

Parish News & Notice

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary time year B: The readings invite us to reflect on the healing power of the Lord in the world. We need to seek the power of the Lord to renew us in our challenges of life.

Contactless Payment machine: We have the machine for our parish located in our Church.



You can make any donations to support our parish by your debit or credit cards on contactless, just as you do in the super markets. Please ask for help to guide you, if you are not sure. You can also donate on line:

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-osburgs-rc-church> or use the QR code. You can also gift aid all donations.

The Dona Machine can now accept donations, do so on the contactless or on line.

Year of Prayer-2024

Preparing for the Jubilee year 2025

In preparation for the 2025 jubilee year entitled 'Pilgrims of Hope'- 2024 has been designated as a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. With its focus on 'Our Father', it presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. From this 1st Sunday of Advent we are called to renew our faith in prayer.

Mass & Confessions

Weekday Masses @ 12:10pm, except Saturday at 11:45am. : **Weekend Masses** Saturday @ 4.30pm: Sunday @ 11.30am & 6:00pm. **Confessions on, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday after Mass at 12:30pm. No confessions after Vigil Mass on Saturdays.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays and Saturdays 10:45am to 11:45am, first Thursday and last Sunday of the month 5:00pm. I encourage all parishioners to attend.

Livestream: YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdT0OFINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> or MCN: <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-osburgs-church-coventry> See website for more information: <https://sto-cov.org.uk/live-streaming/>

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.

300 CLUB," more members are invited to join it to support the parish, please approach, **Pat C., Maria** and **Jesuina** to join the club.

Reader availability Easter 2024

Could each reader kindly call into the sacristy to indicate when they are available to read over the Easter period. We can then allocate dates, times and readings accordingly. Thank you for your ministry.

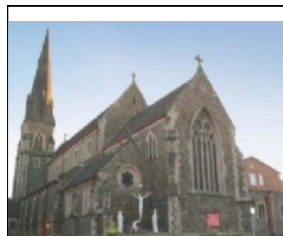
All parishioners who have specific roles/ duties: Sacristans, Altar servers, Readers, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Gift collections team, Choir members, Ushers and the rest should inform the Parish Priest through their specific leaders in case of an absence from duty. I request for your sincere cooperation. Dear parents, please support your children who serve at the Altar. Liturgy requires commitment and dedication.

Piety Stall—New items; Mass cards for all occasions. Confirmation cards , Christmas cards and gifts available, plus many other items.

DEANERY PROGRAMME

Deanery Day for Eucharist Ministers 9.30am - 1pm, Sat 9th March, Christ the King. Mass, Holy Hour, talks from Fr Cecil Rogerson and Fr Stephen Fawcett

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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'HE FORGIVES OUR INIQUITIES AND HEALS OUR SICKNESSES'

Renewal and rejuvenation are natural and necessary for the wellbeing of everyone. During our every day lives we need both physical and spiritual renewal. Throughout our life's journey we face many different situations that can affect us physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. To be balanced in life, we need to consider every aspect of our life with great care and concern. The challenging moments in our life's journey can impact upon our joy and happiness. Above everything else, as Christians, we need to trust in the Lord who sustains our lives and forgives our many faults. The Psalmist says 'If you O Lord would mark our iniquities, Lord who would survive? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared' (Psalm130:3-4). We are invited to place our trust and hope in the Lord, bearing in mind that the Lord accompanies us during every event in our life. We need to share this faith with our fellow human beings by showing our support and generosity. The perfect fulfilment of life is to do the will of God by helping those in our communities who are in need.

As we celebrate the 5th Sunday, the readings invite us to reflect on the healing power of the Lord in the world. We need to seek the power of the Lord to renew us. In the first reading Job prays to God for help with the difficulties he faced. He hoped and trusted in the Lord and prayed that the Lord would change his condition. In the Gospel (Mk1:21-28), Jesus healed the mother in-law of Peter and later, in the evening, he also healed many sick people and cast out many devils. It was a clear manifestation of Divine power over evil and the oppressive realities of the human condition. Jesus brought Good News to a suffering world that was oppressed by sin and unjust human rules and regulations. The Gospel of Christ is needed much more than ever today because many conditions of life make people lose their joy of living. There are issues such as economic hardship, poor family relationships, discrimination, prejudice, unbelief and disruption of the natural order by unrestrained human freedom. These evils in our world upset the human condition of living, which can only be eliminated by Jesus Christ. Our Christian responsibility is, therefore, to share the message of the truth of the Gospel. As Saint Paul said in the second reading, 'I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost' (1Cor9:22). May we learn to be generous and caring for all God's creation through our daily prayers and spiritual renewals.

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Safeguarding Statement: *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is [redacted]. They can be contacted at: [safeguarding email] or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 01212306240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

Parish Income

Gift aid:£115.50 Loose£356.07 Dona£232 Total£703.57

Candles£95.95 Church Maintenance£83.98

Hall Hire£175 Rent£ Piety Stall£100

Donation £350, by an anonymous parishioner as part of their first salary of 2024. May the LORD bless their intentions for great support for the parish. I thank all those who have recently donated £50, £150 and £200 through the Dona machine.

Thank you for your generosity .

January 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 031 M Burns

2nd Prize: 172 A Hamilton

3rd Prize: 139 M Darby

Heating the Church: Please make your donations to keep the church warm in the usual box at the wall. Thank you.

Catholic Herald Magazine is back in our parish: Please buy a copy for reflections on our faith and Church. Each copy is £5.

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Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to ‘T’

MASS TIMES DURING 04TH –11TH FEB 2024

Sat 03	04:30pm	Mary Cassidy sp int. Doreen Maurice RIP
Sun 04	11:30am	People of the Parish John Prenter RIP Teresa Bayada RIP
	06:00pm	
Mon 05	12:10pm	Colin's daughter Louise sp int.
Tue 06	12:10pm	Jacqui Crawford sp int.
Wed 07	12:10pm	Paul & Julie sp int. Anthony & Rosie sp int.
Thur 08	12:10pm	
Fri 09	12:10pm	Janet Wiltshire sp int.
Sat 10	11:45am	
	04:30pm	Yvonne Middleton birthday intention Robert Kavanagh sp int.
Sun 11	11:30am	
	06:00pm	

Sacramental preparations: Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and RCIA arrangements: Meeting every Friday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

The Rite of Election: All those who are in **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), will go for the Rite of Election to be celebrated at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Sunday 18th February 2024 @ 3:00pm. Please, let us pray for them. We have **16 candidates** in this programme this year, which is the highest number in 7 years in our parish.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday: Ann & Bernadette

Sunday: Maria & 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:

Stephen Lesley Ann, Patrick Cunningham, & Kevin Leo Kennedy.

New Prayer groups: You are invited to join the prayer groups :

1. **Holy Face of Jesus devotion** . Meetings on every Tuesday at 6:30pm 2. **Bible Study /Prayer Group : meetings will resume until notified.** 3. **Rosa Mystica** on the 13th of every month 2pm to 3pm. 4. **Legion of Mary** Thursday at 6pm.

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