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Sunday 9th March 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Sat 8th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Richard Walker - RIP
				Anthony Edward - RIP
Sun 9th		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Anda Fernandes - B.day Int
Mon 10th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Kirkwood Family Intention
				Tony, Lucy and Family - Sp. Int
Tue 11th	Lent Feria	9:30am	Funeral Mass	Funeral Mass - John Patrick Carey
		12:10pm	NO MASS	There is no 12:10pm mass
Wed 12th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Patrick Tully - RIP
				Michael and Annie Kelly - RIP
Thu 13th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Brenda Lynch - RIP
				Annie Hayneman - RIP
				Bernie Martin - Get Well
Fri 14th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Joseph Bannon - RIP
				Kevin Shakespeare - RIP
Sat 15th	Lent Feria	11:45am	Mass	
	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Foley - RIP
Sun 16th		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	

REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!

On Ash Wednesday, we heard the words reminding us of our human condition and the majesty of God, while receiving the ashes on our foreheads "Repent and believe in the Gospel or Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." These words have profound spiritual meaning and they touch the reality of our lives. As Christians, we are invited to do spiritual self-evaluation during the 40 days in preparation for the celebration of mysteries of human redemption at Easter. We can pose some fundamental questions regarding our relationship with each other and above all with God. How much time do we give in a day to contemplate on the Lord's love for each us? How do we take our decisions to say or do anything at all? How do we get concerned about the welfare of each other as we make the life's journey in this world? Unless, we take serious steps to guide against the temptations, we can easily succumb to evil impulses of pride, selfishness, unfaithfulness, deceit, envy, resentment, addiction, gossip, and emotional imbalances. Such evils can be avoided, if we truly pray, fast, and become generous to the needy. As we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us of the reality of temptation and the means to overcome it. They remind us that amidst challenges, hardships, or temptations, we should trust in the Lord. In the first reading, Moses encouraged the Israelites to hope and trust in the Lord during hardships, as he had brought their ancestors out of the Egyptian slavery. 'The Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand...' (Deut26:6). The temptation of Jesus by the devil in the gospel (Lk4:1-13), explains a similar situation of human condition if we are not guided well, the evil one can mislead us. After forty days in the wilderness Jesus was hungry and the devil took that advantage to tempt him. Jesus as both Divine and human, had the power to do what the devil wanted him to do, but it was not the right decision to listen to the dictates of the devil. Eventually the devil left him. It was because he listened to the voice of God the Father, not the temporary powers or tricks of the devil. As his followers, we live in a world where people struggle for power, fame, and material prosperity. In getting these powers there can be injustices, oppression, greedy and pride. May we therefore, be guided by the disciplines of Lent like prayer, charity and fasting to share our spiritual and material resources to guide against the temptations in life. **Fr Pontius Bandua AJ**

Lectors:

Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette

Sun 11:30am - Uzo / Catherine

Sun 6:00pm -

Eucharistic Ministers:

Maggie, Catherine, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette

Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity

Gift aid:	£ 52.00	Candles	£ 80.29
Loose:	£ 488.08	Maintenance	£ 81.17
Dona plate:	£ 623.00	Hall Hire	£ 385.00
		Cathedral Main	£ 185.28
Total:	£ 1,163.08	B&R Mass	£ 28.01

PARISH INFORMATION, NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays after 12:10pm mass and Saturday after 11:45am mass

Adoration: Fridays and Saturdays: 10:45am - 11:45am
Every Sunday at 5:00pm
First Thursday of every month at 5:00pm

Devotions: Rosary is prayed after daily masses in the church
Vespers and Benediction - First Thursday of each month and every Sunday at 5:00pm

Sacramental Preparations: Please call the parish numbers for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage - RCIA meeting every Friday 5pm - 7pm

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Anthony Gorman, Anthony Francis Edwards,

Please also pray for those who are sick in the parish and community

Prayer Groups - You are invited to join:

Legion of Mary - Every Thursday at 6:00pm
Holy Face of Jesus Devotion - Every Tuesday at 6:30pm
Bible Study / Prayer Group - Every Monday at 7:00pm
Rosa Mystica - On 13th of every month 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Young Adults Group (aged 18 - 35) - You are invited to join:

The young adults group meeting - next meeting on 11th March at 7:00pm at St. Osburg's. All are welcome - Refreshments provided

Jubilee Year: Lenten sessions on 'Pilgrims of hope on the synodal pathway'- This Lent, you are invited to explore with others what it means to be a Pilgrim of hope. This faith exploration

will take place over four Monday evening sessions at St. Osburg's Parish Hall on Monday's 10th, 17th, 24th 31st March 2025 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. To register



Your interest please contact: Barbara McGowan - 07528 644617 or Paschal Somers: 07403 625292 - all are welcome to join

RCIA - Rite of Election - will be held at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 9th March 2025 at 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm

First Sunday of Lent - 9th March : 'When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.' (Luke 4:1-13)
We must recognize the temptation coming from without, the grace to resist is entirely at our disposal and is stronger than temptation (Pope St John XXIII)

Livestream:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z14w3HQVdjg>
MCN: <https://mcn.live/Camera/st-osburgs-church-coventry>
Website: <https://sto-cov.org.uk/live-streaming/>

Contactless Payment: We have a machine to make your donations to support our parish using debit/credit cards using contactless in church or use the QR code



Also online at: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-osburgs-rc-church>

Parish Hall Hire - Please call 024 76 220402 to enquire

The parish hall can be hired for celebrations, events, instructions, workshops, rehearsals, lectures and indoor games.

Available: Mon - Thu 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday 5:30pm - 10:30pm
Sunday 7:00pm - 10:30pm

Presbytery Rooms for Student Accommodation: Any single student looking for accommodation, please call 024 76 220402

Donation for New Parish Mass Books - Anyone willing to donate £5 per book in memory of a beloved or family intention, please do so and the name will be inserted in a mass book.

Maintenance of the Church - Please make donations to keep our church warm during this winter in the usual box in the wall at the back of the church or use the dona machine. Thank you.

CAFOD - Second Collection on Sunday 16th March

300 Club: New members are invited to join and support the parish
Please contact Pat C, Maria or Jesuina to join

Piety Stall: Items - Mass cards for all occasion and intentions - Candles - Order Of Mass leaflets - Statues - Rosary beads - gifts etc
Available: Saturday evening mass & Sunday morning mass

Coventry Comhaltas St. Patrick's Ceili

Friday 14th March 2025 8.00-11.30pm

Christ the King Club, Westhill Rd, Coventry CV6,2AA

Dancing to Innisfail Ceili Band (with Caller)

Adults £5.00 Children £2.50

For details please contact PRO Jarlath Mulhern on 07876 013590

Safeguarding Statement:

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Anne Collins – 024 76 670304

Alternative contact: 0121 2306240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

St. Osburg's Primary School: Head Teacher - Mrs Nicola Rynott
Upper Hill Street, Coventry, CV1 4AP - Tel: 024 76 227165

Lent - Walk with me booklets available in the church - please take a copy - the donation for the booklet is £1

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

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:

Pat C, Catherine W, Martin M, Karen L, Patsy K, Maggie G, Joan, Janet W, Head Teacher - Nicola Rynott, Fr Pontius Bandua AJ and Fr Sunday Evaristus AJ. The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham - Reg. Charity No. 234216