

Important Notices

You are most welcome to a public Mass as advertised in this newsletter:

Masses in time of COVID -19. Some guidelines as follows.

Holy Communion.

- ◆ Receive in silence by hand only
- ◆ **Offertory collections: put your offerings in a Basket provided at entrance, exit or in front of the Sanctuary, after communion**

During Mass No

- ◆ 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 with cleaning
- ◆ 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 at present
- ◆ You **must** wear face covering or a mask while in church.
- ◆ Sanitise your hands on entering & exiting. We use one-way system only.
- ◆ Please follow stewards' directives and for any information you may need.

New Year Eve and New Year Day Mass.

There will be a public Mass in Church on New Year's Eve at **6:30pm** for all those who would like to thank God for the year 2020. There is no **MIDNIGHT** Mass. The New year Day 2021 Mass will be at **10:30am**, and all are welcome to attend. Booking for these Masses will be at the entrance of the Church. Wishing you all very happy and Blessed New Year 2021.

New Hall Fund Box: These fundraising Boxes for the new parish hall are still available. Please return the one you have already filled whenever possible and collect anew one from the sisters. For information about the Fundraising Box, please speak to the sisters.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Moore, James Cody, Patrick Cassily, Eliza Ferguson, William Joseph Donohue, Bernard McVeigh, Catherine McVeigh, Herbert Henry Lyddieth, Patrick Flaherty, Stephen Croft, Ann Carroll, Jas. Smoklunowicz, Jeremiah McAuliffe, Alice McGee, David McMullen, Mary Carmel Judge, Mary Sheppard, William Judge, John McEneaney, Mary Dolores Gallagher, Thomas Doris, Frances Jenkins, John Kelley, Doreen Rewhorne, Ellen Marie Small, Ronald Emlyn Jones, Kathleen Mary Darragh, Mary Ann Elizabeth Pacey, Nanti Devi, Patrick McKenna, Catherine Dillon, Kathleen McEvoy, John Hunt, John Francis Moore, Timothy Sweeney, Brian McFarland, Mary Winifred Judge, Rev. Anthony Ireland, John Monaghan, Sarah Ann Coombes, Anne Dixon, Frances Valley, Joseph Haughney, Patrick Jennings, Joan Hope Lord, Thomas McLaughlin, Patrick Jennings, John Queally and Michael Nightingale.

May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.

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CHURCH's Live-streaming

[https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeth-church-coventry.](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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St. Elizabeth's

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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 Alaysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

Christmas Masses 2020.

This is to inform all our parishioners that we are now fully booked for Christmas Masses. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for booking in advance. It has been a challenging time to all of us due to the pandemic, something none of us has ever experienced before - booking a place to attend Christmas Mass. But because of Covid-19 regulations, the Church is only allowed to have a minimum number of people for Mass at a given time, as our three masses are already full to the capacity allocated to us. I am only sorry for all those who have not booked and might want to attend Mass in Church - that it is no longer possible. The good news is that all our church's services are now online via internet.

Please I encourage you to join our Mass online on: <https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>. Or www.mcnmedia.tv The Mass times are as indicated below.

Mass Times:

6:30pm - Vigil Mass

9:15am - Christmas Day

11:15am - Christmas Day

- ◆ Just to remind you that those who have booked are asked to collect their tickets from the church or presbytery (office) before Christmas.
- ◆ Please make sure you are seated in church **10 (ten) minutes** before Mass. The **seating will be on First-come-First-take bases.**
- ◆ **Thank you. Fr Moses.**



SPREAD THE WORD

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 4th Week of Advent Year B

**Sunday
20th Dec.**



9:15am Patrick Flaherty R.I.P
Bronislaw & Mary Srodon R.I.P.

11:15am Adrian & Violeta-Family Sp. Int.

**Public Mass
4th Sunday
of Advent
Year B**

Mon. 21st 9:15am Family of Princey - Special Intention

Virtual

Wed. 23rd 9:15am Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P.
Paul Andrews R.I.P

Public Mass

Thur. 24th 6:30am Deceased Members of the
McEaney Family R.I.P.
Kathleen Darragh R.I.P.

**Christmas Eve
Mass**

Fri. 25th 9:15am Violeta, Adrian & Family –Sp. Int.

**Christmas Day
Mass**

11:15am Parish Stewards - Sp. Intention

Sat. 26th 11:00am Patrick Jennings R.I.P.
Altar Servers - Sp. Int.



**St. Stephen
Day Mass**

**Sunday
27th Dec. 9:15am** Family of Sheila - Sp. Int

11:15am Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P.

**Holy Family
Solemnity**

Christmas Cards and Envelopes: These are now available in church. The Sisters and Fr Moses would like to wish you all a Happy and joyful Christmas, with God's blessing at the New Year.

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 313.50** Non Gift Aid: **£113.55**

New Hall Fund Box: **85.29**

Updates for 200 Club: Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw Sunday 27th after Mass. For more information Contact Sr. Joan or Tony. .

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



Third Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; LK1:46-50,

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:16-24; Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



Unconditional Response

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. Eventually they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up the screen. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. Satan is visibly upset, and cries, "I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out." "Very well, then," says God, "let us see if Jesus fared any better." Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pouring forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished. He stutters, "But how? I lost everything; how can Jesus' programme be intact?" God chuckles and says, "**Ah – because Jesus saves.**"

On this final day of Advent, the church moves our gaze to the annunciation. The whole scene hinges around one word: "**YES,**" said by Mary. In his film – Jesus of Nazareth, Franco Zeffirelli pictures the annunciation this way: Mary is asleep at night when a gust of wind opens a high window. Afraid at all the commotion, Mary gets up and starts to pray. As she prays, we see her face change and her body bend over. With tears in her eyes, Mary looks up through the window to the moonlight sky and simply says, "**Be it done unto me as you have said.**" The swirling wind dies down at once.

In years now, successive popes have reminded us that the best devotion to Mary is one that leads us to do what she did: say "**YES**" to accepting Jesus into our lives. Mary is not a stop on our journey of faith; she is a guidepost that always sends us on to Christ. Mary does not save us, for we believe she needed to be saved by Christ as well. That is why she could say yes in the first place. Mary recognised the gift and the giver and became the bearer of God for the world.

In this final week of Advent, let us keep reminding ourselves of this simple but life-changing fact: Jesus saves us: Jesus saves us from death. Jesus saves us from living lives devoid of purpose and meaning, and Jesus saves us from the worst things in ourselves. We do not save ourselves. We cannot earn salvation by good works or prayers or penance. And, as difficult as it is to hear, we cannot save anyone else. That includes our children, spouse, grandchildren, parents, or friends. Our prayers, good works, and faith are the responses we make to the salvation of Christ we claim here and now. And how we live is the way by which those we love will find the gift of God's salvation for themselves.

Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

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