

# Important Dates for your diary

## Forthcoming Second Collections for November 2019

Sunday 3rd November  
Sunday 10th November  
Sunday 17th November  
Sunday 24th November

Johnson Association (retired and infirm clergy)  
New Parish Hall  
St. Vincent De Paul  
Catholic Youth Service

**Holiday Of Obligation:** The Feast of All Saints is an obligation. All Catholics are obliged to go to Church and celebrate, just as like any other Sunday. All Saints this year in on Friday 1st Nov. There will be Three Masses: two here in Church **9:15am & 6:30pm**, and another at Good Shepherd School **11:00am**.

**Sunday 27th October :** Second collection will be taken today for New Parish Hall.

**Sunday 2nd November:** Food of the World Fundraising event organised by Punjabi community group for New Parish Hall. Please support.

**Saturday 30th November 7-10:30pm: A Six "Wooden-Horse Race Night"** in the parish hall. If you would like to sponsor and reserved Race – Table for 6 -10 punters

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

**Thursday 12th December 2019 at 6:30pm:** First Confessions for Year 3 and for all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion. In Church

**Sunday 15th December from 8am:** There will be a Christmas Fayre in aid of the new parish hall in old hall. We expect Santa to pay us a visit again and show off his Grotto and children's toys. **Christmas Raffles** also in December.

**Saturday 9th May 2020 in the afternoon:** Parish Harambee (Fundraising event) for the whole parish community. Details to follow later.

**The 200 Club draw:** New members are welcome. Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). The Draw for this month will be this Sunday 27th October after Mass. For more information please Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Helena Cain, Mary Gavaghan, William Williamson, Gwyn Rees, Corneilius Maher, Robert Lawlor, Patrick Thomas Lalor, John G McCarthy, Marian Smith, Bridget Ormsby, Veronica Harvey, Patricia McMahon, William Blackwell, Michael Gallagher, Patrick Joseph Monaghan, Margaret McGrath, Rose McTavish, Hannah Quigley, James Bernard O'Connor, Michael Przygocki, Patrick Joseph Rewhorn, James McCarthy, Peter Edward Swift, Agnes Foster, William Blythe, Alfred Gabriel Skingle, Niall Patrick Downs, Peter Corcoran, James Coughlin, Elizabeth Cooke, Arthur Rollason and Donna Connolly. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace**

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Apostles of Jesus Serves:

St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

## St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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**27th October 2019: 30th Sunday Yr. C**  
**Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 89**

### What Kind of Prayer is Acceptable to God

There is a famous Zen Buddhist story about a man of import who goes to visit a spiritual master asking to be taught. The master suggests they begin by sharing a cup of tea. He fills his visitor's cup but continues to pour even as the tea spills over the top and onto the table. When his visitor protests, the master tells him, 'You are like this cup.' You are so full of your own ideas and opinions there is no room for teaching. Come back when your cup is empty. The gospel of this Sunday gives us a story of two people who went to the temple to pray: a Pharisee and a Tax collector. The behaviour of a pharisee in the parable matched that of Zen Buddhist's visitor. As he takes his position in the temple, we are told he *'said this prayer to himself'*. Even though he begins with the words, *'I thank you, God'*, it does seem indeed that he is mostly talking to himself. With self-satisfied contentment he lists off his own merits. The only mention of anyone other than himself is to draw a comparison between his own righteousness and depravity of the tax collector. In the words of Jesus from Matthew's gospel, it seems that this Pharisee has already received his reward (*Mt 6:1-18*), the reward of feeling superior to others. The tax collector's prayer is a perfect foil for the Pharisee's boastfulness. His words are simple and direct, *'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'*. He has a single focus on the mercy of God. This parable presents a challenge to us all. Do we dare to place ourselves in the company of the tax collector, the public sinner? There is a temptation to mask our own sinfulness and to hide it under layers of propriety and self-righteousness. This is not what Jesus would have us do. In prayer before God, we have many things to be grateful for, but nothing to be proud of. If we realise who we are before God, we shall always be humble, and as the book of Sirach tells us in reading one, the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; prayers offered in humility are heard by God. So, can we empty our cups and invite him in?

