

## Important Dates for your diary

**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 13th January at 10:15am:** Justice and Peace meeting in the Parish Hall.



**Sunday 20th January:** There will be a second collection for Pax Christi.

**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:** William Judge, John McEneaney, John Hunt, Mary Dolores Gallagher, Thomas Doris, Frances Jenkins, John Kelley, Nanti Devi, Doreen Rewhorne, Ellen Marie Small, Ronald Emlyn Jones, John Francis Moore, Mary Ann Elizabeth Pacey, Patrick McKenna, Catherine Dillon, Kathleen McEvoy, Timothy Sweeney, Brian McFarland, Mary Winifred Judge, Rev. Anthony Ireland, John Monaghan, Sarah Ann Coombes, Anne Dixon, Frances Valley, Patrick Jennings, Joseph Haughney, Joan Hope Lord, Thomas McLaughlin, Patrick Jennings, John Queally, Maria Joanna Veronica Hills, Julia Ainsbury, Margaret Dougan, Bridget Graven, James Fullarton, Finbarr Fanning, John O'Riordan, Patrick O'Halloran, Joseph German, Elizabeth Jane Brown-Lundie, Debra Griffin, Mary Treanor, James O'Shea, Elizabeth Darron, Patrick Delahunty, Eileen Evans, Mary McNamara, Ross Allan Edwards, John William Conroy, Thomas Kennedy, Peter Hnatuska, Joseph Higgins, Vincent Bilecki, John Hunt, Mavis Hunt, June Wilson, Margaret Dougan and Mark A Quigley.

**May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace!**

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**Apostles of Jesus Serves:** St. Elizabeth's St. Osburg's St. Mary's

## St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Priest: Rev Moses Pitya David. AJ.

**Parish Office Contacts:**

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**Website:** WWW. [stelizabethcoventry.org.uk](http://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk)

## 23rd December: 4th Sunday of Advent Year C Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 32

### Season of Advent and Liturgy

As we enter the final week of this season of Grace, I would like to reflect briefly on the prophecy of Jeremiah in chapter 23:5-8 read on Tuesday of third week of Advent. In this passage Jeremiah proclaimed a message about Judah which was in a sorry mess. The tiny nation was about to collapse before the mighty empire of Babylon. The Prophet blamed the evils which had befallen on their kings who were like shepherds who had missed and scattered the flock. The situation in Judah at the time could be compared to some of our situations in the world today where hope seems to be diminishing fast, including our own in the UK, with the issues surrounding Brexit. But bleak, though the situation was and is perhaps for us today, Jeremiah proclaimed hope in the promise of the Lord that he would raise up a righteous king, a descendent of David. Jeremiah's prophecy has that optimistic view of the future which characterises our Advent liturgy. He promised that good days were coming. Advent articulates with the human experience of expectation.

Advent was not invented by the Church to arouse certain sentiments within us. It came to be because the Church understood those instincts which God has placed within the human heart and which directs us to the events of our salvation. Advent is the conviction that something better is around the corner. It is a hope that we will find a lost feeling of love and regain the joy of happier days in our lives. These human sentiments are not divorced from the faith of Advent. Jeremiah's prophecy means that we have every reason to be optimistic especially during our darkest moments in life. We must keep looking around the corner because Christ, the Emmanuel, is present.

### 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 Alysia Embate

#### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

#### Justice and Peace

Maria

#### Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions for this Week. 4th Advent Yr. C

<b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd Dec</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Bronislaw and Mary Srodon R.I.P.	<b>4th Sunday of Advent Year</b> 
	<b>11:15am</b>	Jimmy Miller R.I.P.	
<b>Mon. 24th Dec.</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	8:00pm Carol/Mass	<b>Christmas Eve : Children Mass</b> Deceased members McEnearey Family	<b>Christmas Eve Children/Families</b>
	<b>11:30pm</b> Carol/Mass	<b>Christmas Midnight Mass</b>	<b>Mid-night Mass</b>
<b>Tue. 25th</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Thanksgiving Nahar Family	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	
<b>Wed. 26th</b>	9:00am	Jim and May Harvey R.I.P.	<b>St. Stephen</b>
<b>Thu. 27th</b>	9:15am	Christopher S. Torley R.I.P.	<b>St. John</b>
<b>Fri. 28th</b>	6:30pm	Lena, George and John Harkin R.I.P.	<b>Holy Innocents</b>
<b>Sat. 29th</b>	11:00am	Fred Corbett R.I.P.	<b>St. Thomas Becket</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>30th Dec.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Nanti Devi R.I.P.	<b>The Holy Family</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Deceased members of Stronach family	

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

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

**Church Cleaning Team: A**  
(Thursday Morning 9:30am)  
Mrs Maureen Ryan, Lorna  
and Mrs Pat Stonach

**Weekly Offertory**  
Gift Aid: **£378.82**  
Non Gift Aid: **£259.17**  
Church Flowers **£112.78**  
**Thank you very much for your generosity.**

## Parish Notices

**Christmas programme Mass Times Cards, and Gifts envelopes:** These are now available at the back of the Church for you to take. You can also view it online on our new parish website at <http://www.stelizabethcoventry.org.uk> Please it is very important that you take them, because it has all details of Christmas Mass times as well as New Year Celebrations. Your friends or neighbour might be thinking of joining us at Christmas - give them a copy as well. In doing so you might be helping the revival of someone's faith. Wishing You all Happy and Blessed Christmas!!!

**Parish Christmas Fayre and Table Top Sales:** Thank you very much to all for your generous donations and supporting this fund raising event for the re-wiring of the Church and Presbytery. Special thanks particularly to Mr T. Ashby, Mr J Moran and Mr S. Milwski for organising it. We managed to raise £1,010. The winning numbers for the Christmas Quiz were **No's. 1st prize 10** (helicopter), **2nd prize 58** Tigger (soft toy) **3rd prize 43** Teddy Bear and **4th prize 36** reindeer (soft toy)

**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. For registration please confirm with Sr Joan.

**Rising Five:** If you have not completed your application for reception class in 2019 you need to ensure it has been submitted by 15th January 2019. if you want your child to attend St. Elizabeth's or Good Shepherd you must state this on the form. Catholic children who have been baptised are always given priority. Proof of baptism will be required.

## 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



**Ethnic Chaplaincy: Shona/Ndebele and Punjabi Communities**

**Masses:** Celebrated here (Shona) 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. And Punjabi Mass, on 1st Saturday of each month at 6:30pm

**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.**