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**The Roman Catholic Parish Of
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Sunday 4th May 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sat 3rd	Feasts of Ss Philip and James, Apostles	4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Yvonne Trickett - RIP Ann Fenton - Sp Int
Sun 4th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish Noel McDonnell - RIP Johnny Martin - RIP
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Gerard McDonnell - RIP
Mon 5th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Yvonne Trickett - RIP Brian Davis - Spl Int
Tue 6th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Holy Souls Karen Burke - RIP
Wed 7th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Holy Souls Janet Wiltshire - Bday The Icha's Family - Spl Int
Thu 8th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	Charlotte Duddy Michael Lanigan - RIP - Bday Anniv
Fri 9th	Easter Feria	12:10pm	Mass	
Sat 10th	Easter Feria	11:45am	Mass	
		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Jean Ankev - RIP
Sun 11th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish Siju, Ahana, Anju & Abraham - Spl Int
		5:00pm	Adoration	Adoration and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	

WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN!

To have belief in God calls for constancy and commitment. Along the history of Christian faith, the determination of the believers gave hope and direction to the disciples right from the beginning of the early church through to modern times. The Christian martyrs had this single and same hope, just as the early Christians of the first centuries. Saint Polycarp chose to obey the way of the Lord rather than respecting the evil dictates of the emperor of the time. In more modern times, Saint Thomas More told King Henry VIII of England during his trials in 16th century, that "The King is good servant, but God first". That means he respected human authority, but God's law comes first. In Uganda, Africa, the Ugandan martyrs rejected the dictates of the Buganda King – Kabaka. Their faith in God was their determination in life. In the late 19th Century, they opted for death rather than giving up their belief in God. Today, their shrine annually attracts many believers to Uganda. It is, therefore, a lesson for us Christians to stand as the salt of the earth and the light of world.

As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Easter, the readings remind us to be faithful to God's calling to him and to humanity. In the first reading, Saint Peter inspired by the Holy Spirit, spoke boldly after been cautioned by the authorities; 'We must obey God rather than men' (Act5:29). This was a clear sign of loyalty to God and his divine law. Do we follow and witness to the truth and the law of God in our modern and much secular world? The same lesson is echoed in the gospel, when Jesus asked Saint Peter three times 'Do you love me' (Jn21:15-17). This was to confirm Peter's faith. The Lord could also ask such questions of us. Do we love the Lord? Are our lives, thoughts, actions, decisions and conversations determined by his teachings? Do we truly align our family life, work plans and actions to him day by day? Or are we always taken with the mundane and irregular plans of human whims? May we therefore, together with Saint Peter, say, 'Lord, you know I love you' and show this by our sincere devotion to him and service to our fellow human beings. *Fr Pontius Bandau AJ*

Lectors:

Sat 4:30pm - Ann / Bernadette
Sun 11:30am - Jolan / Catherine
Sun 6:00pm - John / Janet

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity

Gift aid:	£ 89.46	Candles	£ 77.76
Loose:	£ 305.56	Maintenance	£ 99.17
Dona plate:	£ 148.00	Hall Hire	£ 175.00
		Rent	£ 450.00
Total:	£ 543.02	Other/Misc	£ 20.80

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

John Patrick Molloy, Mary Patricia Campbell, Kathleen McKinney,
Bridget Philomena McNally, Mary Margaret O'Neill

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
7:00pm at St. Osburg's. All are welcome - Refreshments provided

Intentions for May - For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment,
families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be
Humanized.

Jubilee Prayer - May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken
in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of
heaven. To you our God, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



New Computer Donations

We recently had to replace our 10-year-old computer system. Two
new PCs and an external hard drive - for a total of £400.00. If you
would like to help cover this unexpected expense, please donate via
the collection or our Dona Machine. Thank you for your support.

Livestream:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZI4w3HQVdjg>

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

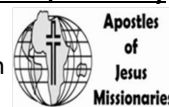
Traditional May Procession: Saturday May 10th - after the 11:45am
Mass. Please join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother as we process
outside of the church grounds on a short procession. Light
refreshments will be provided after the procession

Clergy Training Fund - Second Collection 10th/11th May

Please support the second collection on 10th/11th May for the
Clergy Training Fund which pays for the formation of future priests
And deacons for our Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

Apostles of Jesus Missionaries - Second Collection 24th/25th May

Please support our fundraising for the Apostles of
Jesus Missionaries through the second collection on
24th/25th May. Thank you for your generosity



Prayer for Pope Francis

We pray for the repose of the soul
Of Pope Francis . May he Rest in
Peace.



Mission Boxes - For those that have a red Missio box, could you
Please hand them in and collect new boxes, thank you.

Safeguarding Statement:

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

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Annie McLellan

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

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

For all ideas / issues please email: ppc.stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk

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