal and communal weekly prayer like on Sundays or on the days of obligation, charitable works and the promotion of peace and justice. The Church teaches that *'The Sacrament of Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the church and made shares of her mission'* (CCC 1213). In order to show us the way to eternal life, Jesus received Baptism from John the Baptist at the River Jordan.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus, though sinless, received Baptism because he wanted to show us the way to eternal life. It is through baptism, and transformation of our attitudes, that we can truly follow God's will. 'Repent and believe the good news of the Kingdom of Heaven' was the starting point of the Lord's teaching. In order to show commitment and loyalty, it was necessary to undergo the baptismal rebirth. It was also at the time of his baptism that the complete identity of Jesus was revealed. After his baptism, when Jesus was at prayer, '... heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved: my favour rests on you"'. This was the moment of the complete revelation of the Holy Trinity. As followers of Christ, we are called to renew our own baptismal promises. We must do this by choosing to follow Our Lord and by renouncing any action or behaviour which contradict God's will in this world. We should die to our sinful past life which may have included impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy and hatred. Instead, we should rise with Christ in a life of peace, love, kindness, mercy, tolerance and justice. May we renew our practical life of baptismal commitment as we carry on the mission of Christ in this world.

*Happy Christmas & Happy New year to you, parishioners and the friends of the parish.*

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 Income**

**Gift aid:£ Loose:£ Total:£**

**Candles:£ Restoration:£ Piety stall:£ Church Maintenance:£**

**Heating:£ Rent:£ Donation:£ Hall hire:£ Cafod £**

***Note, that the collections of last week were not counted, they will be reported next weekend. Thank you for your understanding.***

**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/>

**The appeal of the Parish Priest:** Dear parishioners, make your weekly offertory collection on any day you visit the church. **Winter**, make your contributions to support the heating of the church. Thank you for supporting the Church.

**300 Club December 2021 Draws Winners**

First prize:	222	A Harrington
Second Prize:	138	F Coia
Third prize:	286	M McCullogh

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

**MASS TIMES DURING 09TH-16TH JAN 2022**

Sat 08	11:45am	Martin O' Brien Special Intention Nancy Smailes Special Intention Pam Intention
	05:30pm	Con Phelan Anniversary Sr Philomena & Sr Teresa Intentions Pat & Sandra Hagan Intentions
Sun 09	11:30am	People of the Parish Mr & Mrs Gough Intention Maria & Lee Byrne Intention Mary & Brendan Intention
Mon 10	12:10pm	Mary Mooney Intention Joe Patterson Intention Nuala Gaffney (Get Well)
Tue 11	12:10pm	John Anne Collins Intentions Mary Cassidy Intentions Mark Dunne (RIP)
Wed 12	12:10pm	End of Pandemic Intention Charlie Wilson (RIP) John Martin (RIP)
Thur 13	11:30am	Mrs Mahon (RIP) Brian Birthday Intention Emily Special Intention
Fri 14	12:10pm	Zefiryna & Stefan (RIP) Tadeusz Cieslak (RIP) Pawel & Roman (RIP)
Sat 15	11:45am	Jadwiga 90th Birthday Intention Dolores Farrell Special Intention Breda Tabb (RIP)
	05:30pm	People of the Parish Teresa Marney (RIP) Eammon Monaghan (Get Well)
Sun 16	11:30am	Martyn Tuckey Special intention Sean & Deceased Members of Keane Family Michael Hanbury (RIP)

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

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**

**Saturday**

**05:30**

Ann E & Bernadette

**Death announcement:**

**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:**

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