

Important Dates for your diary

Forthcoming Second Collections for March to May 2019

Sunday 17th March Lent Fast (CAFOD)
Sunday 31st March Church Flowers
Sunday 19th April Holy Places
Sunday 12th May Clergy Training Fund

Stations of the Cross every Fridays at 6:00pm: In Church every Friday of Lent followed by Mass. Please join us.

Sunday 17th March at 11:15am- Youth Mass: Our young people/parishioners will be leading us in Liturgical singing and readings. Please let us support them.

Friday 22nd March at 7:00pm: Marriage preparation session for those of our Parish getting married this year. This is also open to those who are already married and would like to deepen their marriage relationships.

23rd March at 2:00pm: Meeting with the parents /guardians of the First Holy Communion children of Good Shepherd RC school in the Parish Hall

Monday 25th March: Lent Confessions in St. Elizabeth school (Yr3-6).

30th March at 2:00pm: Meeting with the parents /guardians of the First Holy Communion children of St Elizabeth's school in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 5th May, Day of Prayer for Vocations 3:00pm - 4pm: There will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church and keep the Holy Hour as we pray for the vocations. All are welcome to join.

Sunday 12th May at 9:00am: Mass of commitment for Confirmation candidates year 5 Pupils of our parish Schools . Please remember them in your prayers

Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: From Saturday 26th May to Friday 1st June 2018. Details on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Maria Ann (Polly) Clara Cox, Phyllis Ellen Virgo, Anna McDonough, Frances McDermott, Honora Teresa Friel, James Miller, Annie Veta Smith, Andras Udvardy, Patrick J. Keane, Ralph Blackbird, Peter Ryan, Owen Tierney, Duane Dumbleton, Martin Joseph Howard, Horace Walter Plummer, Margaret Mary Lyddieth, George Donaghue, Keith Fretter, Mary Margaret Phelan, Eileen Cahill, Edward Maher, John Noel Checkley, Stanley Walerian Wytrykowski, Baby Melvin Ndonga, Thomas Leo Pask, Charles Bell and Ann Best.

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

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17th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent Yr. C Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 75

'It is difficult to give up one's life in love.'

An American Jesuit theologian, John Powell, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during his Philosophy of God course at Loyola University in Chicago. At the of the course while he was turning his final paper, Tommy said to Fr Powell, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' "No." Powell replied, 'but I think God will find you'. Tommy walked away. Years later, he returned to see Fr Powell to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer, and more than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God, or at least to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. Fr Powell told him to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them. Within a week, Tommy reported to Fr Powell, that in the midst of doing this, he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. Fr Powell reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God. We say we love God and try to love our neighbour as Christ loved us. But love is not love until it is vulnerable. Love is essentially sacrificial. When we embrace crosses out of love, we are not suffering for nothing, if so, that would be tragic, for the greatest pain is to love in vain. Through our crosses we are destined to a transformation similar to that of Tommy and especially of Christ on Mount Tabor. Our journey of Lent is meant to prepare us spiritually for the fruitful celebration of Easter with renewed hearts. It also reminds us of our Christian's earthly journey through life to God's promised Kingdom in heaven.

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 Communions

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 Alysya Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 1st Week of Lent Year C

Sundy 17th Mar.	9:00am	Peter and Cathrine Ryan R.I.P	2nd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Jim Miller R.I.P.	
	1:00pm	Shona/Ndebele Mass	
Mon. 18th	9:00am		
Wed. 20th	9:00am	Joan - Special Intention	
Thu. 21st	9:15am	Bronislaw Srodon R.I.P.	
Fri. 22nd	9:15am	Mass at Good Shepherd School	
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
	6:30pm		
Sat. 23rd	11.00am		
Sunday 24th Mar.	9:00am	Michael and Margaret Doherty R.I.P	3rd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Wesley Armstrong R.I.P.	

Sunday's Rota for Readers & E. Ministers

Extra Ord. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
9:00am	Sonya Moran Elizabeth Ayeliffe Lakhwinder	Sandra Chaplin Baldev John Moran
11:15am	Youth Minister Youth Minister	Mary Harkin Elizabeth Karota
Readers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
9:00am	Stan Milewski Youth Reader	Sonya Moran Youth Reader
11:15am	Youth Reader Youth Reader	Denise Youth Reader

Church Cleaning Team: C
(Thursday Evening 6:00pm)
Maria Paska, Angeline A, Teresia
Njuhiga, Claudine and
Marie Madalene

Weekly Offertory

Gift Aid: **£323.50**
Non Gift Aid: **£373.85**
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Parish Notices

CAFOD Family Fast Second collection: The family fast this Lent took place last Friday. The collection's envelopes and what we saved from last Friday will all be put in our second collections today. Thank you for supporting CAFOD

Proposed date for retreat for Eucharistic ministers: Please save this date in your diary. On 13th April 2019, there will be a retreat for all Eucharistic Ministers, adult readers and open to all parishioners from 10am to 4pm in the Parish centre. A spiritual retreat is a time during which an individual withdraws from society for quiet reflection, prayer and study. Its purpose, as an addition to daily spiritual activities, is to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions we all face for a time to allow relaxation and for an inner change to occur: the ongoing conversion of heart that is critical to our knowledge of God, Catholic teachings and deepening faith.

Pray the Rosary with Our Lady of Coventry: This takes place every Friday of Lent, May, and October at 1:40pm at Our Lady of Coventry statue in Priory Gardens, near Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate. Please everyone is most welcome.

The Sower: This Archdiocesan magazine Easter edition is now available at the back of the Church. We are giving it free at the moment, please take. It is very good and rich with information. The third edition is coming in summer.

The 200 Club draw: New members are welcome. Monthly membership is only £2. The draw for this month will be on Sunday 31st after Mass. (Or £24 a year). For more information please Contact Sr. Joan or Tony

Fairtrade Fortnight: Thank you all who donated to last week's Fair Trade. We raised £45.00 for CAFOD which will be sent to them to help COCOA Farmers get a fair wage. By Justice & Peace Parish Group.

Live Simply Tip for the Month: Cook with leftovers. **Justice and Peace Group.**

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.**

