

## Parish News & Notice

**24th Sunday:** Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, Following the command of the Lord: Go there-fore and make disciples of all nations" Mathew 28:19 The Theme chosen by the Episcopal conference is : Growing as Missionary disciples;

**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 meet-ing last Wednesday. I am glad to inform you, that we have nominated the steering commit-tee 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 Sat-urday after Mass at 12:30pm. No confessions after Vigil Mass on Saturdays. Adora-tion of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays and Saturdays 10:45am to 11:45am, first Thurs-day and every Sunday at 5:00pm. I encourage all parishioners to attend. We continue after 13th October 2024.

**Livestream:** YouTube: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/5AOCwuzTdT00FINBwRwwmBxvtgavKs0BNIK1vZN7> 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 Adora-tion 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.

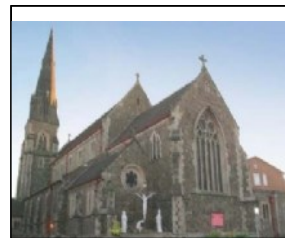
**300 CLUB,** more members are invited to join it to support the parish, please approach, **Pat C., Maria** and **Jesuina** to join the club.

**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; Bap-tism, 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024** and thereafter on the following Monday evenings at the same time: **October 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. To register call :Barbara McGowan: 07528644617 Paschal Somers: 07403625292**



St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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### WHO DO PEOPLE SAY I AM?

Our identity is vital for any good relationship and validates the authenticity of an action. The true knowledge of someone's identity builds trust and confidence in every circumstance. In many cultural traditions, giving a name to someone draws the whole community and family together and it is usually a big event because it will determine one's future and destiny. Above all, as Christians, we take names when we receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and during religious commitments. We are expected to live by the standards of the given or chosen names, because they identify or define our objectives in life. Getting to know someone's identity is the key and foundation of the establishment of a mutual relationship and understanding. When the Lord asked the disciples; 'Who do people say I am?' They gave different answers depending on what people said about him. As he wanted to know whether the disciples understood his identity, He then asked, 'Who do you say I am?' This question required a personal and reflective response. It was Peter who said; 'You are the Christ.' (Mk8:27,29-30). Therefore, it is not until we understand the identity of Christ, and what he wants of us, that we can truly begin to act correctly. There is a danger that we can rely on hearsay about the Lord's identity if we do not make any effort to deepen our personal relationship with him in prayer and have a commitment to do his will.

As we celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings invite us to establish a personal and mutual relationship with the Lord by reflecting on his identity. When he asked the disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' He was drawing their attention and asking them not to confuse him with human and worldly expectations. This explains why he rebuked Peter who had responded well at first about his Divine identity. But when the Lord mentioned about his coming suffering and death, Peter could not understand. This could also be our challenge today, believing that following Christ means no problems. In this way we confuse his identity. He said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'. We are invited to be practical in living our faith and this calls for sacrifices. As Saint James asks, 'Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him?' He added, 'Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead' (Js2:14,17). May we, therefore, seek to find the identity of the Lord and act according to his teach-ings and life's examples.

FR Pontius Bandua A.J

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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](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 £ 93.41 Loose £ 520.05 Dona £ Total £**

**Candles £78.58 Church Maintenance £ 78.71 Sponsored Walk £60 B+R Mass £14.50**

**Hall Hire £140 Rent £ 1175 Piety Stall £ Sunday Teas £ second collection £121.21**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Today there is 2nd collection for Evangel Gaudium: 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:15TH—22ND SEPT 2024**

Sat 14 th : 4:30pm Owen Hearley & Betty Stapleton R I P

Sun 15th : 11:30am Eileen Lynch RIP Margret Rappai R I P

6:00pm People of then parish

Mon 16th: 12:10pm Sean Tierney R I P

Tue 17th : 12:10pm Kevin Shakespeare Int

Wed 18th : 12:10pm Michael O Donnell R I P

Thur 19th : 12:00noon Paul Timmons Sp Int

Fri 20th : 12:10pm Joseph Bannon R T P

Sat 21st : 11:45am Patrick C Int.

4:30pm

Sun 22nd: 11:30am Martha Fernandes R I P ( Ann)

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:**

**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**

Hugo Early, Shirley may Hartnett , brian Fitzimons, Aliva Saunders, Marshall Jean

**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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