

Important Notices

Public Mass has resumed - Please welcome to Mass

Masses in a time of COVID 19 will be conducted differently than normal. Some guidelines

Holy Communion.

- ◆ Receive after final Blessing and at the end of Mass (on Sunday only)
- ◆ Receive during normal communion time (on week day Mass only)
- ◆ Receive in silence by hand only
- ◆ Single file only, follow stewards directives
- ◆ Offertory: put your offerings in a Basket provided at entrance, exit or after communion in front of the Altar (Sanctuary)

During Mass No

- ◆ Singing and Sign of peace
- ◆ Offertory Collection baskets passing around
- ◆ Kneeling on pew's kneelers - but only on the floor if you wish.

Cleaners needed after each Mass

- ◆ Please remain in Church after communion if you want to help to clean the benches, surfaces and the Church after each Mass.
- ◆ Please remain in Church if you want to light a votive candle after communion

Please note that:

- ◆ We can only accommodate **140** people in a single Mass
- ◆ You **must** wear face covering or a mask while. Entrance is through centre doors
- ◆ Sanitise your hands on entering & exiting the church, We use one-way system.
- ◆ **Offertory collection - please put in a basket as you enter the Church, or after receiving communion, or as you go out of the church** (Don't wait for any during mass)
- ◆ Toilets in church & parish hall all closed

Fundraising "Buy a Brick" Campaign 2020:

'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** and above, will have their names written on a plaque or Bricks itself. A target of **£5000** has been set and the progress shall be monitored regularly. You can use the newly created "**DONATE**" site on our parish website, and please make sure indicate it's for "*New Parish Hall*", or complete the Standing Order Form, or drop your cheque or money to the church or presbytery.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Alfred George Hopkins, Laurence Howard, Lillian Fearson, Hugh Thompson, Henry Gerard Parr, Terence Derek Bochno, Monica McDuff, Bernadette Quigley, Mary Jane Wright, Ann marie Fogarty, Norah Terrance, Patrick O'Shea, Chiboo Ram Salotra, Mary Moore, Eileen Woodfield, Rewhorn, Denise Harket, Peter Hayes, Hamilton Robert Moore, Margaret Mallard, Alice Maria Payne, Loiusa Sullivan, Michael Slane, Catherine Agnes Holiday, Elizabeth Bates, Michael Dolan, Canon Arthur Diamond, Joseph Busby, Franca Maria Tatlow, Hugh Joseph Kelly, Catherine Downes, Helena Malcolmsen, Christopher Kelly, Thomas Thompson, Vincent Caldwell and Daniel David Griffin.

May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: **Registered Charity No: 234216**

CHURCH's Live-streaming

<https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>



Apostles of Jesus Serves:

St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

Parish Church

Parish Co-ordinators:

Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafala

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

Parish Notices

Safeguarding Advisor

Full-time (35 hours per week)/Permanent £30,750 to £35,875 p.a. Central Birmingham. The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced and qualified social worker or an alternatively qualified professional with significant multiagency safeguarding experience. As a Safeguarding Advisor you will, along with the Head of Safeguarding and other colleagues, be responsible for providing effective safeguarding advice and training across the Archdiocese. You will be expected to promote excellent safeguarding practice, in line with local and national best practice, provide advice to Clergy and volunteer Parish Safeguarding Representatives on children and adults safeguarding practice and respond to safeguarding referrals. You will need to be able to liaise effectively with a variety of statutory agencies and represent the Archdiocese at safeguarding meetings, supporting victims and survivors of past abuse etc. This is a demanding and challenging role; therefore, we are looking for someone with: Experience of working within a safeguarding setting. A strong advocate for children at risk of harm and vulnerable adults and a determination to promote as paramount the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Please call Alan Hassall, on 0121 230 6275 for more information or email gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org for details on how to apply. Interviews likely in late August or early September. Closing date for receipt of applications: (noon) Monday 10th August 2020.

Thank you from Frances Wright: To all the parishioners who spend their time ringing and wishing me and many others well during the lockdown. Very much appreciated.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 17th Week of Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 26th July

9:15am Patrick Mulligan R.I.P.

11:15am Mary & Joe Hynes R.I.P.

Mon. 27th 9:15am

Wed. 29th 9:15am Noel Patrick Whelan R.I.P.

Thur. 30th 9:15am Holy Souls
5:15pm Reception Noel Whelan R.I.P.

Fri. 31st 9:00am Noel Patrick Whelan — R.I.P.
6:30pm Holy Souls

Sat. 1st Aug. 9:15am

Sunday 2nd August

9:15am Noel Patrick Whelan R.I.P.

11:15am Holy Souls

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Virtual only

Public Mass
St. Martha

Virtual only

Funeral Mass
St. Ignatius of
Loyola

Public Mass
St. Alphonsus Mary d.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Rosary Live Broadcast's: By Sisters.

From now until further notice we shall only have livestream Rosary on:
Wednesday at 7:00pm.



Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme:	£749.50
Non Gift Aid Scheme:	£369.68
New Parish Hall	£00.00
Buy-A-Brick for NPH	£100.00

Total income for New Hall in 2020 £5,249.64

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Important Parish Website Links: Parish Newsletters:

<https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/newsletters/> or

Archdiocese of Birmingham:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

17th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr. A

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalm: 118 Second Reading:
Romans 8:28-30; Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

The Kingdom of Heaven

We live in a world full of wants, desires and undue expectations. There is a crazy, restless, and desperate search for riches, name, fame, comfort, pleasure, etc. nothing seems to quench the thirst for amassing wealth. 'More and more' is the slogan that drives people today. In contrast to this, we have a beautiful lesson to learn from today's first reading. The Lord appeared to young Solomon in a dream and told him, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon asked for wisdom to govern his people, the gift of discernment and an understanding heart. The Lord was pleased with the request of Solomon and graciously granted it to him. God was pleased with him because he did not ask for long life, riches or the lives of his enemies but understanding to know what is right and wrong. The grace bestowed in Solomon was meant to help him continue the Lord's work in an effective manner. He was enabled to rule wisely, to establish a kingdom of peace and justice.

However, today's gospel reading gives us the third Sunday in a row where we hear from Matthew's chapter on parables. Seven parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew appear in chapter 13, where Jesus continues to teach his disciples using his rhetorical device, often explaining the allegorical meaning to them. Though in today's passage of the gospel Jesus asks them a simple question, 'Have you understood all this?' to which the disciples reply, 'Yes'. Of course, those at the liturgy today will only hear those words if the longer version of this reading is proclaimed. This gospel preserves parables not found anywhere else in the New Testament. These parables either come from Matthew's special source or they are his composition.

The reading begins with two parables: the treasure buried in the field, and the pearl of great price. Each is a side of the coin so to speak, with Jesus instructing his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is worth such a price. In other words, once one encounters the kingdom of heaven, a proper response is to reprioritise all else in favour of this. It is worth selling everything else to possess this one thing. The longer gospel reading gives one more parable, but it has another point. Rather than reinforce the lesson of the first two parables, the third – the net cast into the sea which brings in a terrific catch – has another message. The net is returned with good fish, but also with things that are not so good. The latter is thrown away. This then becomes the image for the eschatological judgement, a topic that Matthew addresses quite often. At the judgement, some will be not merely cast aside or 'throw away', but the angels will throw the wicked into the 'blazing furnace'. This is a favourable theme of Matthew's gospel, and it causes some scholars to think that the parable is a Matthew's creation, though certainly canonical Scripture that is both authoritative and inspired.

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.**