

Parish News & Notice

23rd Sunday: As we celebrate the 23rd Sunday of the year, the readings invite us to eradicate all the barriers of our spiritual life, that we may listen and speak clearly.

Education Sunday: We pray for all those who study and serve in our Catholic schools, colleges and Universities, that we may influence the young people with faith and hope as they grow up in academic environment.

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: I would like to thank all those who turned up for the meeting last Wednesday. I am glad to inform you, that we have nominated the steering committee to plan for the Parish Pastoral Council Formation later in the next few months.

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. We continue after 13th October 2024.

Livestream: YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdT00FINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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.

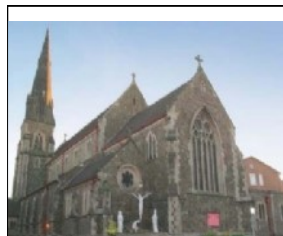
Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ—Annual holiday: I will be travelling to Uganda for holidays from 09th September: I request you to accompany me with prayers. I would like thank to those who have helped me with kind hands to meet the cost of my travel.

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.

Bible Study will resume in the foyer at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11th September. New comers are welcome.

'Rejoice and be glad' The five sessions will take place in the meeting room at St Osburg's Church, Barras Lane CV1 4AQ, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, beginning on **Monday 7th October 2024** and thereafter on the following Monday evenings at the same time: **October 14th & 21st, November 4th & 11th.** To register call :**Barbara McGowan: 07528644617 Paschal Somers: 07403625292**



St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



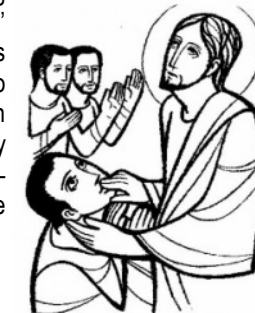
St Elizabeth's

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'HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR AND THE DUMB SPEAK'

People commonly refer to having, 'A sound body and a sound mind.' Our mental health and stability can mean that we experience a proper sense of living. When our faculties of life are sound, we tend to perceive the events of life with joy and hope. If we develop some inability, we tend to lose confidence and hope in life. There are ways and means to rectify some of these incapacities, especially during this modern era of advanced science and technology. However, as Christians, we need supernatural intervention to balance our physical and spiritual realities so that we are able to act sensibly in life. As Christians, we need to have spiritual eyes and minds to understand the way and will of God in the universe. It is not until we fully or partially understand why we live and where we are going, that we can begin to handle life with joy and hope. Just as the prophet Isaiah gave hope for the Israelites, 'Say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming...' (Is35:4). We all need an assurance and consolation in moments of difficulties. There should be that longing for the great consoler and comforter of our lives. Our faith should give us the courage to have sound body and mind and in this way we shall be able to hear and speak of God's loving and enduring presence in the events of our life.

As we celebrate the 23rd Sunday of the year, the readings invite us to eradicate all the barriers of our spiritual life. These are what makes us deaf and dumb to the will of God and needs of our brothers and sisters. Saint James advises strongly about blindness of disunity or division based of social status and distinctions. He says, 'My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with making of distinctions between classes of people....' (Jas2:1). It is our natural inclination always to associate with the people with whom we share some common interest and disregard others. Such an attitude takes us to spiritual deafness and dumbness. It is the same instruction echoed in the Gospel, (Mk7:31-37), when Jesus healed the deaf and dumb man. On touching his ears and tongue, looking up to heaven, "...he said to him 'Ephphatha,' that is 'Be opened.'" The miracle demonstrates Divine power over evil as well as the abiding presence of The Most Holy Trinity. Secondly, it also shows that it is only when the teachings of Jesus are followed, that we can truly show love and be opened to each other as brothers and sisters. May we, therefore, seek the living presence of God through prayer and the sacraments. By doing so we will be spiritually sound in the body and in the mind.



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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 £230.10 Loose £428.12 Dona£252 Total £910.22

Candles £78.18 Church Maintenance £56.45

Hall Hire £140.00 Rent £ Piety Stall £ Sunday Teas £83.25
Thank you for your generosity.

Today there is 2nd collection for Catholic Education.
Next Sunday there will be second collection for catholic evangelisation
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 08TH – 15TH SEPT 2024

Sat 07 04:30pm Brian Fenton RIP
Eamonn O’Connor RIP

Sun 08 11:30am People of the Parish
Mary Fowler Birthday Int.
Xianfeng Li—family thanksgiving

6:00pm

Mon 09 12:10pm St. Osburg Parish Day
Fr. Pontius int.

Tue 10 12:10pm Salomie Masih RIP 2nd Anniv.
Charlotte Idehen Birthday Int.

Wed 11 12:10pm K. Shakespeare Int.
Martin Harban RIP

Thur 12 12:00noon **Funeral**

Fri 13 12:10pm Jim & Margaret Curtis 66th Wedding Anniv.
Trevor RIP

Sat 14 11:45am Adam Keane RIP

4:30pm Owen Healy RIP & Betty Stapleton RIP

Sun 15 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. We shall resume after 13th October 2024.

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

Gerard Martin, Brian Fitzsimons, & Elizabeth Ann Hailey,

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 Resumes on 11/09/24:** 3. **Rosa Mystica** on the 13th of every month 2pm to 3pm. 4. **Legion of Mary** Thursday at 6pm.

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