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**Sunday 30th March 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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Sat 29th		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Heffernan - Spl Intention
				Brendan McGranahan - RIP
Sun 30th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
				Breda Connors - Get Well
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	
Mon 31st	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Pauline Croker - RIP
Tue 1st	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Gerard McDonnell - RIP
Wed 2nd	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	
Thu 3rd	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	John McHugh & Ellen McHugh - Spl Int
Fri 4th	Lent Feria	12:10pm	Mass	John & Theresa Rynne - RIP
Sat 5th	Lent Feria			Alice Duke - RIP (1st Anniv) & Hugh Duke
		11:45am	Mass	Noel McDonnell - RIP
		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Sarah Salisbury - RIP
Sun 6th	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			Jenny Hopkins - RIP
		11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Celedonio Millan - RIP

**THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS**

There are several unfortunate human situations, or circumstances that arise, which can make us uncomfortable during life's journey. Some of these circumstances could be due to our own mistakes in how we approach the life's issues, or they may be caused by external factors that are beyond our control. These challenges can include economic hardships or social and spiritual inconsistencies. Unless we become socially and spiritually balanced, the challenges of life can place us in some awkward situations. Modern culture is much more geared to the consumption of material goods, fashion and the pursuit of comfort and pleasure, whilst our spiritual needs are less considered. Due to this ever-increasing dissatisfaction, many people become restless while seeking to fulfil these seemingly endless needs. However, as Christians we should be guided by the Gospel values of modesty, peace, justice, love, honesty, generosity and compassion whilst travelling upon the Sea of life in this world. Jesus said, 'The scripture says, ' Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from mouth of the God' (Matt4:4). We should try to spend our lives with the Lord at the centre. Let us find an opportunity to confess our sins if we have mishandled God's gift to us, so that we may have joy and peace of mind.

As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, the readings remind us of the joy of God's forgiveness and mercy. The greatest spiritual joy is to be forgiven for our sins and faults by our loving Father. It calls for a sincere act of contrition, as told in the parable of the prodigal son within today's gospel. The son said, 'Father I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son' (Lk15:21). He came to his senses and felt the need to seek forgiveness. The father showed he was joyful to receive his son back by saying 'he was dead and is alive again'. It underpins that sin breaks our relationships with God and with each other. It brings spiritual death, not joy and life. As Saint Paul has mentioned in the second reading, we have been reconciled to God, through Jesus Christ and we should carry this message of reconciliation to experience the joy of life as seen in the parable of the prodigal son. We need to spend our lives with moderation and reverence to the loving Lord. The Lord loves us unconditionally, just as the father of the prodigal son loved him unconditionally, provided we turn to him with sincere hearts. We need to be generous in life and avoid the temptation of the elder son, who was unhappy with the return home of his brother. We should invite everyone to receive the mercy of God. **Fr Pontius Bandau AJ**

<b>Lectors:</b>		<b>Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity</b>			
Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette	Sun 11:30am - Catherine / Joan	<b>Gift aid:</b>	<b>£ 98.05</b>	<b>Candles</b>	<b>£ 82.49</b>
	Sun 6:00pm -	<b>Loose:</b>	<b>£ 431.57</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>£ 254.10</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>		<b>Dona plate:</b>	<b>£ 134.00</b>		
Maggie, Catherine, Agnelo, Maria, Marie, Vivien, Bernadette		<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 663.62</b>		

## 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:** RCIA meeting every Friday 5pm-7pm  
Please call parish number for Baptisms, Confirmation and Marriage

### **Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Mary Angela Logan, Alice Duke

### **Please pray also for the sick of 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 Wednesday at 6:00pm  
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 Tuesday 8th April, 7:00pm at St. Osburg's. All are welcome - Refreshments provided

### **Lent - Holy Week - Easter Triduum**

<b>Penitential Service</b>	Sat 12th April	12:30pm
<b>Passion Sunday</b>	Sat 12th April	4:30pm
	Sun 13th April	11:30am
		6:00pm
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Thu 17th April	7:00pm
<b>The Passion of The Lord</b>	Fri 18th April	3:00pm
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Sat 19th April	8:00pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Sun 20th April	11:30am
<b>Easter Monday (Deanery mass)</b>	Mon 21st April	10:30am

**Readers Meeting:** - In preparation for Holy Week will take place on Saturday 5th April - 9:30am-11:30am at St Osburg's

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

**RCIA Scrutiny:** - Sundays 23rd, 30th March & Sunday 6th April

### **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.myдона.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.

**300 Club:** New members are invited to join and support the parish

*Please contact Pat C, Maria or Jesuina to join*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent - 30th March:** 'Father I have sinned against Heaven and before you.' (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

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

**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

### **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

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

<b>President</b>	Parish Priest: Fr. Pontius Bandau AJ
<b>Vice-President</b>	Ass. Priest: Fr Evaristus Sunday AJ
<b>Chair</b>	Tina Lanigan
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Anthony Iheanacho
<b>Secretary</b>	Annie McLellan
<b>Vice-Secretary</b>	Curtis McLellan
<b>Treasurer</b>	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 Bandau AJ and Fr Sunday Evaristus AJ. The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham - Reg. Charity No. 234216