

# Important Dates for your diary

## Forthcoming Second Collections for January 2020

**Sunday 19th January** For parish Youth activities

**Sunday 26th January** New Parish Hall

**Sr Joan:** Please remember Sr Joan in your prayers as she travels home tomorrow Monday 20th for her very first holiday since coming over to the UK.

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

**Saturday 7th March St Stephen's Guild Mass of Thanksgiving 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. Please write this date in diary



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

**Sunday 17th May at 9:00am:** First Holy Communion Mass for children from Good Shepherd RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers

**Sunday 14th June at 9:00am:** First Holy Communion Mass for children from St. Elizabeth's RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers

**Thank you for supporting the 200 Club:** Last year we managed to raise **£963**. We could make it even go up to over £1000 if we all join the scheme. Remember all are welcome. Monthly membership is only £2. (Or £24 a year). For more information please Contact Sr. Joan or Tony Ashby. **The** draw for this month will be on Sunday 26th after Mass. Thank you for your support.

**Plastic Free Lent:** As part of Pope Francis' Live Simply message, on 9th February we will be publicising alternatives to plastic to help you reduce the use of plastic items during Lent. Challenge yourself could you manage a plastic free Lent. There will be a table at the back of the church after each Mass for you to have an idea of alternative products. **Justice and Peace Group.**

**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:** Elizabeth McTavish, Thomas Burns, John Ryan, John Bradshaw, Fr. Edward D. Leicester, Helen Rafferty, Richard Strong, James Killoran, Michael O'Toole, Brian McEaney, Andrew Bailey, Rachel Monica O'Brien, Arthur Towey, Bernard John McEaney, Patrick C Flaherty, Arthur Lennard Peacey, James Donaghue, Joseph Shaw, Francis Hannon, William Carey, John Queally, Jeremiah Larkin, John McEvoy, Joan Bowen, Kathleen P. Nulty, Catherine Maher, David P. R. Greer, Terence F. Lawlor, Cyril Thomas Marshall, Dorothy Masterson, Chris Delaney, Stanley Carpenter and Lorne Mercellus Mapp. **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

Parish Priest: Rev Moses Pitya David. AJ.

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### 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 Leader

Joe McCadden

#### 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

### 19th January 2nd Sunday Year. A

**Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 55**

## Behold, the Lamb of God

When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him, he recognised Him and cried out: "**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**" the Biblical scholars thought that the verse should probably be interpreted in the light of several references - in John - where it is said that Jesus "*appeared to take away sins.*" (1Jn 3:5), and again, that He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1Jn 1:8-10), as well, that He is the expiation for our sins...(1Jn 2:2).

Besides the above references in John, there is also the picture of the suffering servant "*as a sheep led to the slaughter, as a Lamb dumb before the shearers... whose soul was made a gault offering ...and who bore the sins of many*" (Is 53:7, 10, 12). There was also the symbol of the Paschal Lamb - (cf Is. 19:36; Exod 12:46, Num 9:12 and 1Cor 5:7-8).

Commemorating the deliverance of Israel from its slavery.

When the gospel was written, such concepts had long been used in the language of Eucharistic devotion. The common idea was the removal of the infection of sin, so that we can enter into communion with the Holy God. One thing is certain, from all these scriptural texts: that, Jesus does indeed take away sins. God sent his own son, the Lamb of God, to take away sins. The old testament sacrifices of lambs have been replaced and transcended. Through Jesus God re-establishes union and communion between Him and His people. Jesus is thus our peace and reconciliation. This is the power of the precious body and blood of Jesus Christ.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions Week 2 in Ordinary Time Year A

<b>Sunday 19th Jan.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Jim and Kathleen Darragh R.I.P.	<b>2nd Sunday Year A</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Deceased members of the McEneaney Family	
	<b>1:00pm</b>	Shona/Ndebele Mass	
Mon. 20th	9:00am	Kath Darragh R.I.P	
Wed. 22nd	9:00am	Kath Darragh R.I.P	
Thu. 23rd	9:15am		
Fri. 24th	8:30am	Holy Hour of Adoration	St. Francis De Sales
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Kath Darragh R.I.P	
Sat. 25th	11:00am	Kath Darragh R.I.P	
<b>Sunday 26th Jan.</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Kath Darragh R.I.P	<b>3rd Sunday Year A</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	

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

Extra Ord. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Sandra Chaplin	Elizabeth A.
	Susan Nahar	Chaman Nahar
	Asha Thaper	Lakhwinder
<b>11:15am</b>	Clare Unes	Elizabeth Karota
	Jennet King	Mary Harkin
Readers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Sonya M.	School Reader
	Ann Harkin	School Reader
<b>11:15am</b>	Youth Reader	Christine Rothwell
	Youth Reader	Youth Reader

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

#### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme:	<b>£547.60</b>
Non Gift Aid Scheme:	<b>£182.12</b>
New Parish Hall:	<b>£95.26</b>

**Up-to-date Total for Hall: £17,770.00**  
Thank you very much for your **generosity.**

## Parish Notices

**New Parish Levy 2020:** What is the parish levy? The parish levy is a sum of money contributed by each parish to the diocese, in order to fund the wide range of services it provides for our parishes, our clergy (*including our bishops*) and the wider community within the Archdiocese. Where does the parish levy go? The Diocesan Curia (*the administration offices of the Archdiocese*) supports the activities of clergy in our parishes as well as providing financial support for activities relating to pastoral care and help such as youth formation, religious education including the Diocesan Education Service in support of our schools, area catechists, marriage guidance and poor parishes. The New levy will be charged **28%** from the total annual income of each parish. **27%** will be used by the diocese for the wider mission of the Church and **1%** will go to the Poor Mission Fund to help those parishes applying for assistance with the increased levy. Some parishes, especially those with high investment or rental income, may see large increases. To some extent this reflects a removal of the subsidy they have been receiving from parishes without the benefit of such income. Parishes should be aware that poor parishes i.e. those with very low or overdrawn bank balances and no investments in units will be given priority when determining support as the 1% element of the levy is a limited resource.

You can find even more detail by looking at the *Financial Report and accounts available on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/AoBreport2018>* or in the annual Advent edition of the free diocesan magazine *The Sower*, copies of which are available from your parish or online via [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine)

### A day for parish musicians at St Chad's Cathedral.

It is time to coincide with the new Sunday of the Word of God and is on Saturday 25th January (10.30am concluding with the 4.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass)  
Please follow the link below on the diocesan website for details. It will be enjoyable day with some Ongoing Formation for those already involved in parish music or some encouragement for those considering future involvement. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/the-god-who-speaks-through-song>

**Next Parish Fundraising Event:** Is on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 7pm—10pm. It is a Curry Night/Filipino Food extravaganza in the parish hall. Traver and his exciting team will provide us with music. There will be dance for all who are able to dance. There will be Raffle and basket for collection or donations for new hall. Please come and enjoy a get together night.

### 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.

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

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