

Parish News & Notice

Fifth Sunday: As we celebrate the 5th Sunday, the theme of the readings invites us to reflect on God's call for each one of us to carry on with His mission of holiness. We are called to avoid evil in our lives.

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.

Young Adults meeting: Next meeting at St. Osburg's Presbytery on 18th February 2025. At 7:00pm.

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, 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

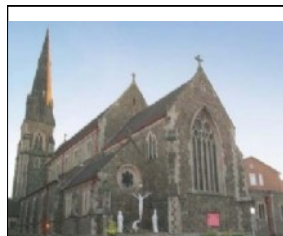
Secretary—Annie McLellan

Vice—Secretary—Curtis McLellan

Treasurer— John Collins

Members of the council: Tina, Anthony, Pat, John C, Cathrine W, Martin M, Karen L, Maggie G, Joan, Patsy, Janet W, H/Teacher and the two priests. (14)

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St. Osburg's



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St Mary's



St Elizabeth's

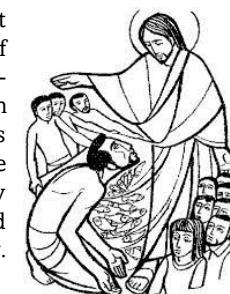
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THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM'

Our life-long journey entails making decisions and choosing to sacrifice one thing over another. The option we take should supersede the sacrificed reality to obtain a better future. In marital relationships, there is a fundamental decision to be made by the two people, a man and woman, in choosing to be together for life. Jesus said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate' (Matt19:5-6). The relationship calls for decision making and choices to be made. One must keep to this principle if the marriage is to thrive under God's blessing. As the basis of everything, one needs to answer the call of God asking us to be holy in all the undertakings of life. The Lord calls us from various backgrounds to witness to the truth of life as determined by our Lord Jesus. He said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and Life'. If we are to experience the true meaning of life, we should be guided by the Gospel of Christ. Our Christian commitment should include the decision we make to leave everything that hinders our life as authentic Christians. These hindrances may be prejudice, hatred, disunity, resentment, anger, gossip, immorality, addiction and unforgiveness.

As we celebrate the 5th Sunday, the theme of the readings invites us to reflect on God's call for each one of us to carry on with His mission of holiness. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah was called and he acknowledged his unworthiness, but he accepted the need to do the will of God. He heard the voice of the Holy One, 'whom shall I send and, who will go for us? Then I said, Here I am! Send me' (Is6:7-8). As Christians, we should accept God's call whilst acknowledging our own sinfulness and we must be ready to change for the better and carry on with the mission of justice, generosity and peace. It is a similar lesson in the Gospel, when Jesus met Peter, and the sons of Zebedee James and John in the Sea of Gennesaret (Lk5:1-11). They had spent the whole night without catching any fish, but the Lord asked them to place the nets in deeper water. After which, they were able to catch a large quantity of fish, though at first, they had hesitated. It was symbolic that Jesus had divine power over the human predicament of their fishing. It is also a profound lesson for us Christians that, when we do things without Christ being at the centre of our lives, we might fail to catch true values of life. At the same time, after the miraculous catch of fish, Peter acknowledged his unworthiness to the Lord. The Lord said, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men. And when they had brought their boats to the land, they left everything and followed him' (Lk5:10-11). They made a choice to leave their business and followed him. What have we left today in order to follow a life of holiness in our Christian commitment? We should accept God's call with open minds and respond with humility day by day.

Fr. Pontius Bandua AJ



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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£87.50 **Loose**£468.33 **Dona plate**£364 **Total** £919.83
Candles£90.57 **Church Maintenance**£177.04
Hall Hire£210 **Rent** £ **Donation**£20

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 09TH –16TH FEB 2025

Sat 08	04:30pm	People of the Parish Josie McGrath birthday intention. Yvone Middleton birthday
Sun 09	11:30am	Kieran Mc Gibney RIP James Bride (senior) RIP Jimmy Bride (junior) RIP
	06:00	Elizabeth Wiltshire RIP Yvonne RIP
Mon 10	12:10pm	Ellen RIP and Rita RIP Richard & Gleen Sullivan RIP
Tue 11	09:00am	Peter Resposo birthday int. Alan Davies RIP
Wed 12	12:10pm	Michelle & Tony Nolan & family sp int.
Thur 13	12:10pm	Rosemary Ledwith sp intention
Fri 14	12:10pm	Moe Usamani RIP
Sat 15	11:45am	Sick parishioners of Christ the King Sheila Varady (get well)
	04:30pm	Martin Shally RIP & PJ Fowler RIP Jordan John Gregory The Mandlin family & Private intention
Sun 16	11:30am	People of the parish
	06:00pm	

Sacramental preparations: Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage and **RCIA lessons:** 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:

Patrick Cunningham, Kennedy Leo Kevin, Ronald Alexander Smith, Martin Shally, Lawrence Gallen & Jordan John Gregory

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.