

Parish News & Notice

Presentation Sunday : As we celebrate the feast of the presentation of the Lord, the readings remind us to reflect on the revelation of God to humanity and the world at large.

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, Gifts, Mass cards for various intentions, Candles order of Mass leaflets, Statues, Rosary beads, Holy water bottles Devotional gifts, 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.**

The Parish Pastoral Council Structure; - St. Osburg's 2025

The President—Parish Priest : Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ

Vice—President—Ass. Priest: Fr. Evaristus Sunday AJ

Chair—Tina Lanigan

Vice—Chair Anthony Iheanacho

Secretary—Annie McLellan

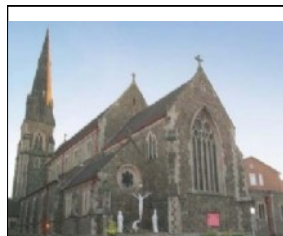
Vice—Secretary—Curtis McLellan

Treasurer— John Collins

Members with Active Votes in decision making: Tina, Anthony, Pat, John C, Cathrine W, Martin M, Karen L, Maggie G, Joan, Patsy, Janet W, H/Teacher and the two priests. (14)

Co-opted members: (Passive votes) Ann E, Ann F, Uzo E, Tracy T, Nina, Surani, Jonathan K, Agnelo, Fiona, Annie, and Curtis. (11)

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



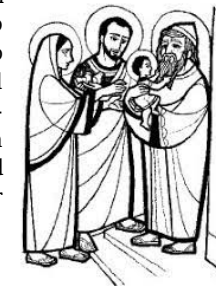
St Elizabeth's

**Parish Newsletter: The Presentation of the Lord –2nd FEB. 2025
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THE FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE'

'This feast day celebrates both the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of Mary, which by Mosaic Law, was required 40 days after the birth of a child. The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February, also called Candlemas for the custom of using lighted candle' (EWTN). As human beings we are guided by tradition, norms and the value systems of life. As Jesus was born within the particular Jewish tradition, as laid down by Moses long ago in history and guided by God, he had to go through the process of initiation into human society. For him to be fully incorporated in human tradition and the cultural system, the parents had to present him to the temple in order to fulfil the traditional requirements. As the life of the Jewish people was centred on God and their covenant with Him, the central point was the Temple. This was the meeting place between Divinity and Humanity. Jesus' presentation confirmed that he was the new temple of meeting between God and human beings. The purification of Mary after child birth, was also a prompt respect of the laws of the society as laid down by Moses. The presentation and purification of Mary are a very good lesson for our modern world. The lesson is that we should not break away from the traditional values, which hold humanity together, in the name of human freedom and rights. We should adhere to our common and conventional values of humanity.

As we celebrate the feast of the presentation of the Lord, the readings remind us to reflect on the revelation of God to humanity and the world at large. Right from Christmas, Epiphany of the Lord, Baptism of the Lord and today His presentation in the Temple, we see God's revelation is great through different personalities, as Jesus stepped into human history. These characters were representing the most faithful people in the world. At the time of the presentation of the Lord in the temple, 'there was a man (Simeon) righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him' (Lk2:25-26). It was at that time, that he was able to see the salvation of Israel in the baby Jesus. He exclaimed, 'Now, Master you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation' (Lk2:29-30). 'To confirm the complete human family of faith, there was also a prophetess, Anna, who never left the temple, worshipped night, and day' (Lk2:36-37). She was also expecting the deliverance of Israel from the bondage of oppression and suffering. The two personalities in the temple, Simeon and Anna, who witnessed the presentation of the Lord, were guided by faith, trust and hope in the Lord. We can see God's hand in our life's journey when we pray and entrust our wills to him. May the feast of the presentation enlighten our minds to focus on Jesus as light and hope during the hurdles of our life.



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Parish Safeguarding Representative:

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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 if you have any concern.*

Parish Income

Gift aid£97.22 **Loose**£495 **Dona plate**£145 **Total** £737.22
Candles£76 **Church Maintenance**£153.98
Hall Hire£ **Rent**£ **Donation**£

Thank you for your generosity.

January 2025 Winners of 300 Club

1st Prize: 048 A Rodrigues
2nd Prize: 158 A Hamilton
3rd Prize: 289 B Brennan

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 the 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.

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

MASS TIMES DURING 2ND –09TH FEB 2025

Sat 01	04:30pm	Tom O'Brien RIP Lorraine Kennedy
Sun 02	11:30am	People of the parish Ronald Smith RIP Norah Wiltshire RIP
	06:00	Callum Plummer RIP Susan B
Mon 03	12:10pm	Peter Clyne RIP Emmanuel ObiChukwunnaya RIP
Tue 04	12:10pm	Louise Chapman RIP Jackie Geddes (get well)
Wed 05	12:10pm	
Thur 06	12:10pm	
Fri 07	12:10pm	Sr. Mary Brigeen (get well)
Sat 08	11:45am	Thomas O'Leary RIP (anniv)
	04:30pm	Josie McGrath birthday intention. Yvone Middleton birthday
Sun 09	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:

Peter P Maher, Josephine T Kennedy, & Ann L Stephen,

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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