

## Parish News & Notice

**22nd Sunday:** As we celebrate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, the readings invite us to be practical in living our faith. We should not be nominal Christians but rather the doers of God's word

**Parish Day:** We shall celebrate **St. Osburg's Day on Monday 09th September**. There will be two Masses at 9:00am for school community and 12:10pm for the Parish community. All the friends of St. Osburg's parish are invited. There will be refreshments after Mass in the hall. **There will be collection in the both Masses for the maintenance of the church.**



**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.*

**Parish Consultative meeting:** There will be parish meeting on Wednesday 4th September 2024, at 6:00pm .

### 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 or bookings for the public until 12th October. The hall will be used for prayer meetings and other parish activities only.**

**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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## 'YOU MUST DO WHAT THE WORD TELLS YOU'

Christian life calls us to love God and fellow human beings. Our relationship with God is expressed in a faith that is lived and practiced in the right religion. Our continuous union with God and fellow Christians is lived and expressed in the Church community which is the mystical Body of Jesus. The Lord Jesus said, 'I am the Vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing' (Jn15:5). As we are the branches we are, therefore, co-joined to each other by the vine. This means that it is a logical right that we should love each other and promote unity and peace as members of the same body of Christ. To strengthen this union and relationship we need to pray together as a parish community as well as within our families. We are renewed by receiving the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist in our daily or weekly Mass. How often do we keep the days of obligation of the Christian calendar? The commandments, the Church laws and doctrines of our faith guide and regulate our behaviour. We can pose questions about this today. Do we follow the commandments of the Lord and the Church laws as is expected of us? Why do we sometimes find it difficult to act on his word by fulfilling the practical aspects of the Christian practices of charity and generosity? Saint James said, 'Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of the orphans and widows when they need it' (Jas1:27). Our faith should make us to be concerned for each other.

As we celebrate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, the readings invite us to be practical in living our faith. We should not be nominal Christians but rather the doers of God's word. In the first reading, Moses instructed the Israelites to follow the commandments if they were to enjoy the favours that the Lord had promised them. Their union with God and love for each other would be expressed in observing the laws. The laws promoted justice, peace, love and faithfulness among them. There is a similar instruction echoed in the Gospel. When the Pharisees complained to Jesus as to why the disciples were not respecting the tradition of the elders, he called them hypocrites. The Lord, had to correct the double standards and pretence of the Pharisees, who bothered less about the needy and poor in the society and yet observed the laws to the letter. He even went further and quoted the prophet Isaiah, 'These people honour me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me...' (Mk7:6). As Christians today, let us make the effort to love God and fellow human beings. We must do this so that our faith and religion should have an impact upon our society and build a meaningful spiritual union with God.



*Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ*

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**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Anne Collins 024 7667 0304  
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**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

**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](mailto: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£252.50 Loose£385.61 Dona£157 Total£795.11**

**Candles£75.76 Church Maintenance£39.50**

**Hall Hire£1,015.00 Rent£ Piety Stall£145.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Next Sunday there will 2nd collection for Catholic Education.**

**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.

**A word of gratitude to Stuart for the service offered to the parish:** *Stuart Grafton has retired from counting and banking the weekly offerings. On behalf of the parish, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Stuart for his many years in this task. He along with Mary Cassidy, recently deceased, would turn up every Monday morning without fail, to count the cash and then take it to the bank. Stuart is a person that every parish needs; someone who without fuss performs these jobs in a quiet and efficient manner. Thank you Stuart .*

**The new counting team :** On the same note, we would like to thank all the four parishioners who have stepped in to count and bank the weekly collections.

**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 01ST – 08TH SEPT 2024**

Sat 31 04:30pm Rhys McDonald RIP  
Clare Connor Int.

Sun 01 11:30am People of the Parish  
Mary Kelly sp int.  
Mary Cassidy RIP

6:00pm

Mon 02 12:10pm

Tue 03 12:10pm

Wed 04 12:10pm

Thur 05 12:10pm Jason Robert Tutty (Anniv) RIP  
Barry & Yvonne sp int.

Fri 06 12:10pm

Sat 07 11:45am

4:30pm Brian Fenton RIP

Sun 08 11:30am

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:**

**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**

Daly George, Jason Robert Tutty, Hardman Patrick, Kathleen Brady, Carey Lawrence, & Fenton Brain.

**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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