

Important Notices

Planning for Christmas 2020:

Please book one of these Masses for Christmas, by email, text or call the Sisters or Fr Moses to book. Would you also pass on this information to your friends and neighbours, who normally attend Christmas with us! Thank you.

6:30pm - Vigil Mass (Children and Families Mass)

9:15am - Christmas Day

11:15am - Christmas Day

Final IICSA Report.

The Bishops of England and Wales have met in prayer and dialogue to respond to the final IICSA Report into the Catholic Church. The report shows institutional failures on the part of the Church which failed to keep the vulnerable safe from abuse and failed to offer compassionate responses to those who suffered. It is with shame and profound sorrow that we recognise these failures and accept our need for a change of heart. Our first thoughts and prayers must always be for those who have suffered. In their terrible suffering we must also recognise that they are our best teachers on how to improve. The bishops have also responded to the Elliot Report. This independent review and report was commissioned by the bishops to recommend changes that are necessary to ensure best practice in safeguarding in the Church at every level. Victims/Survivors of abuse in the Church have played a crucial role in presenting the bishops with these necessary recommendations. The bishops have accepted and will implement all the recommendations contained in both the Elliot and the IICSA Reports. Safeguarding is the work of all of us in the Church. I wish to thank all the volunteers and clergy in our parishes who help to ensure that they are safe places for all-comers. The IICSA Report acknowledges the vast improvements over the last 20 years in safeguarding practices. The acceptance and implementation of the Elliott Review recommendations will help us all improve further. The Bishops' Conference, under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent, is committed to improve our practices and our responses to those who have suffered. Abuse has no place in the Church. The Archdiocese will always report allegations to and co-operate fully with the police and statutory agencies. I invite anyone who has suffered abuse to contact the police or if appropriate to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org. I encourage you read the Bishops' Statement in full. Thank you for your prayers for all those who have suffered abuse, within and beyond the Church, as well as for Cardinal Vincent and the bishops at this important moment. For more information, go to the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/statement-on-safeguarding-from-the-bishops-conference>

Death Anniversaries this Week: Benjamin Raynswelt, Kevin Joannes Connell, John Bowen, Henry Gerald Douglas, Bridget Teresa Meah, Margaret Mary Smith, Reginald John Tibbitts, Noreen Lucid, Winifred Beryl Leddington, Marie Bailey, Margaret Kathleen Hardiman, Roy Arthur Funnell, Sarah Harkin, Thomas Kelly, Jack Langley, Rev. McGuirk, John Hardiman, Ellen Eileen Stretton, Rose, John Donnelly, Monica Bridget Roper, Mary Randle, Frederick Michael Corbett, Thomas Tierney, Jane C H Ferron, Vera Burns, Mary Julia De Souza, Aidan Francis Joseph Jeremy, Veletine Dominic King, Frances Lloyd, Muriel Maud Duffy, Saveria Midzian, Thomas Grantham Quinn, Christine Meakin, Laurence White, Joseph Ernest Donnelly, Elizabeth Harvey, Veronica Nancy Goodwin, Seebo Masih Thapar and Philip Francis Gallagher. **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 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

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Statement on Vaccination

A statement from Bishop Richard Moth, Chair of the Department of Social Justice, on the production and use of a Covid-19 vaccination is available via the diocesan intranet. This statement was approved for publication by the bishops of the Department for Social Justice at their recent meeting and goes out in their name. There are several key points to draw everyone attention regarding this statement:

1. A vaccination against Covid-19 is, in principle, a social good to protect people from harm.
2. We urge the Government to develop an ethically sourced vaccine as an alternative to one derived from foetal cell lines.
3. The Government assures us that new foetal cell lines are not being used in the development of a Covid-19 vaccine.
4. The Church teaches that for grave reasons a vaccine developed from cell lines taken from human tissue taken from aborted foetuses **in the past may** be used in good conscience.
5. Individuals must educate their conscience in the teaching of the Church and make their own judgement about whether to accept a Covid-19 vaccine.
6. There must be fair access for all people to the vaccine.
7. The vaccine must be safe and effective to use.

If you have any queries regarding this statement, please contact Stephanie MacGillivray at the Bishops' Conference Secretariat (Stephanie.MacGillivray@CBCEW.Org.uk).

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 34th Week of Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 22nd Nov.	10:30am	Martina Accu (2nd Anniv. R.I.P.) Louiza Snaggs R.I.P.	Solemnity of Christ, the King Virtual Mass
Mon. 23rd	9:30am	Alexander R.I.P. Nuala Halpin R.I.P.	Virtual Mass
Wed. 25th	9:30am	E.K Ashby R.I.P.	Virtual Mass
Thur. 26th	9:30am	Family of Aubrey - Sp. Int Mick Breslin - Special Intention	Virtual Mass
Fri. 27th	6:30pm	Holy Souls Anthone Crooze R.I.P.	Virtual Mass
Sat. 28th	10:30am	Holy Souls	Virtual Mass B. V. Mary
Sunday 29th Nov.	10:30am	Seebo Masih R.I.P. Louiza Snaggs R.I.P.	1st Sunday of Advent Year B



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: **£ 000.00** Non Gift Aid Scheme: **£000.00**
Donations including Online: **£00** Standing Orders: **£00**

New Hall Fund Box: These Boxes are still available. They are for raising funds for our New parish hall. Please return if its full already whenever possible and collect another from the sisters. If you are not aware about this fundraising Box, please see the sample display on the Altar rail in the Church.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, Psalm: 22;

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord of Eternal Life.

In the novel *'The Robe'*, the slave Demetrius push his way through the crowd on Palm Sunday, trying to see who the centre of attention was. He got close enough to look upon the face of Jesus. Later another slave asked, "See him - close up?" Demetrius nodded. 'Crazy?' Demetrius shook his head empathically. 'King?' 'No,' muttered Demetrius, 'not a king'. "What is he then?" demanded the other slave. "I don't know," mumbled Demetrius, "but he is something more than a king."

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church, Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen. When he thought his death was imminent, and probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received holy communion, and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church. A few years before his death, Constantine had already declared that Christianity was to be the new State Religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the empire. One positive side of it was that it finally sealed the end of persecution of the earlier Christians. It also saw the Church becomes a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. However, on the negative side, the Church became, enormously powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the Senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the empire. Liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It is in this context that Islam arises against imperial Christianity in the Sixth century. After Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. However, after Constantine's conversion, the image of Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre, Orb, and called King. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called The Queen of Heaven. But his kingdom was "not of this world" and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign and his courtiers are of an altogether different order from worldly kingdom.

That is why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's Year, we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status, and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live in. We are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

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