

# Important Dates for your diary

## Forthcoming Second Collections for April to June 2019

Sunday 7th April	Church Flowers
Good Friday 19th April	Holy Places
Sunday 12th May	Clergy Training Fund
Sunday 2nd June	Catholic Communications
Sunday 16th June	Day for Life
Sunday 30th June	Peter's Pence

**Sunday 7th April:** There will be a second collection this Sunday for flowers for our Church during this Easter festivals.

**Sunday 5th May, Day of Prayer for Vocations from 3:00pm:** There will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church and prayer for the vocations.

**Saturday 11th May at 2:00pm:** Meeting with the parents /guardians of the First Holy Communion children of Good Shepherd RC school in the Parish Hall.

**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

**Saturday 18th May at 2:00pm:** Meeting with the parents /guardians of the FHC Communion's children of St Elizabeth's school in the Parish Hall.

**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.

**Sunday 9th June at 9.00am:** First Holy Communion Mass for children from St Elizabeth's RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers

**Sunday 23rd June at 11:15am:** First Holy Communion Mass for children from Good Shepherd RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers

**Thursday 12th December at 7:00pm:** Confirmation Mass with Bishop William for (now) year 5 Pupils of our parish Schools and parish RCIA candidates.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Michael Matthew Darby, Andrew Joseph Earls, Rev. Dom. Fredrick Lucas, Peter Murphy, Christopher Caffrey, Noreen Teresa Grady, Rosina Cooper, Patrick M. O'Brian, Maria Walsh, Joseph Martin Walsh, Derek Abbotts, Stanle Wtrykowski, Jeremiah Griffin, Saber Masih, Adam Adolf Kuczynski, Ures Nargos, Edward Sullivan, Catherine Galvin, Patrick Walsh, Walter Edward Townsend, Mary Magee, Ellen Burgess, James Corcoran, Catherine Kavanagh, Patricia Malijasevic, Nora Coyne, Cyril James Cattell, James Harkin, Maureen Grant, Mikolai Uscinowicz, John O'Connor, Margaret Teresa Collins, Stephen Colman, John O'Kane, Esther Towey, Patrick Mellon, Anthony Donnellan, Mildred Garrett, Victor Usen, Michael Hurley, George W. Ayres, Marija Barkus, James Moloney, Terry Breslin, James Matthew Mullally, Jane Bryne and Robert Stalker. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace!**

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## St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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## 7th April 2019: 5th Sunday of Lent Yr. C

**Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 82**

## Misery and Mercy Meet

In his lecture on the gospel of St John, St Augustine beautifully describes the moment in today's gospel story about a woman caught in the act of committing adultery – especially when the woman and Jesus were left alone. St Augustine said, *(Two were left: misery and mercy)*. When we hear this gospel passage, we often focus on the woman's sin, which is certainly serious. Yet she is not the only sinner in this story. The scribes and Pharisees were guilty of pride and anger disguised as religious piety, directed not only towards the woman but also Jesus, whom they hoped to ensnare. Although one could say that Jesus did not condemn the scribes and Pharisees for their sin, neither offered them a word of forgiveness as he gave to the woman. Perhaps this is because the scribes and Pharisees had not recognised their own misery in the face of mercy, whereas the woman, dragged half naked into the streets to endure public scrutiny, had no choice but to stand silently in her misery.

Every time we pray the Lord's prayer, particularly when we say, *'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'*, we are given opportunity to bring our misery before God, whose name is Mercy. *How often though do we say these words without careful attention and intention, without hearing them as a call to offer mercy as much as a plea for it?*

As we pray the Lord's Prayer this week, let us be even more attentive to the meaning of the words, we pray so that we too might learn to act with mercy when we encounter another's misery, and thus sin no longer.

### 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 Alysia Embate

#### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

#### Justice and Peace

Maria

#### Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions 5th Week of Lent Year C

<b>Sunday 7th April</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Adam Kuczynski, John Omsby R.I.P Elizabeth Faulcon Bridge R.I.P Aneurin Owen R.I.P.	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Gerald Miller R.I.P.	
Mon. 8th	9:00am	Kaulesh Thaper R.I.P.	
Wed. 10th	9:00am	Juliet Bernadette R.I.P.	
Thu. 11th	9:15am		
Fri. 12th	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Mass at Good Shepherd School</b>	
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
	6:30pm	Laura - Special Intention	
Sat. 13th	11:00am	Moses and Immaculate - Thanksgiving Annie Burke and Michael Hawulin R.I.P.	<b>Retreat</b>
<b>Sunday 14th April</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Leonard Pearson & Aneurin Owen R.I.P.	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Mary Pilkington R.I.P.	

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

Extra Ord. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Baldev Elizabeth Ayliffee Sonya Moran	Sandra Chaplin Chaman Lakwhinder
<b>11:15am</b>	Mary Harkin Elizabeth Karota	Phebion Mudoti Clare Unes
Readers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Stan Milewski Youth Reader	Ann Harkin Youth Reader
<b>11:15am</b>	Craig Noureya Youth Reader	Christine Rothwell Youth Reader

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

#### Weekly Offertory

Gift Aid: **£416.50**  
Non Gift Aid: **£256.03**  
Cyclone Idai Appeal: **£254.90**  
**Thank you very much for your generosity.**

## Parish Notices

**Library Books Appeal:** This appeal for books to Fr Moses' former primary school village is now back on track after been suspended due to political instability in South Sudan. But the situation is now improving due to peace agreement signed last year. We need good quality primary and secondary school books as well as story books for children to enjoy and read. There will be a box at the back of the Church for the books. Sometime after there will also be a collection to cover transport. God bless all. Justice and Peace Parish group.

**Retreat for Eucharistic ministers and others:** This Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April from **10am to 4pm** in the Parish centre. This is an opportunity to renew our lives in Christ and rededicate ourselves to serve others in humility.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 11th May:** The Deanery will organise a coach for this Pilgrimage. This will depend on enough people wanting to travel and booking and paying in advance. You can book a place with Fiona at Christ the King by phoning 024 76 591618 or email: [admin@ctk-cov.org.uk](mailto:admin@ctk-cov.org.uk). A place can only be guarantee once payment has been received.

**Good Friday Walk with Christ:** This walk has been organised by a group of Christians in Foleshill as a public show of our Christian faith in the City. It takes place on Friday 19th from 8:30am starting from St Paul's Church Foleshill and ends at Shelton Square City Centre. All are welcome.

**Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions:** This year we have a joint service at St Mary and St Benedict's Church, Reglan Street CV1 5QF on Monday 15th April at 7.00pm. There is enough parking spaces. For those who would like to do their confessions during the day can go to St Osburg's Church on Friday 12th April at 12:30pm. Several Priests will also be available. These are great opportunities for our spiritual renewal as we conclude the Lenten season.

**The 200 Club draw:** New members are welcome. Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Winners of last month were numbers 1st **36**, 2nd **61** and 3rd **2**. For more information please Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

### 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.**

