

Parish News & Notice

The Holy Family Sunday: As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family, the theme of the readings invites us to model our lives according to the example of the Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter: Please, peck a copy for more reflections.



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.

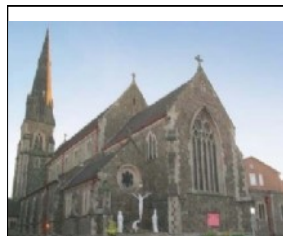
The Readers Retreat of the Deanery will be at St. Osburg's on 25th January 2025 From 9am to 1:00pm. Please, I encourage all who take readings at church to attend.

NEW YEAR Programme:

New year Eve Tuesday 31st May 2024

Morning Mass at 11:30am 1st January 2025— The Year of Jubilee

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St. Osburg's



A.J Missions



St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH.

The Holy Family is the model for all Christian families. Just as in any other normal family setting, Jesus was born and grew up in a family. The central role of a family is to bring up the young people by introducing them to the value systems of a society, in line with what the Lord intends for his creation. A good family is supposed to nurture disciplined and consistent children, though sometimes this fails due to excessive freedom and the making of wrong choices in life by some of the young people. Their approach and views about life may be completely contrary to those that their parents would wish them to have. However, in the case of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, there was mutual understanding among them. Jesus was obedient to his mother and foster father Joseph. Then both parents worked in collaboration to bring up Jesus as he grew under their authority. In the most difficult times they cared for him. Their escape to Egypt when Herod wanted to eliminate him at his infant stage, was a particular example of the care of the parents for the baby Jesus. As we contemplate upon the Holy Family, let us renew our commitment to serve our families. We should serve our natural family and also serve our faith-based family that is the parish community.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family, the theme of the readings invites us to model our lives according to the example of the Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They were hard working and collaborative. The first reading gives a good example of family life. "Whoever honours his father atones for his sins and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure" (Sir3:14). The preceding excerpt underpins the importance and dignity of family life. It highlights the reciprocal relationship and responsibility of family relationships. The Second reading also affirms the importance of mutual living. Saint Paul said, 'Put on as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another...'. (Col3:12). In modern times, many families face complications due to the failure to listen to the spiritual advice given in these texts. Most often, human emotions and feeling override reason and faith. The results can be very detrimental to a good family life. The gospel also explains how each member of the family should be concerned about the other. When the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, where he had gone with his parents for the Feast of the Passover, they searched for him for three days. When they found him, the mother asked, 'Son why have you treated us so? He replied, 'Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? (Lk2:48-49)'. Eventually, he obeyed and went with them to Nazareth and lived under their authority. Their search for him was resolved amicably with no indication of anger or bitterness. We are told Mary treasured all these things in her heart. May we learn to listen and ponder on God's love as did the Holy Family.



Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & BLESSED NEW YEAR 2025—The Jubilee Year !

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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£77.50 **Loose** £435 **Dona plate**£396 **Total**£909.20
Candles£83.16 **Church Maintenance**£50
Hall Hire£110 **Rent**£420 **Piety Stall**£203.85 **Donation**£
Second collection£ 177.98 **Friday Lunch**£200.00 **Sunday Tea** £29.30
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Thank you for the Christmas gifts to the clergy.

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

MASS TIMES DURING 22ND-29TH DEC 2024

Sat 28	04:30pm	John Lappin RIP (anniv) People of the Parish
Sun 29	11:30am	Thomas Pinto RIP Maisie McGee RIP (anniv) Cora Lanigan Sp int.
	06:00pm	The McKiernan Family
Mon 30	12:10pm	Sean Sullivan RIP Mary Nyango Christmas int. Patsy & Aileen Christmas intention
Tue 31	12:10pm	Li family—Thanksgiving Dierdre & John Christmas int.
	11:30pm	Midnight Mass : Yvonne Middleton Christmas int.
Wed 01	11:30am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Sr. Teresa, Sr. Nora & Sr. Philomena Christmas int.
Thur 02	12:10pm	Paul & Maria Christmas int.
Fri 03	12:10pm	
Sat 04	11:45am	
	04:30pm	Charlie Wilson RIP 6th anniv Tom Shally RIP
Sun 05	11:30am	People of the parish Patrick Ruddy 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, Christine & 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:
Charlie Wilson

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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