

## Important Notices

**New Parish Hall:** This is to inform you that the architects have now updated all the drawings and they have been submitted to the planning department and HCC. The planning fee for the amendment submitted is £234, the council has confirmed it, and this will be paid this week. These drawings will also be sent to the Structural and Services Consultants to obtain quotes from them, which is expected to take only two weeks. If anyone wish to receive a copy of the drawing please email **Fr Moses**.

**Fundraising "Buy a Brick" Campaign 2020:** As part of our ongoing fundraising activity for our proposed new parish hall, we are now launching the 'Buy a Brick' campaign. We will keep a record of all those who have donated towards the 'Buy a Brick' campaign; for a **£5** donation, you will have your name included in a specially printed thank you book inside the building once complete; and all donations **£25** will have a plaque with their names in the new hall. We have set a target of **£5000** for this campaign, and we will be constantly giving update of progress towards the target via the Parish newsletter and website. According to this scheme, ONE Brick will cost only £5 and TWO will be £10 - and so .... number of bricks depend on what you have in your wallet. Several options available for donations and pledges: You can use the newly created "**DONATE**" site on our parish website, or complete the Standing Order Form, or drop your cheque or money to the presbytery, to the Nuns or Father when it is safe to do so.

### Online donation to your Parish by Card:

I am pleased to inform you that the "**Donate**" page has now been created into our parish's website, making it easier for someone wanting to support the parish. You can also gift aided your donation made to St Elizabeth's parish via credit or debit card. Just log into: [www.stelizabethcoventry.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethcoventry.org.uk). and move to "donate" section. **OR** via diocesan website online Donation

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

Or if you prefer another option - you can download and using the standing order form on this diocesan website. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources> and send the forms to bank.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Andrew Docherty, Donald Douglas, Agnes Kilee, Mary Ellen O'Connell, John J. McCabe, Luke Jackson, B. Hogg, John Edwin Cook, Anthony Shaw, Stefan Brozoza, Dennis Carroll, Rita Dobrowolski, Thomas Considine, Sarah James, Patrick J Farrell, Bridget M. McBrien, Martin John Judge, John McCranor, Joan Judge, Bernard Smith, Kathleen Lawler, Thomas Riley Cons, Norah Kate Caldwell, Edward Burke, Alice Ann Singleton, Teresa Mullan, Arthur Essen, James Keegan, May Catherine Sheakin, Boleslaw Brzezicki, Annie Teresa Hastings, Christopher Doran, Daniel Griffin and Valerie Brenda Wakelin. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace**

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**CHURCH's Live-streaming WEBCAM :** [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)



**Apostles of Jesus Serves:**

St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

## St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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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 Wafula

#### 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 Alysya Embate

#### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

#### Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

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### Laudato Si week (Sat 16th May-24th May)

Pope Francis has called us to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Encyclical Laudato Si with Laudato Si Week with a Global Day of Prayer on Friday 24th May. The theme is "everything is connected." We come together as one people around the world to prayerfully discern the lessons of this moment. While the world experiences a history-defining crisis, we reflect and prepare to build a better world. Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home, Laudato Si', is an inspiration during moments of difficulty. It encourages us to reflect on the values we share and create a more just and sustainable future. Laudato Si has been welcomed as a document of deep and abiding beauty, and it has prompted people around the world to reflect more deeply on Creator and creation. Its vision of integral ecology, which sees connections between how we treat God, nature, and each other, offers simple but profound truths about the bonds that unite us. On 24 May at noon we are asked to join with Catholics around the world in prayer as a sign of solidarity, hope and connection. For more resources, workshops and activities you can visit the website: <https://laudatosiweek.org>.

