

Parish News & Notice

2nd Sunday of Advent: As we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the readings invite us to prepare the way for the Lord's coming.

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.

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/5AOCwuzTdT00FINBwRwwmBxvtgayKs0BNIK1vZN7> or MCN: <https://mncmedia.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 6pm of every month and on every Sunday @ 5pm.

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

Piety Stall—New items: Mass cards for all occasions, including Christmas cards, Christmas Mass cards, 2025 Calendars & Diaries, Gifts Christmas Candles order of Mass leaflets, Statues, Rosary beads, candles plus many other items.

NOTE: The Piety Stall is open for sales on Saturday Evening Mass and Sunday Morning Mass

The Parish Hall: can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoors games. Please, call the Parish Number for bookings Tel: **02476220402. Weekends; 4pm to 10:30pm and Weekdays from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday.**

Advent Penitential Service & Christmas Programme:

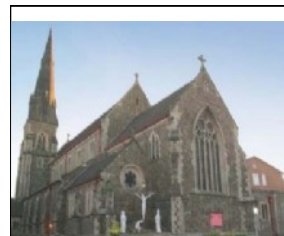
Penitential service: Saturday 21st December at 12:30pm

Christmas Eve : Tuesday 24th December at 5:00pm

Midnight Mass 24th December at 11:30pm preceded by **Christmas Carols** at 10:30pm.

Christmas Day Mass 25th December at 11:30am

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Planning and programming are essential aspects to any serious human endeavours. It is within such frameworks that the risks and benefits of any course of action can be identified. Unless we properly plan our life's activities, we can easily encounter difficulties and challenges which can cause us to abandon the given project. The need for planning cuts across all areas of our life including within our families, faith communities and economic or political organisations. Most importantly, however, our spiritual planning or readiness is the only way for us to resist temptation and sin. Advent is a season of waiting in holiness to meet the Holy One. We can, therefore, raise in-depth spiritual questions. How should we be prepared to meet the Lord at his second coming? Do our actions, thoughts and inclinations make us draw closer to the Lord with confidence? If we do not meet the standards of holiness, what should we do about it? The need for repentance and reconciliation with Lord and with each other is central for our preparation to meet the Lord. Today, if we still have tendencies of prejudice, pride, resentment, greed, addictions, an uncontrolled desire for material things and a lack of generosity, it is high time we delve into our inner lives and reform in readiness for the coming Christmas.

As we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the readings invite us to prepare the way for the Lord's coming. Just as in the first reading, the prophet Baruch gave a consoling message to the Israelites who were discouraged and in exile. He said, 'For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you ...For God has ordered that every high mountain, and everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up to make level ground...' (Bar5:7). The Israelites were exiled and ruled by foreigners because of their infidelity to the Lord's commandments. This affected the moral, social and spiritual fabric of their lives. They needed to reform their lives to get back to Jerusalem. As Christians today, we need to reform our lives in accordance with Lord of life by denouncing the modern ideologies of secularism, materialism and lukewarm attitudes which over turn the sanctity of human life. This similar message of preparation is echoed in the Gospel. John preached repentance to the people of Israel by quoting the prophet Isaiah 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight and rough places become level'(Lk3:4-6). As John preached repentance, he was preparing the ground for the Lord's coming. On the same note, we need to level the mountains of pride and valleys of envy and hatred in our hearts and minds in order to welcome Lord. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells the Philippians to live in righteousness. He says, '...and so, be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...' (Phil1:10-11). May we, therefore, humble ourselves as we prepare for the Lord's coming.

Fr. Pontius Bandua A.J



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Second Sunday
of Advent

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Parish Safeguarding Representative:

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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 Income

Gift aid£122.32 **Loose** £475.90 **Dona plate**£239 **Total**£837.22
Candles £75.44 **Church Maintenance** £188.78
Hall Hire £615 **Rent**£ **Piety Stall**£80 **Donation**£100 **St. Francis Xavier Mass**£172.55
Second collection£333.57 (Apostles of Jesus Missionaries)
Thank you for your generosity.

Today, there is second collection for the poor parishes.

November 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 010 K Joyce
2nd Prize: 158 A Hamilton
3rd Prize: 271 Williams

The New Lectionary: I thank the two parishioners who have contributed to buy the New Lectionary Volumes: I request for more support to get the other volumes of the Mass books. ***We need four more volumes for the Cyle year A, B, & C Mass Books. Please I encourage all to use the new books for active participation in the Liturgy. I would like to thank the family that has donated £500 for the 2nd Volume year C of Mass Books.***

Maintenance of the Church: Please make your donations to keep our church warm during this winter in the usual box at the wall. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar: This will be on Saturday 14th December. Please, bring bottles, for Bric-a –Brac, Prizes, valuable items for sale. The Raffle tickets are on sale at least buy a booklet. Donations for prizes £100, £50 & £25

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 8TH—15TH DEC 2024

Sat 07	04:30pm	Betty Clark RIP Ann Fenton sp int
Sun 08	11:30am	People of the Parish Kitty Ledwith Christmas int. Mary Whitehouse Christmas int
	06:00pm	Bethany & George sp int. Seamus Butler RIP
Mon 09	12:10pm	John & Joseph memorial Rose Goodwin sp int.
Tue 10	09:00am	Sr. Teresa & Sr. Philomena Christmas int. Pat & Margaret Doyle Christmas int.
Wed 11	12:10pm	All deceased legionaries Seamus Buttler RIP
Thur 12	12:10pm	Roman Pietrzyowski Alfons Kathleen & Paddy Sexton Christmas int.
Fri 13	12:10pm	Moe Usmani RIP 2nd Anniv. Peter & Mary Duggan Christmas int.
Sat 14	11:45am	Mr & Mrs Cadden Christmas int. Marie & Elaine Healy Christmas int.
	04:30pm	Mr & Mrs Mc Hige Christmas int. Mr. Stapleton Christmas int.
Sun 15	11:30am	People of the Parish Josie McGrath Christmas int. Honor & Arthur Swan Christmas int.
	06:00pm	Seamus Butler RIP

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 those who are sick in the parish community.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Kavanagh Peter Martin, Gloria Magdalene Morias, John Josep Paul, & Anthony Gordon Cooper

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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