

Parish News & Notice

3rd Sunday of Advent: As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the theme of the readings invites us to rejoice in the Lord always.

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.

Christmas envelope: Please, pick one for your gift for the parish Clergy.

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://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 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; from 5:30pm Saturday & Sunday 7pm to 10:30pm and Weekdays from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday.**

For the time being bookings are suspended until further notice apart from those already booked.

The Readers Retreat of the Deanery will be at St. Osburg's on 25th January 2025 From 9am to 1:00pm. Please, I encourage all who take readings at church to attend.

Advent Penitential Service & Christmas Programme:

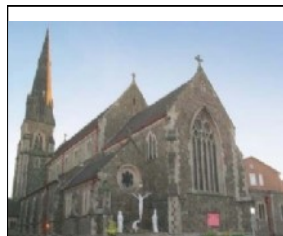
Penitential service: Saturday 21st December at 12:30pm

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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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

Happiness in life is most often equated with peace of mind. One of the core values that human beings yearn for is to find joy in life. It is worth noting that true happiness cannot be found in having possessions, wealth, power, entertainment or pleasure, but rather in having a good relationship with God and with our fellow human beings. If our relationships are at a cross-roads or have turned sour, then we shall lack peace of mind and in turn the joy of life is eroded. Saint Augustine of Hippo said, 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.' As we struggle daily for the needs in our life, let our focus be to glorify the Lord and to be concerned for each other. As Christians, we are invited to rejoice in the Lord always because He loves us and He is merciful to us. He knows our needs even before we present them to Him. Sometimes we forget this reality of faith about God's infinite love for us and we tend to lose our direction in faith and in life itself. May we find joy during this Advent period as we wait for the Lord's coming to lift us up from our burden of worry, doubt and anxiety.

As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the theme of the readings invites us to rejoice in the Lord always. In the first reading, the prophet Zephaniah gave a consoling message to Israelites inviting them to rejoice because their infidelities were forgiven. Their broken relationship with the Lord had been restored. He said, 'The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has cleared away your enemies...' (Zeph3:15). It is a similar case for us today. We should rejoice, because the Lord has reconciled us through Jesus Christ. If we have any spiritual, moral or social brokenness, we should find ways to reconcile with the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The similar tone of rejoicing in the Lord is echoed in the second reading. Saint Paul says 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer...' (Phl4:6). Daily prayers build a good relationship with God and with each other. The Gospel (Lk3:10-18), affirms the theme of rejoicing in the Lord who forgives and loves us unconditionally. When John the Baptist preached repentance and conversion of heart, many people asked him what they should do in order to live better lives. John's answer to them was clear and he said they should be honest and just. Their moral and spiritual life should be upright so that they could live happier lives. He was full of humility when he informed them about Jesus who was coming after him, saying that he himself would be unworthy to untie the strap of his sandals. May we be humble and rejoice in the Lord always.

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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£42.50 **Loose** £364.73 **Dona plate**£450 **Total**£856.5
Candles£84.13 **Church Maintenance**£53.38
Hall Hire£245 **Rent**£450 **Piety Stall**£ **Donation**£
Second collection£168.45 **Holy Souls** £307.00
Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday there will second collection for Christmas flowers.

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.***

Donation for the New Parish Mass Books: Anyone willing to donate £5 per book in memory of a beloved one, please do so. The name will be inserted in the book.

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.

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 DEC 2024

Sat 14	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 Noel Keeley RIP
Mon 16	12:10pm	Sr. Philomena and Sr. Teresa Christmas int. Janet Wiltshire Christmas int.
Tue 17	12:10pm	Ann M M & Mary Hartnett sp int. Robert Simpson sp int.
Wed 18	12:10pm	Francis Dielon RIP Christopher Collins & Joseph Corcoran sp int.
Thur 19	12:10pm	Lorraine sp int. Liz Kane & Family Christmas int.
Fri 20	12:10pm	Bridget & James Greene Natalie & Eden Greene
Sat 21	11:45am	Miroslawa Milner RIP
	04:30pm	Kevin Gorrell & Family Christmas int
Sun 22	11:30am	People of the Parish Michael McGrane RIP
	06:00pm	

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: Jonathan, Anne, & Janet **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:
Johnson Ronald Thomas

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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