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**Sunday 1st June 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass Book: Page 275**

Sat 31st		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Ann Walker - RIP (2nd Anniv) Holy Souls Catherine Maudlin - RIP (1st Anniversary)
Sun 1st	SEVENTY SUNDAY OF EASTER	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish John Bradley - RIP
		5:00pm	Vespers and Benediction	Vespers and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Ann Irwin - Spl. Int Anthony and Bernadette Armstrong - RIP
Mon 2nd		12:10pm	Mass	John Bradley - RIP Mary Kate Kelly - RIP (2nd Anniversary) Eileen Lynch - RIP
Tue 3rd	Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	12:10pm	Mass	Fr Pontius Bandua - Birthday Int. Winifred Kelly - RIP (4th Anniversary) Josie McElroy - RIP
Wed 4th	Easter Feria	10:15am 12:10pm	Funeral Mass NO MASS	Funeral Mass - Mrs Mwadi Clarence Kalonda There is no 12:10pm mass
Thu 5th	Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr	12:10pm	Mass	Exams - Spl. Int Josie McElroy - RIP
Fri 6th	Easter Feria	11:00am 12:10pm	Adoration Mass	11:00am - 12:00pm John Walsh - RIP Josie McElroy - RIP
		1:30pm	Funeral Mass	Funeral Mass - John Bradley
Sat 7th	Easter Feria	10:30am 11:45am	Adoration Mass	10:30am - 11:30am John Bradley - RIP Josie McElroy - RIP
		4:30pm	Vigil Mass	George Donaldson - RIP
Sun 8th	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish Josie McElroy - RIP
		5:00pm	Vespers and Benediction	Vespers and Benediction
		6:00pm	Mass	Richard O'Connor - RIP - (Ireland) Kay O'Connor & Family - (Ireland)

**THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE!**

It is commonly said that 'unity is strength and disunity is weakness'. There is a natural order and rhythm of life that is disrupted if we do not have unity or common agreement. Most entities will begin to fall apart without unity, therefore, it is a basic condition for survival, growth and progress. It cuts across all walks of life such as the family, businesses, academic organisations, scientific innovation, political affiliation and faith-based communities. These forementioned entities can thrive and progress if they promote unity of action and interest. Above all, our Christian faith and witness can bear fruits if we keep and promote what our Lord Jesus says, 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another' (Jn13:14). There can be no unity without love. Love promotes unity and, vice-versa, unity promotes love. Jesus prayed for unity of his disciples before his passion, crucifixion and death. It was to strengthen their bond of unity for the success of the mission and the responsibility that he was to entrust to them. As Christians of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we need to adhere to the instructions given by Jesus to his first disciples and strive to live in unity. As we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, the readings invite us to reflect on the unity of discipleship and have determination to witness to the gospel of Christ. In first reading, Stephen stood his ground on faith in the resurrection and followed the teachings of Jesus by shedding his blood, 'And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." On hearing this the people stoned him to death. He is considered as the first martyr of our Christian faith. In our modern world, can we defend the truth of the Gospel like Saint Stephen? In today's gospel Jesus prayed for his disciples to live in unity if they were to face their challenges with strength and determination. 'That they may be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us.' (Jn17:21). We need to witness to the world that we profess the faith that is Jesus, Prince of Peace. If, in our families and communities, we still experience feuds, envy, jealousy, grudges, resentment and all sorts of disagreement, then we have not allowed the Holy Spirit, who guided the early disciples, to guide us today. May we, therefore, consider our Lord Jesus as the Alpha and Omega, who guides us in unity into eternity with the Lord. **Fr. Pontius Bandua**

## PARISH INFORMATION, NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Adoration:** Fridays: 11am-12pm - Saturdays: 10:30am-11:30am  
 First Thursday of every month at 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Vespers and Benediction** - Every Sunday 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**

Catherine Mary Elkin, Celia (Tilly) Agnes Moran, Eugene Noel  
 McCann

**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)-Next meeting Sunday 21st June**  
 6:00pm young adults Mass followed by potluck dinner.

**Quiz Night Fundraiser** - We will be having a quiz night 28th June at  
 7pm in the Parish Hall to raise money for vestments. Please consider  
 Donating bottles for auction. They can be brought to the Sacristy.

**Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday June 22nd** - after the 11:30am  
 Mass. Please join us in honouring Our Blessed Lord as we process  
 Outside of the church grounds on a procession.

**Pentecost Sunday - 8th June** - fifty days after Easter Sunday. It  
 Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and  
 The Apostles - Please try to pray a Pentecost Novena.

**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



**Livestream:**

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl4w3HQVdjg>

**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

**Work has begun** - We are pleased to inform you that work has  
 begun on the rooms in the presbytery for rent. If you could help  
 physically or financially it would be greatly appreciated. We will  
 place photos on the notice board shortly to show progress.

**Ordination Anniversary Mass** - Please mark your calendars for  
 Father Pontius' 25th Priestly Anniversary Mass on Saturday 5th July  
 At 11:00am. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

**Fr. Pontius' Birthday - June 3rd** - Wishing Fr Pontius a very happy  
 birthday this coming Tuesday - Please keep him in your prayers

**Day of Adoration - Monday 9th June - St Osburg's Church**

Please sign up at the back of the church. Put your name on the list  
 provided at the back of the church at a time you can spend in  
 adoration. Adoration will begin with the school children from 9am  
 and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until mass at 6pm.

**Second Collection** - There will be a second collection on Sunday 1st  
 June for the Catholic Communications Office. Thank you for your  
 generosity.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

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

Parish Income - Thank you for your generosity			
Gift aid:	£ 82.06	Candles	£ 60.21
Loose:	£ 378.62	Maintenance	£ 32.37
		Donation	£ 50.00
		2nd Coll (AJ Miss)	£ 605.19
Total:	£ 460.68		

<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>Sat 4:30pm</b>	-	<b>Ann / Bernadette</b>
	<b>Sun 11:30pm</b>	-	<b>Maria / Uzo</b>
	<b>Sun 6:00pm</b>	-	<b>John / Janet</b>

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

**For all ideas/issues please email:** [ppc.stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ppc.stosburg.covty@rcaob.org.uk)  
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