

## Parish News & Notice

**Baptism of the Lord:** As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the readings remind us of our own baptismal promises which were to identify with Lord as our Saviour and Redeemer

**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.

### 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

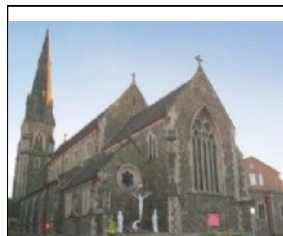
**The Parish Hall: can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoors games. Please, call the Parish Number for bookings Tel: 02476220402. Weekends; from 5:30pm Saturday & Sunday 7pm to 10:30pm and Weekdays from 1pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday.**

**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 9:30am to 1:00pm. Please, I encourage all who take readings at church to attend. There will be Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Talks, Soup and Sandwiches.

**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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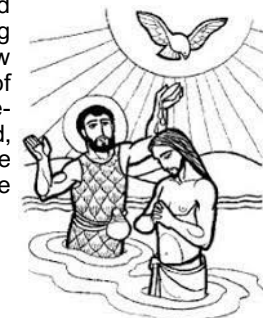
## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

The sense of belonging to a given society or community, is fostered by the existence of a value system which is upheld by all. The dignity and treasures of human life are structured and protected by societal values which promote the wellbeing of everyone in all aspects of their lives, physically, morally and spiritually. However, as Christians, our fundamental goal is to live in holiness. We promised during our Baptism and Confirmation, that we would reject all that which contradicts God's plan for universal goodness and love. The Sacrament of Baptism, therefore, introduces us to a value system of holiness. Jesus introduced this to us by accepting baptism from John the Baptist at the river Jordan. Though sinless, he had to identify with sinners to show the way to eternal salvation. Baptism is a gate way to a life of commitment and holiness. The Church, therefore, rightly teaches that, "The Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gate to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word" (CCC 1213). Jesus, true man and true God, pointed to the importance of belonging to God's Kingdom through Baptism. We should therefore adhere to our baptismal promises everyday of our lives.

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the readings remind us of our own baptismal promises which were to identify with Lord as our Saviour and Redeemer. We are invited to listen to the Gospel of Christ for our life's journey. When Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form as a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Lk3:21-22). This was a complete revelation of the presence of the Most Holy Trinity. We are told the heavens opened when Jesus was baptised. It is also another indication that, through the Sacrament of Baptism, the gates of heaven are thrown open to us. This is provided that we adhere to the Christian principles of love, justice, compassion, peace, impartiality, generosity and piety. But when we incline towards the evil impulses of greed, jealousy, dishonesty, gossip, resentment, pride, selfishness, unfaithfulness and immoral acts, then the dignity and sacramental commitment are watered down. May the Spirit of the Lord be our guide and direction in making daily decisions in life in order to live in holiness. We should always follow what Saint Paul mentioned in today's second reading, "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age...." (Tit2:11-12). May the feast of the Baptism of the Lord renew our baptismal promises to live holier lives, as Pilgrims of hope during this Jubilee Year of 2025.

**Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ**

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



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**Parish Safeguarding Representative:**

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Tel 024 7622 7165  
**Headteacher:** Mrs Nicola Rynott.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**Parish Income**

**Gift aid £68 Loose £476.03 Dona plate £273 Total £817.03**

**Candles £101.63 Church Maintenance £222.10**

**Hall Hire £175 Rent £450 Piety Stall £ Donation £500**

*I would thank the **parishioner** who has donated **£500** to the parish fund. 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 12TH– 19TH JAN 2025**

Sat 11	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 Rosemarie Towers sp intentions
Mon 13	12:10pm	Jane Kalnins RIP
Tue 14	12:10pm	
Wed 15	12:10pm	Kathleen Sluzar ( recently dead)
Thur 16	12:10pm	Edward Pender Anniv
Fri 17	12:10pm	Mary Veronica Fahey RIP
Sat 18	11:45am	
	04:30pm	Colm Doherty RIP
Sun 19	11:30am	People of the parish
	06:00pm	

**Sacramental preparations:** Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and **RCIA lesions , resume on 10th January 2025** : Meeting every Friday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

**Lectors 4:30pm & 11:30am**

**Saturday:**

**Sunday:**

**Eucharistic ministers:** Catherine/ Agnelo/ Bernadette/ Maggie /Catherine

**Sunday Mass at 6:00pm**

**Readers:** Jonathan, Anne, Christine & Janet **Eucharistic ministers:** 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:**

Teresa Gill, Robert Brady, & Joan Handbury

**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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