

Parish News & Notice

The 11th Sunday of Ordinary year B: The readings of 11th Sunday invite us to reflect on the gradual growth of God's kingdom in our hearts and in the world at large. We are reminded to open our hearts of faith to allow God's kingdom to grow and take root in our lives.

The Day for life: We are invited to show respect for all forms of life. We remember the sick, lonely, the young and the vulnerable.



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 online.

The contactless Dona machine at the church is not working well, please for the moment use your phone, computer or tablet for the donations by scanning the Q code on the Newsletter.

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/5AOCwuzTdT0OFINBwRwwmBxvtqayKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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.

Reading rota June-Oct 2024

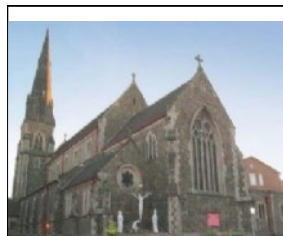
Readers thank you for your ministry. Please collect the latest reading rota from the sacristy.

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, including Easter cards, St. Patrick cards and welcome to Church cards. Statues, Rosary beads, candles plus many other items.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION every Sunday at 5:00PM; please come and join us.

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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"THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

The common concept of a kingdom generally draws our attention to political spheres of influence and geographical locations. It could also refer to an ideological or rhetorical influence of groups or individuals upon other people. However, as Christians we understand the Kingdom of God as the regime or ethos that determines how things ought to be done according to the eternal plan of God. Doing the will of God is to follow the rules of His Kingdom. The kingdom of God is a mysterious reality and Jesus alone can make known the true nature of it. This was the reason Jesus began his preaching by announcing the coming of God's Kingdom. He said, 'The time has come; the kingdom of God is at hand. Change your ways and believe the Good News (Mk1:15). The reign of justice, peace and holiness of attitudes should be the way of life, not the evil ways of domination, injustice, exploitation, disunity and hatred. The kingdom of God transforms us from within our hearts and moderates our external actions and deeds. In the beatitudes (Matt5:1-12), Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are poor in spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of God". Belonging to the Kingdom of God allows our human will to be guided by the grace of God. This is how we come to know His Holy will.

The Scripture readings of the 11th Sunday invite us to reflect on the gradual growth of God's kingdom in our hearts and in the world at large. The seeds of holiness and sanctity have been planted in our hearts when we received the sacraments. Our attentive and collaborative response will let these seeds of holiness germinate and grow in our lives. The Prophet Ezekiel gave hope for the broken-hearted Israelites of the time. He assured them of a better future when he reminded them that, "The Lord says this: "From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain ... It will sprout branches and bear fruit..." (Ezk17:22). This was a message of hope that the reign of God was to take root again in Israeli after being lost because of infidelity to the covenant that they had previously had with Him. Similar teaching is reflected in the gospel when Jesus said, 'the Kingdom of God is like the seed thrown into the soil by a man, how it grows he does not know, and yet bears fruit after sprouting and growing into maturity. At the same time the kingdom can be said to be like a mustard seed. 'It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest and grows to the biggest shrub' (Mk4:30-32). These are instructions to us that the Lord has control over His mission in this world. We should therefore provide good soil in our hearts, families and parishes for the kingdom of God to grow. We should also provide the good growing conditions of holiness in our hearts and right attitudes towards each other. We should denounce the ways of evil as manifested in violence, addiction, quarrels, hatred, gossip, disrespect, envy, pride, and immoral behaviours.

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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 £: Loose £ Dona £ Total £
Candles £ Church Maintenance £ Donations £
Hall Hire £ Rent £ Piety Stall £

NB: *The collections of last weekend were not counted due to unavoidable situation. They will be reported in the next weekends.*

Today, there is 2nd collection for Day for Life.

May 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 063 A Walsh
2nd Prize: 140 D Kershaw
3rd Prize: 282 D Phelan

Maintenance of the Church: Please make your donations to maintain the church in the usual box at the wall. Thank you.

Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Support UK, is a **Registered Charity (No. 1205905)**, in England and Wales with the purpose of giving financial support to young men above 18 years who wish to become missionary priests and Brothers. The dwindling number of priests is a great concern for every Catholic who loves his/her faith. While there are few vocations in the West, God is inspiring many youth from other parts of the world to offer their lives as missionaries. It is these that we ask for your support. You can become a missionary without leaving your home by sponsoring a seminarian to become a missionary priest. His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham has authorised the Apostles of Jesus to take two Second collections in the parishes where they serve every year for the training of their seminarians. These will be taken on 9th June and 10th November respectively. Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ, P.P St. Mary & Benedict. 07906124756.

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 16TH-23RD JUNE 2024

Sat 15 04:30pm Teresa Carey RIP and Jerry Carey RIP
Sun 16 11:30am People of the Parish
Thanksgiving intention Agnelo and Jovete family

06:00pm

Mon 17 11:15am **Funeral—Christopher Thomas Brown (Christy) RIP**

Tue 18 12:10pm Mae and Carr sp int.

Wed 19 12:10pm Paddy RIP & Kate Maudlin RIP

Thur 20 12:10pm

Fri 21 12:10pm

Sat 22 11:45am

04:30pm

Sun 23 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.

Lectors

Saturday:
Hope & Sharlene

Sunday:
Uzo & Anne

Eucharistic minister: Catherine/ Agnelo/ Bernadette/ Maggie

Sunday Mass at 6:00pm

Readers: C. Christine & Jonathan
Eucharistic minister: Vivien / Marie

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
Anglim Margaret, Michael Gorrell & James Gerard Cosgrove

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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