

Parish News & Notice

4th Sunday of Advent: As we celebrate the last Sunday of Advent, the readings remind us to focus on the mystery of Incarnation. God's Word taking human nature to bring us closer to Him.

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.

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/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 Mass 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.

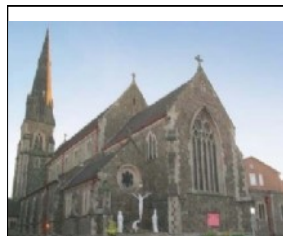
Christmas Programme:

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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BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN!

In the daily prayers of Catholic life the gracious words of the Angel Gabriel and Elizabeth, as addressed to Mary, are repeated, "Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee, Blessed are thou among women...". These words remind us of the great events of human salvation, the Annunciation and the Visitation. The two great women of faith, Mary and Elizabeth, represent the faithful attitude of human beings to do the will of God. They were powerful instruments chosen by God to fulfil his plan of human salvation. As Saint Paul mentioned, 'But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son. He was born as the Son of a human mother and lived subjected to the Jewish Law, in order to redeem those who are subjected to the law....' (Gal4:4-5). Just as in any other family, the joy of any good news and pleasant moments were shared among the relatives and friends. After the encounter with the Angel at the Annunciation, Mary was prompted to visit her cousin Elizabeth who also mentioned that she herself was in her sixth month of pregnancy at her late age. There is nothing impossible to God. Whatever looks impossible to human beings is possible for God. When the two sisters met, the babies they were expecting recognised each other and the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped. Elizabeth exclaimed, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' May we learn to share the joy of Christian faith just as Mary and Elizabeth shared with one another.

As we celebrate the last Sunday of Advent, the readings remind us to focus on the mystery of Incarnation. God's Word taking human nature to bring us closer to Him. It was through the human cooperation of Mary, who said, 'I am the hand maid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said' (Lk1:38). This was to fulfil God's plan of salvation as mentioned in the first reading by the prophet Micah. 'You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be a ruler in Israel... (Mic5:2). As a leader of new Israel, Christ was born at the appointed time to redeem God's children. This is affirmed in the second reading in the letter to the Hebrews, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book' (Heb10:7). As we ponder the mystery of Incarnation, we are invited to do the will of God as did Mary. Secondly, we are expected to carry the beauty of Christian faith that is love, peace, justice, charity and mercy to everyone we meet. Our human inclinations of pride, indifference, selfishness and resentment should be discarded to allow Christ to be born in our hearts and minds.

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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 £399 Loose £460.60 Dona plate £304 Total £1,163.60
Candles £103 Church Maintenance £62.53
Hall Hire £175 Rent £ Piety Stall £ Donation £
Second collection £ Christmas Bazaar £3,233.20
Thank you for your generosity.

Today there is second collection for Christmas flowers.

December 2024 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 002 A Demello
2nd Prize: 103 LL Cassidy
3rd Prize: 246 McGee

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.

Pilgrims of Hope Booklets: The Jubilee Year 2025. please pick a copy for the reflections in the year of Jubilee 2025.

Rehearsal of Christmas Carols today after Mass;

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Hearing Aid Users—Please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

MASS TIMES DURING 22ND-29TH DEC 2024

Sat 21	04:30pm	Kevin Gorrell & Family Christmas int
Sun 22	11:30am	People of the Parish Michael McGrane RIP Eileen Lynch RIP & Lynch family int.
	06:00pm	
Mon 23	12:10pm	Paul Mc Donald & family intentions John & Nuala G family intentions Nuala Gaffney Birthday intention
Tue 24	12:10pm	Jim Doody RIP Frankie Griffin Christmas intentions
	05:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
	11:30pm	Midnight Mass : Tony and Paul RIP
Wed 25	11:30am	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (CHRISTMAS)
Thur 26	12:10pm	Paul & Daniel sp int. Mrs Kareka, Maria Pickering & Evelyn N sp int.
Fri 27	12:10pm	Padriag Gallagher RIP (anniv)
Sat 28	11:45am	Rogers Collins
	04:30pm	John Lappin RIP (anniv)
Sun 29	11:30am	People of the Parish Thomas Pinto RIP Maisie McGee RIP (anniv)
	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:
Eucharistic minister: Catherine/ Agnelo/ Bernadette/ Maggie
Sunday Mass at 6:00pm

Readers: Jonathan, Anne, Christine & Janet **Eucharistic minister:** Vivien / Marie

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS: 5pm; Anne E & Catherine W, 11:30PM; Jonathan & Sharlene, 11:30 am; Janet &

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:
Considine M, Teresa, Patrick Joseph Brady, & McDermott Christine

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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