

Parish News & Notice

20th Sunday: As we celebrate the 20th Sunday, The theme of the readings invites us to focus on Jesus Christ as the real food and drink 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.myдона.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 every Sunday at 5:00pm. I encourage all parishioners to attend.

Livestream: YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdTOOFINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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.

Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ—Annual holiday: I will be travelling to Uganda for holidays from 09th September: Note that there will be some alterations in our daily time table when I will be away. I will let you know those alterations within the next few weeks before I leave. I request you to pray for my journey.

Fr. Sunday: On the similar note, we welcome Fr. Sunday back from his holidays.

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.

The New Lectionary Edition Course:

This is to invite all the Ministers of the Word – clergy and lay in the Coventry -Nuneaton deanery to undertake a refresher training on the new edition of the Lectionary of the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles. This will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 2024. Rev. Fr Allen Morris, former Secretary to the Bishops' Conference former Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department for Christian Life and Worship, will be at St Mary and St Benedict Church, Coventry, on Sunday, 29th September to facilitate the training, starting at 3pm.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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'THE BREAD OF LIFE AND UNITY '

Life is a shared reality and it is most often celebrated during meal times and when we come together for other common occasions of family and community. The most powerful Sacrament of the Eucharist was instituted during the Last Supper. We continue to experience the Lord's abiding presence in this Sacrament. The deep question of faith that all Catholic Christians should continue to ponder when coming to Mass is, how each of one us should prepare to meet the Lord of life in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. He said, "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him" (Jn6:55-56). We can pose more questions in regards to this reflection. 'Do we receive the Lord in order to change our negative attitudes and feelings about other people or events of life? Have we contradicted the Divine plan in us by refusing to follow the holy instructions of the Church, which is the visible presence of the Lord in this world? How do we relate with each other as we are united by sharing the same body and blood of Christ? Our faith and union with Lord, should pave the way for unity, peace, love and harmony within families, communities, parishes and the world at large.

Today, we celebrate the 20th Sunday. The theme of the readings invites us to focus on Jesus Christ as the real food and drink of life. It is from Him that we draw the true meaning of life and are able to balance the thoughts, worries and anxieties of our life. Without placing Christ at the centre of life's activities, we are likely to be derailed from our purpose in life. Saint Paul, in the second reading of the letter to Ephesians, said, 'Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it' (Eph5:15). It is, therefore, relevant for us to refer to this during our time as we are faced with the modern evils of secularism, materialism, busy life attitudes, digital distraction and cultural liberalism. We have been reminded by the Lord to be close to him if we are to find the true direction of our lives. When the Jews doubted, he said; "I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you" (Jn6:53). In making this statement, Jesus was inviting his followers to be guided by his whole way of life, instructions and example if they were to have true life in them. As his followers, we have been invited to do the same today. May we, therefore, live by his instructions. We should not be ignorant of life's principles. As the Book of Proverbs mentions; 'Leave your folly and you will live, walk ways of perception.'

Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ



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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 []. 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 Safeguarding Representative (PSR) : I would like to request who ever is willing to serve the parish as the Parish Safeguarding Representative, please call me or approach me at the office. I would like to thank Ann Collins for the wonderful work done for the parish all the years she has served.

Parish Income

Gift aid£147.46 Loose£563.19 Dona£320 Total£1,030.65
Candles£95.32 Church Maintenance£183.02
Hall Hire£245 Rent£450 Piety Stall£

Thank you for your generosity.

July 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 014 M Fernandes
2nd Prize: 165 S Fernandes
3rd Prize: 263 S Thomas

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.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Reg. Charity No. 234216

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

MASS TIMES DURING 18TH-25TH AUGUST 2024

Sat 17	04:30pm	Sophie sp int. Taberon Hanie sp int
Sun 18	11:30am	People of the parish Gordon Steele RIP Adelaide Demello RIP & Alex Rodrigues RIP
	06:00pm	Danny sp. Int. Travis Mullis sp int.
Mon 19	10:30am	Funeral— Mary Cassidy RIP
Tue 20	12:10pm	Monique sp int. Tim & Irma Connolly RIP Martin Brennan RIP
Wed 21	12:10pm	Mary Cassidy RIP Sean Sp int.
Thur 22	12:10pm	Tony Morrissey RIP & John Carr RIP Piety Pinto RIP
Fri 23	12:10pm	Jerome Selassie Garbrah & Victoria Derban Marriage Sp int. Zoe Atterson & Martha Eck sp int. James Butler birthday anniv.
Sat 24	11:45am	Ebo Derban & Padiki Derban sp int. Fr. Damian 25yrs Ord. Anniv.
	04:30pm	Mary Cassidy RIP
Sun 25	11:30am	People of the Parish Gordon Steele RIP Mary Cassidy RIP
	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: **Sunday:**
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

Jane Mulligan, Kathleen Brady, & Joan Gostautas

Death Announcement: Mary Cassidy, died recently and we pray for her and the family. The body will be received into the church on Sunday 18th August at 5pm, and Mass will be on Monday 19th at 10:30am.

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** : 3. **Rosa Mystica** on the 13th of every month 2pm to 3pm. 4. **Legion of Mary** Thursday at 6pm.