**Come All Who Thirst:** Online retreat is now happening via zoom on 29/30/31st May. Beautiful times of prayer and mass planned with Sion Community with exciting speakers and musicians. Zoom is quite easy to use. There is also the potential option to dial in for those who do not know how to use technology or have a computer but perhaps have a landline or mobile. Eventbrite link for registration <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions 6th Week of Easter Year A

<b>Sunday 17th May</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Mary and Mick - Special Int. for family	<b>6th Sunday Easter</b>
Mon. 18th	10:30am	Anne Doherty R.I.P.	
Tues. 19th	10:30am	Fred Corbett R.I.P.	
Wed. 20th	10:30am	M.A Ashby R.I.P.	
Thur. 21st	10:30am	Diwan Chand R.I.P.	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Fri. 22nd	<b>6:30pm</b>	Eamonn O'Sullivan –Get well	
Sat. 23rd	10:30am	Ann Moran R.I.P. Anniversary	
<b>Sunday 24th May</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Mary and Mick - Special Int. for family	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>

**Other Live Broadcast's Prayers: Sisters.**  
**Holy Rosary (Live)** - Daily at 7:00pm except Friday  
*[Please get your Holy Rosary and join the sisters (only Virtual)]*



### Important Parish Website Links:

**Corona Virus (COVID-19) Updates:** <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/category/latest-updates/>

**Parish Newsletters:** <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/newsletters/>

**Archdiocese of Birmingham:** <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

### Exploring the faith together as a family - Resources)

<https://www.youcat.org/> - resource for all ages explaining the teachings of the Catholic Church. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?>  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/youcat-daily/id1447116947?mt=8>

### Pray-as-You Go:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/player/prayer%20tools/anexamenforthefamily>

**Divine Renovation** have produced a Parish Response Kit to the current situation that we are all in. It can be downloaded for free here: <https://divinerenovation.org/>

## 6th Sunday of Easter Yr. A

*First Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17. Psalm: 65*  
*Second Reading: 1st Peter 3:15-18 Gospel: John 14:15-21*

### Reflection: "The Command to Love"

*If your room is clean, you can go out to play*, the parents said this to their children; after some delay, all the children cleansed their rooms enough to earn some outside play time. These kinds of conditional promises may be familiar to parents, children, students, teachers, and more. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus gave a similar promise to his disciples: *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"*. What are his commandments? - "Love one another" (Jn 13:34) - demonstrates love to God – and the opposite is the same. As Christians, we proclaim ourselves as believers in Jesus. But how true is our belief? If faith is the conviction that God does not tell lies, how deeply are we convinced that the teachings of Christ are true? How deeply have we assented to the Good News? Nothing is more disastrous than to study faith, analyse faith, make noble declaration of faith but never actually accepted it.

*"when the Apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them"* (Acts 8:14). Their believing was their inner acceptance of the truth of what Philip preached. Their baptism was their personal, public Sacramental expression of their believing. Many of us were baptised as infants; have we ever seriously and maturely considered the Christian message and accepted it and committed ourselves to it consciously and deliberately? If we have, our faith would have been by now become obedient, because faith is always obedience. Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. One who believes God, obeys Him. But obedience to Christ, requires a conversion of hearts or a total change of mentality and behaviour in life – *"venerating him in hearts"* (1Pt 3:15). This is so because the seat of faith is not in the brain but in the heart. Once our hearts are converted to Christ by means of our faith, we are ready to obey the commandments of Christ; and obey it for love of him, not for any other reason. This precisely what Mother, St Theresa of Calcutta, St Elizabeth of Hungary, and many other saints did in life. And that is what he meant when he said, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (Jn 14:14).

The commandments of Jesus are summed up in love and are the expression of a disciple's entire way of life. The fulfilling of divine commands, which requires complete obedience, is a difficult task made easier when it is motivated by the disciple's love for Jesus and when the believer has the help of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians seem to obey Christ's commandments out of fear of hell or hope of reward in heaven, and not for love of him. *"If you obey the commandments, I give you, I will ask the Father who will give you another helper"* (Jn 14:15-16). Hence, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of us that we may be enabled to accept God's commandments as a means to experience and realise Him. Let us listen to the Spirit of Jesus that we may truly become the children of God.

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

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