

Parish News & Notice

Epiphany Sunday: As we celebrate the Epiphany, the readings draw our attention to focus on Christ as the light for our life's journey and for the world.

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/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

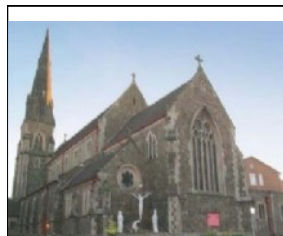
The Parish Hall: can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoors games. Please, call the Parish Number for bookings Tel: **02476220402. Weekends; from 5:30pm Saturday & Sunday 7pm to 10:30pm and Weekdays from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday.**

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.

Parish Pastoral Council formation Meeting: Those who are issued invitation letters please, endeavour to attend on Thursday 23rd January 2025. at 6:00pm.

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

During the journey of life, there are many things that we focus upon. The most important of these is our eternal destiny with God. Just as we have begun the new year of 2025, our focus should be on how we can do better spiritually in this year of jubilee. We should always ponder on what the spiritual hurdles are in our lives by reflecting on the events of everyday life. It was within such a spiritual context that the wise men, or magi, interpreted the events of the time at the birth of Jesus. They made a prompt journey to search for the child king who had been born in Judea. As Christians, our intensive search in life should be to find meaning in Jesus, who was born among us to teach us the way of life. He is the light of the world and the lamp for our steps in life. May he be a light for our way in this year as it unfolds with joys and challenges. Epiphany means the manifestation of the glory of God in the world. We are, therefore, like the magi being called upon to focus on the star of life through the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Doctrines of the Church and the sacraments to renew our commitment to centre our lives on Christ.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, the readings draw our attention to focus on Christ as the light for our life's journey and for the world. He is king, born to establish God's kingdom on earth. The psalmist says, "All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The universal mission of Christ is to reconcile the whole of creation to God. As Christians we should model our lives according to the universal love of God for all his people. There should be no disunity, partiality, favouritism, bias nor pride among his followers if we are to be the authentic Christians of these modern times. Saint Paul reiterates this by saying, "This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph3:6). The gospel of Christ born for us, is of peace, reconciliation, faithfulness, piety, love, generosity and self-sacrificing. The question we can raise is, do we truly follow the gospel of Christ born to us and as searched by the magi? Or we are always inclined to worldly claims of human freedom and rights regardless of God's eternal plan for the universe. The wise men asked, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matt2:2). Prompted by their desire and the Spirit, they longed to see this king born to transform the world. We are told they brought him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the symbols of royalty. As the followers of Christ today, how can we follow His star everyday in our busy schedules? Secondly, as our universal king of life, what gifts can we offer him daily? Are we not likely to give excuses for our lack of commitment? Do we have a self-sacrificing attitude to help our families and parish community? May the Epiphany of the Lord transform our attitudes this year of jubilee.

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 £70 Loose £419 Dona plate £1,385 Total £1,874
Candles £114.30 Church Maintenance £108.79

Hall Hire £280 Rent £ Piety Stall £ Donation £1500

*I would thank the **two parishioners** who have donated **£1000 & £500** respectively towards the parish funds. May the Lord bless their intentions.*

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 5TH– 12TH JAN 2025

Sat 04	04:30pm	Charlie Wilson RIP 6th anniv Tom Shally RIP
Sun 05	11:30am	Dieter Konrad RIP Patrick Ruddy RIP Denis Tynan family—Deceased members
	06:00pm	Jane Burman sp int People of the Parish
Mon 06	12:10pm	Bernadette Lappin RIP Anniv. Carol Morris birthday int.
Tue 07	12:10pm	James Connor Sp int. Kevin Underwood sp int.
Wed 08	12:10pm	George Mearnagh RIP
Thur 09	12:10pm	The Kirkwood family intentions
Fri 10	09:45am	Funeral - Esther Mary Maloney 'Shelley' RIP
	12:10pm	
Sat 11	11:45am	Carol Morris sp int Tom O'Brien RIP
	04:30pm	Eleanor Harrison—Thanksgiving
Sun 12	11:30am	People of the Parish Margaret McGee RIP & Tom Walsh RIP Marjorie Thatcher sp int.
	06:00pm	The McMulkin family intentions

Sacramental preparations: Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and RCIA lessons, resume on 10th January 2025 : 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.

Death announcement: Esther Mary Maloney 'Shelley' died recently. The reception of the body into the church will be on Thursday 9th January 2025. The Requiem Mass on Friday 10th Jan. at 9:45am. We pray for her and all who mourn.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Charlie Wilson, Roy Patrick Clement, Charles James Kennedy, & Gill Teresa

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.

Bible Study Prayer group resumes on 15th January 2025. New members are welcome.

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