

Important Dates for your diary

Sunday 15th December: As we look forward towards a lovely Christmas; there will be a second collection taken for Christmas Church's flowers for St. Elizabeth 's.

Sunday 15th Dec from 9am: Christmas Fayre in aid of the new parish today in hall - Please don't go home without visiting the hall. Lovely items waiting for you there.

24th Dec Christmas Carols: This carol singing will begin at 7:30pm before the family Mass 8:00pm. Children & Young people will help in leading it.

Saturday 11th January Renewal Mass at 11:00am and Party: All the Altar servers will renew their commitment to serve. This will be followed by Christmas party and all their parents are welcome to join in the Parish hall.



Sunday 26th January 2020 at 9am: Thanksgiving Mass for Confirmation.

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 29th Sunday after Mass. For more information please Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

Three-Bed-Room Needed: Please if you know of any house for rent - contact Fr Moses. A Family from the parish is urgently in need of accommodation before 23rd December. Fr Moses mobile 07882825479.

Coventry Open Christmas Appeal: There is a list of things needed at the back of the church. Cash donation would be appreciated too for the less fortunate in our city. There is a box at the back of the Church.

Live Simply Re-cycling: Please continue to re-cycle: games, consoles, iPads, laptops, mobile phones, cameras, accessories, mp3 players, old jewellery, stamps, coins and currency. Please no large items. Thank you.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Mary Elizabeth Donaghue, Clementina Reid, Joseph Hardiman, William Denton, Philip Clancey, Charmine Fowler, Bridget Walls, Joseph Costello, Sarah Magee, Tony Travers, Mario Cavaliere, Edward Smith, John Nesbitt, Annie Bourne, Patrick Heffenor, Mary Ebbs, Edward Charles Butler, Margaret Curley, Catherine M Wilson, Thomas Mulvaney, Mary Magee, Doris Ellen Perry, Laretta Griffin, Henry Thomas Wale, Ronald Scott, William Patrick Havyhian, Lucia Taylor, Margaret Judge and Bridget Rita Hall.

May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace

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St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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First 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 Alaysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace: Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe



15th Dec. 2019: 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr. A

Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 31

The voice and Word: St. Augustine

John is the voice, but the Lord is *the Word*. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives for ever. Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine. When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: *The word ought to grow, and I should diminish?* The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: *My joy is complete.* Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts. Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe and hope for salvation. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offence to the word. *I am not the Christ, he said, nor Elijah, nor the prophet.* And the question came: *Who are you, then?* He replied: *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord.* "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him." What does *prepare the way* mean, if not "pray well"? What does *prepare the way* mean, if not "be humble in your thoughts"? We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself. He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

Sunday 15th Dec.	9:00am	Fareli Family Quintino Lodu David R.I.P	3rd Sunday of Advent 
	11:15am	Gladys Rooney R.I.P James Gatanyu R.I.P	
Mon. 16th	9:00am	Quintino Lodu David R.I.P	
Wed. 18th	9:00am	Usha Rani - Get well prayer	
Thu. 19th	9:15am	Linda & Domingos B. R.I.P.	
Fri. 20th	8:30am	Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction	
	11:00am	Mass at Good Shepherd Pri. School	
	6:30pm	Patrick Flaherty R.I.P.	
Sat. 21st	11:00am		Memorial of B.V.M
Sunday 22nd Dec.	9:00am	Bronislaw & Mary Srodon R.I.P.	4th Sunday of Advent 
	11:15am	Jimmy Miller R.I.P.	

Sunday's Rota for Readers & E. Ministers

Extra Ord. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
9:00am	Baldev Thapar	Sandra Chaplin
	Elizabeth A.	Ann Harkin
	Lakhwinder	Susan Nahar
11:15am	Jennet King	Elizabeth Karota
	Louis Kadjo	Clare Unes
Readers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
9:00am	Stan M.	Sonya M.
	Youth Reader	Youth Reader
11:15am	Trevor	Christine Rothwell
	Youth Reader	Youth Reader

Church Cleaning Team:
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(Friday Afternoon 3:15pm)
Gladys William,
Lakhwinder, Violata and
Sadochand.

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme:	£471.24
Non Gift Aid Scheme:	£242.96
Poor Parishes Fund:	£104.72

Up-to-date Total for Hall: £12, 232.72
Thank you very much for your **generosity.**

Parish Notices

Christmas Cards, Mass times and Christmas, Offerings Envelopes for the Clergy These are now available at the back of the Church for you to take. 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. Thank you

Christmas Raffle Tickets: More tickets available at the back of the church - £1 a booklet of 5 tickets. Great **Prizes** including: **1st Large TV (used). 2nd New Fridge freezer. 3rd Stereo. 4th £50. 5th Food hamper. 6th bottle of Glenfiddich and others.** The draw will take place on 29th December. You can support by just buying raffle tickets. **All the above proceeds for New Parish Hall.**

St Elizabeth's Primary school Carol service: This will take place in Church on Wednesday **18th December at 6:00PM.** Please you are most welcome to attend. Entrance is FREE. Just come and enjoy.

Good Shepherd Primary school Carol service: This will take place in Church on Thursday **19th December at 2:00PM.** Please you are most welcome to attend. Entrance is FREE. Just come and enjoy.

The Year of the Word: Year 2020 sees the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domino, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on the Word of the Lord. Year 2020 is also the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's death. It was St Jerome who said "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." The Church, especially in England and Wales has declared this year as the "Year of the Word." We are all encouraged to enter in the habit of reading the Bible and to know God's Word and understand better.

May they Rest in eternal Peace: Please remember in your prayers Quintino Lodu David, a brother to Fr Moses who died suddenly on Saturday 14th Dec. in a refugee Camp, Uganda, age 59yr old. Also remember Rodel who lost his Mother few days ago, and George Gatanyu whose father also died last week.

Holy Hour and Confessions

Do you want Confessions?: If you have acknowledged your sin, go to receive God's pardon. Confessions available every Saturday from 11:25-12:25pm. In emergency please call to the Presbytery 024 76 68 85 36

Holy Hour of Adoration of the Lord: There are regular opportunities each week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Each Friday at **8:30am-9:30am** and Saturday **11:25am-12:25pm.**

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, Julian and Barket Masih. **Get Well Soon.**

