

## Important Dates for your diary



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** There will be a second collection this Sunday for Christmas Flowers for St. Elizabeth's Church.

**Sunday 16th December at 11:15am:** Young people of the parish will be leading this Mass. Please let us support them.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> St. Elizabeth's School Carol Service:** You are all welcome to our school Carol Service at 6:30pm in Church.

**Christmas Mass Times at St Elizabeth's Parish:** As we all know Christmas this year will be on Tuesday. Because Christmas Eve is on Monday, the children and family Mass will be at 8:30pm with Carol beginning at 8.00pm. Midnight Mass will be at Midnight with carol service at 11:30pm. Christmas day Masses are 9:00am and 11:15am. Full details are available in a Parish Christmas Card.

**Saturday 5th January at 3:00pm:** Altar Servers and their parents Christmas Party.

**Sunday 6th January Renewal Mass:** On Sunday 6th all the Altar servers will renew their commitment to serve and officially enrol to the Guild of St. Stephen. All those who have completed their initial training starting from one year will receive the St. Stephen bronze medal and certificate at both Masses.



**Sunday 7th January at 6:30pm:** RCIA Program will restart in Church.

**Sunday 13th January at 9:00am:** Thanksgiving Mass for pupils who received their Confirmation on 6th December, for their teachers, Sponsors and families.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at 11:00am** that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate Mass at St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** John Tranter, Elizabeth Maud Carroll, Ellen Hanly, Ethel Loius Kettlewell, Joseph Dumphy, Lena McNamara, Mary Dolan, Edmond Joseph Waters, Janice Michelle Hiron, Annie Bourne, James T Pratt, Moore, Martin Roddy, Julia Rosemary Clarke, Carmel Mary McGrath, Patrick Michael Cassidy, James Cody, Mary Hill, Patrick Cassidy, Robert Dronney, William Joseph Donohue, Joan Fitzsimons, Bernard McVeigh, Mary Bridget Lyons, Catherine McVeigh, Eliza Ferguson, Patrick Flaherty, Stephen Croft, Herbert Henry Lyddieth, Ann Carroll, Jas. Smoklunowicz, Jeremiah McAuliffe, Alice McGee, David McMullen, Mary Carmel Judge and Mary Sheppard. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace!**

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## St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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**Parish Schools (Heads)**

### St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

### Good Shepherd

Mrs Michelle Ashley

### Parish Church

Parish Co-ordinators:

#### Parish Office

Sr Joan

#### Parish Maintenance

Joe McCadden

#### Holy Communion

Mrs S Moran & Sr Olivia

Confirmations & RCIA

Miss A Harkin & Sr Olivia

#### Church Flowers

Children's Liturgy and

#### Parish Hall Booking

Mr Richard Swift

### Safeguarding Officer

Miss Laura Srodon (Solicitor)

#### Church Music/Liturgy

Miss Laura Srodon

### Gift Aid Scheme

Mr Stan Milewski

### Chair of Parish Finance

Mr Tony Ashby

### Sacristan

Miss Ann Harkin & Sr Joan

### Altar Servers

Sr Joan and Alaysa Embate

### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

### Justice and Peace

Maria

### Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

**16th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C**

**Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 30**

## REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS (GAUDETE SUNDAY)



**Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7, LK  
3:10-18**

Zephaniah gives us the message that God is in our midst again and we should feel good because God has delivered His people from bondage and they can come back to Jerusalem to rebuild their city. This is Gaudete Sunday which means "rejoice" as St. Paul puts it in the second reading "Rejoice in the lord always and again I say rejoice". He urges us to rejoice because God is near, he also encourages us to be generous in our relationship with one another and to pray confidently to God and not to be too anxious about our own lives. but live a life of faith that trusts in God.

John the Baptist preached the baptism of repentance and even though he was preaching in the wilderness, the message went around, and people searched for him to listen. The baptism of repentance he wants us to live is; to live charitably, honestly, share what we have with the needy, be fair and honest in our daily work and don't be greedy. John the Baptist says that one who is mightier is coming, he will fire us up with the power of the spirit and he will come to establish justice and peace.

