

## Important Notices

**Planning for Christmas 2020:** As we all know that our capacity of Mass attendance here in Church is very limited and due to the ongoing pandemic, it appears that nothing will change. So, to help us plan properly for Christmas, I would be grateful if you can let me know what Christmas Mass you or your family normally or would like to attend in this year. We shall have THREE Masses at Christmas - Only 125 people allowed at each Mass.

**6:30pm - Vigil Mass (For Families)**

**9:15am - Christmas Day**

**11:15am - Christmas Day**

Booking for Mass starts this weekend, the stewards will help you with booking. Please, would you also help us by passing on this information to your friends and neighbours, who normally attend Christmas with us at St Elizabeth's! Thank you.

**LIVE SIMPLY AWARD:** Huge congratulations to the parish, to our J&P group, and to Maria in particular for achieving this award. "This is a really small community with limited resources that truly live out its mission to look outwards and serve the wider community. For such a small congregation they achieve a huge amount. We were truly inspired by all that the parish does to live simply sustainably and in solidarity with the wider world. We have every faith that the joy and enthusiasm with which the parish serves others will continue to bear fruit."

**New Hall Fund Box:** These Boxes are still available Please collect from the sisters. It's for raising funds for our New parish hall. The boxes operate like the RED Mission Boxes for (Coin) or cash. Please see the sample display on the Altar rail.

**Updates for 200 Club:** Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Next draw will be Sunday 6th December after Mass. For more information Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Dianne McMahon, John Edward McTavish, Andrew Mahon, Evelyn May Bowen, James Sharkey, John Alfred Pearson, David Loku Pitya, Patrick Keogh, Mary Beech, Joseph Drum, Sophie McHugh, Stella Marie Ann Hayes, William Lamb, June Mary Karpinskyj, Nicola Finnie, Archbishop Bernard Griffin, Winifred O'Brian, Margaret McDonagh, Bridget Lewis, Matthew Anthony Beglan, Jeramiah Francis Giltenan, Richard Francis Darnell, Frances Herbage, Catherine Gardner, Robert John Marshall, Patricia Donnelly, Vincent John Burgess, Patrick Joseph Dunne, Mary Frances Browne, John Laughran, Christine McGregor, James Mullalley and Francis Michael Connolly.  
**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

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 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

## Parish Notices

### St Elizabeth's Church is Open for Individual and Private Prayers only.

You are most welcome and thank you for visiting the Church. Please be reminded that St Elizabeth's Church is open for individual visits and prayer on following days:

**Wednesday 8:30am – 10:00am**

**Friday from 8:30am – 10:00am.**

**Saturday and Sunday 8:30am – 10:00am.**

**Please note that:**

- ◆ Please wear a mask or face covering while you are in church
- ◆ Entrance is through the centre doors
- ◆ Please use the hand sanitiser provided at the entrance, after lighting candle, and when leaving the church
- ◆ We operate on one-way system, please follow the signs.
- ◆ Please follow the directions of the stewards
- ◆ Candles are available at the Sacred Heart & Our Lady chapels
- ◆ Please observe 2m social distancing
- ◆ We request that you only stay for up to 25 minutes maximum for your private visit to allow others the opportunity too.
- ◆ If you are unwell or have any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not visit, and stay safe at home.
- ◆ There are no toilet facilities in church (all closed)
- ◆ The Parish hall, garden, grotto, and Calvary remain closed and there is no onsite parking

**Thank you very much for your understanding and pray safe. Fr Moses Pitya, AJ**

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions 32nd- Week of Ordinary Time Year A

### Sunday 8th Nov.

10:30am Jessica - Sp. Intention  
Family-Special Intention

### 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Virtual Mass

Mon. 9th 9:30am David Loku (Anniv. R.I.P.)

Virtual Mass  
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wed. 11th 9:30am Louiza Snuggs R.I.P.

Virtual Mass  
St. Martin of Tours

Thur. 12th 9:30am Adrian & Violata-Special Int.

Virtual Mass  
St. Josaphat

Fri. 13th 6:30pm Louiza Snuggs R.I.P.

Virtual Mass

Sat. 14th 10:30am Marlon-Special Intention

Virtual Mass

### Sunday 15th Nov.

10:30am Noel Whelan R.I.P.  
Murphy & Travers Families R.I.P.

### 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Virtual Mass

**Virtual Rosary Devotion:** By the Sisters every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please join the sisters in praying the rosary.



**Month of the Holy Souls (November):** Please remember in your prayers all the faithfully departed - especially our family members, relatives, parishioners and friends. Mass will be celebrated throughout this month for their souls. You are also encouraged to book individual Masses for the intentions of the Holy Souls, either to be celebrated here at St Elizabeth's or to be sent out to our priests in Africa, who will be able to offer Masses for your intentions.

### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £ 678.00 Non Gift Aid Scheme: £162.34  
200 Club: £ 70.00

### Important Parish Website Links: Parish Newsletters:

<https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/newsletters/> or Archdiocese of Birmingham: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

## 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr. A

First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalm: 62;

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

### Take-on-Wise Virgins

One Sunday a priest told the congregation that the Church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the priest glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a £1,000 cheque on the plate. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money on the plate. An incredibly quiet, elderly, saintly unmarried lady, shyly raised her hand. The priest asked her to come to the front. Slowly, she walked to the altar. The priest told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out her three favourite hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, "Ok father, I'll take him, him, and Him."

Now that's a modern take on a Wise Virgin! In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the East. It is, however, about planning for the future and placing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy. In Christian theology, this is called "Discernment."

St Ignatius of Loyola, wrote a lot about discernment, and teaches that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it. Think for a moment of the times when you are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation you would rather not have. You play out in your mind how the interaction will run. It rarely goes how you imagine and often your anxiety and fear have been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion you go through the same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future and try to control it in a fearful way.

The early Church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us, then, that the Christian life is a bout Wisdom, right judgement, and reading the signs of the times. And St Ignatius tells us that the best way to prepare for our future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live inn the here and now. After all, the Holy Spirit helps to see the future better with the eyes of Faith.

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

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