

Parish News & Notice

21st Sunday: As we celebrate the 21st Sunday. The theme of the readings invites us to make right decisions to serve the Lord and our fellow human beings.

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/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.

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.

Some adjustments during my holidays: The church will be closed immediately after the daily Masses, no weekly adorations/exposition of the B. Sacrament on Friday to Sunday; Baptism, RCIA and Marriage preparations will resume **after 15th October 2024**. No hall lettings to the public **until 12th October**.

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.



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

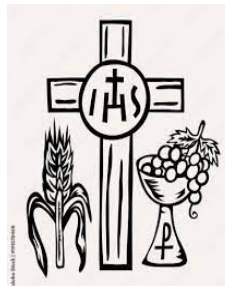
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LORD, WHO SHALL WE GO TO?

During our life time we continue to search for, and long to know, the meaning of life and the meaning of events that occur during our lifetime. These questions become so intense in our hearts when we face dreadful moments of pain and loss. This is especially so when we lose a dear one in tragic death, miss out on the opportunity of obtaining employment or suffer the breakdown of a relationship. It is worth noting that our life is punctuated with both pleasant and unpleasant moments. We should make choices to face them with courage and faith. Our life is mainly based on decision making, but if the decisions are not guided by the Lord, we can easily miss the right target of action. In guiding the Israelites, Joshua asked them, "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve... (Jos24:15). The prophet reminded people of what they were to do because many were already making the wrong decision to serve other gods. They made wrong choices because of the challenging environment of their time. In the modern world we live in a very challenging environment regarding the practice of faith. The question can be posed to us, whom do we need to serve? Cultural liberalism and secularism are evils our time. How do we respond these dangers of faith?

Today we celebrate the 21st Sunday. The theme of the readings invites us to make right decisions to serve the Lord and our fellow human beings. Saint Paul mentioned the aspect of service for each other in the family setting. 'Give way to one another in obedience to Christ.' (Eph5:21). To be obedient to Christ and to each other is a matter of choice and decision making. We can follow the Ten Commandments if we are truly obedient to God. Disobedience is a result of wrong choices and seeking independence from God. Family and marriage will thrive if there is mutual obedience from each member. For us Jesus is great, that is why he gave up his life to save us. We should then do the same for our fellow brothers and sisters in order to bring them to heaven. The gospel also explains this same point of choice. When Jesus said, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world' (Jn6:51). Many of the disciples complained and said it was intolerable language. The Lord asked his close disciples whether they also wanted to leave him. Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life'. This was Peter's affirmation and trust in the Lord. What about us today? Who do we go to? What are our choices in life? We need daily prayers to guide our choices and decisions. May the Divine wisdom always guide our way of choices.

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£177.50 Loose£542.88 Dona£200 Total£920.38

Candles£100.12 Church Maintenance£77.82

Hall Hire£60 Rent£ Piety Stall£ Sol. Assumption £149.22

Thank you for your generosity.

August 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 228 O Gonsalves

2nd Prize: 121 R Godwin

3rd Prize: 084 X Li

Maintenance of the Church: Please make your donations to maintain the church 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 25TH AUGUST-01ST SEPT 2024

Sat 24	04:30pm	Mary Cassidy RIP Pauline Brown RIP
Sun 25	11:30am	People of the parish Gordon Steele RIP Mary Cassidy RIP
	6:00pm	Pat Jackson RIP Mary Simpson RIP
Mon 26	12:10pm	Marceilus Williams sp. int V. Connor sp int.
Tue 27	12:10pm	Noel Keeley sp int. Anne Marie M (get well) Mary Breda Hartnett sp int
Wed 28	12:10pm	Martin O'Connor (get well)
Thur 29	12:10pm	Thomas Pinto RIP
	1:00pm	Funeral
Fri 30	12:10pm	James & Josephine Foley RIP
Sat 31	11:45am	
	1:30pm	Wedding
	4:30pm	
Sun 01	11:30am	People of the Parish
	6:00pm	

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

Somers Joseph, Margaret A R (Peggy), Hitt C. Anthony & George Daly

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.

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