Let us rejoice in Christ by entering a loving relationship with Christ and advance in our journey of faith by loving others and recognizing the image of God in each person. We wait for the victorious and Glorious lord who comes among us to share life with us but without sin.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions for this Week. 3rd Advent Yr. C

		<b>3rd Sunday of Advent Year C</b>	
<b>Sunday 16th Dec.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Leonard Pearson and Martina Acu R.I.P.	
	<b>11:15am</b>	Mary-Special Intention	
	<b>1:00pm</b>	Shona/Ndebele Mass	
Mon. 17th	9:00am	Fred Corbett R.I.P.	
Wed. 19th	9:00am	Corbett Droney R.I.P.	
Thu. 20th	9:15am	Nicky Hiddleton R.I.P.	
Fri. 21st	6:30pm	Peter - Sick	
Sat. 22nd	11:00am	Astere Bapfunya Anniversary R.I.P.	<b>Memorial of B.V.M</b>
		<b>4th Sunday of Advent Year C</b>	
<b>Sunday 23rd Dec.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Bronislaw and Mary Srodon R.I.P.	
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	

## Sunday's Rota for Readers & E. Ministers

Extra Ord. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Elizabeth Ayliffe Chaman Sandra Chaplin	Ann Harkin John Moran Lakwhinder
<b>11:15am</b>	Youth Minister Youth Minister	Elizabeth Karota Clare Unes
Readers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	John Moran Youth Reader	Sonya Moran Youth Reader
<b>11:15am</b>	Youth Reader Youth Reader	Travor Stronach Youth Reader

**Church Cleaning Team: A, B, C, D and E**

*More volunteers and help is needed please!*

### Weekly Offertory

Gift Aid:	<b>£347.00</b>
Non Gift Aid:	<b>£248.24</b>
Poor Parishes	<b>£93.30</b>
<b>Thank you very much for your generosity.</b>	

## Parish Notices

**Christmas programme Mass Times Cards, and Gifts envelops:** Please these are now available for you to collect from the back of the Church or view the Mass Times online on our parish website at <http://www.stelizabeth.coventry.org.uk>

**Fr. Moses Pitya, AJ:** Thank you for your prayers for my safe journeys to and from; all went successfully. I managed to reach home safely in Juba, South Sudan for my mother's funeral. I am grateful to you all for your material support for the funeral of my mum. Thank you to Fr. Sunday, Fr. Pontius and Fr. Jimmy for the Masses and support as well as to Sr Joan for attending to the needs of the parish. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the well being of the parish in any way especially the Christmas Fayre fundraising event and parish's workers get together meal. May God bless you.

**Coventry Open Christmas:** There is a box at the back of the Church for you to put in winter clothes and dried food.

**Parish Christmas Fayre:** We still have some items for the Post Christmas Fayre to raise much-needed funds for the re-wiring of the Church and Presbytery. Please you are all welcome to the Parish hall after Mass and support this event.

**Christmas Quiz 2018:** there is a Christmas sale of Raffle tickets at the back of the Church. All proceeds will be for much needed Funds especially for re-wiring the Church. Tickets cost £1.

**Parish Membership's Registration Form:** Forms are still available in church for you to take, fill and return to Fr Moses or to the Sisters.

**St Stephen's Guild Mass of Thanksgiving Saturday 9th February at noon**  
The Archdiocese of Birmingham invites all Altar Servers with their parents to a Mass of thanksgiving for their ministry at St. Chad's Cathedral to be led by the Archbishop. Please register now before Monday 17th December with Sr Joan.

**The 200 Club:** The Draw for this month will be on Sunday 30th after the 11:15am Mass. Monthly membership is only £2. (*Or £24 a year*). Please update your number this month to retain it for 2019. New members are welcome. For

## Parish Pastoral Information

**Exposition, and Penance/Confession:** Every Saturday from 11:20am. to 12:30pm. In emergency please call to the Presbytery or call 024 76 68 85 36



**Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:**

Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Victor De Souza, Charley Williams, Mary Kean, Mary Gallagher, Kath Darragh, Mrs Doyle, Rohith De Silva, and Joe Shannon. **Get Well Soon.**