### Parish Schools (Heads)

#### St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

#### Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

### 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 Week 30 Ordinary Time Year C

<b>Sunday</b> <b>27th Oct.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Philip Gilheaney - sick</b> <b>Deceased members of the McEneaney</b> <b>Family</b>	<b>30th Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Bridget Ormsby - R.I.P.</b>	
Mon. 28th	9:00am	Joan Skidmore R.I.P.	Ss Simon & Jude
Wed. 30th	9:00am	Theresa Healey R.I.P.	
Thu. 31st	9:15am	Theresa Healey R.I.P.	
<b>Fri. 1st</b> <b>Nov.</b>	9:15am	<b>Mass with school children</b>	<b>All Saints –Holy</b>
	11:00am	<b>Mass at Good Shepherd School</b>	<b>Day of Obligation</b>
	6:30pm	<b>Evening Mass</b>	
Sat. 2nd	11:00am	Mulligan Family R.I.P.	<b>All Souls Day</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>3rd Nov.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Edwin &amp; Christine Boden R.I.P.</b>	<b>31st Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Jane R.I.P.</b>	

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

Extra Ord. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Lakhwinder	Sandra Chaplin
	Ann Harkin	Chaman
	Elizabeth Ayeliffe	Vanie S
<b>11:15am</b>	Clare Unes	Elizabeth Karota
	Louis Kadjo	Jennet King
Readers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Stan M.	Sonya Moran
	Youth Reader	Youth Reader
<b>11:15am</b>	Trevor Stronach	Juliet Mbanga
	Youth Reader	Youth Reader

**Church Cleaning Team:**  
**E**  
(Saturday 2:00pm)  
Sr. Joan & Altar Servers/  
Parents

#### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£356.00**  
Non Gift Aid Scheme: **£257.70**  
APF Mission Sunday: **£115.47**  
**Up-to-date Total for Hall: £11,554.72**  
Thank you very much for your **generosity.**

## Parish Notices

**Month of the Holy Souls (November):** November is always special month for us to remember all the faithfully departed; especially our family members, relatives and friends. As usual we have special envelopes to write and place-in the names of your beloved ones who have departed this life as you wish to remember them at each Mass throughout the month of November. You can put your Mass Intentions and donations in the same envelopes too - Donations for your Mass Stipends will be sent to our Apostles of Jesus priests in Nairobi and South Sudan who do not have any Mass intention.

**St Osburg's Raffle Tickets & Christmas Bazaar:** More tickets are still available at the back of the Church. The draw is on 23rd November at 3:30pm. The Raffle tickets are only - **£1 each booklet**. Please support, if you can, Fr Pontius has been very supportive to our own fundraising events, and as you know St Osburg's Church has more needs financially than our parish because of it's huge debt. You can support by just buying raffle tickets.

*I will be away to Sudan next week and Fr. Pontius and Fr. Sunday will be covering our Masses next Sunday and week days. I will be away only for one weekend. I'm sure you will warmly welcome the Fathers as you always do. Thank you. Fr. Moses*

**Birmingham Catholic Youth:** There will be a retreat run by Dr Kerri Christopher, Humanum Institute on the issues relating to young people, relating to JP11's "Theology of the Body" on 17th – 19th January 2020 at Soli House. There will be a "Church Ablaze" event on Saturday, February 1st, 2020 at Alton Castle. There will also be a promotion of the John Paul II Awards and other ways in which young people can develop church involvement at a local level. There was a detailed discussion concerning the needs of the young people and the various ways in which we can accompany them and support them.

**Leaving a lasting gift to your parish Church:** For some years there has been a need for guidance to parishioners on how to make legacy gifts to the Church or how you can support the parish with part of your Will. At the back of Church you will find copies of the new leaflet. Please do take one and consider whether you, or someone you know, may wish to support the Church in this way. Thank you.

### Holy Hour and Confessions

**Holy Hour of Adoration of the Lord:** There are regular opportunities each week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Altar. Each Friday at **8:30am-9:30am** and Saturday **11:25am-12:25pm**. These are valuable times to have a quiet moment with the Lord.

**Do you want Confession?:** If you have acknowledged your sin, go to receive God's pardon. Confessions available every Saturday from 11:25-2:25pm. In emergency please call to the Presbytery 024 76 68 85 36



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

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