

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 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

Death Anniversaries this Week: John Alphonsus Malcolm, Anna Swift, Patrick Phelan, Bentley Nugent, Annie Rewhorn, James Joseph Morgan, Kathleen McDermott, William John Brown, Dominic Joseph McCarthy, Bernard Bellew, Ona Linkeviciu, Philip Sheridan, Agnes McLaughlan, Annie Elizabeth King, Elaine O'Leary, Agnes King, Robert P. O'Donnell, Hannah Cullen, Shay-Don Donnelly, Francis Joseph O'Neill, Charles McIntyre, George Braid, James O'Donnell, Doris May Hefferman, Edith Malpass, Janic Dranczak, Thomas Hester, John Caine, Patrick Maquire, William Albert Sampey, Thomas B Igoe, James Walsh, Jacobus Sneddon, Terence Dale, James Bedding and Helen K Crichlow.

May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.

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

Church's Live-streaming

Web: Live streaming. <http://www.mcnmedia.tv/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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St. Elizabeth's

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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

The 2020, has been a challenging year to all of us due to Covid-19 pandemic. We hope that the **2021** comes with abundant blessings upon this world. The discovering of the vaccine for Covid-19, and a launch of a massive vaccinations beginning in our City of Coventry early last month, is a source of hope for better days ahead of us. Just as for now let us continue to keep the basic rules for Covid-19: Stay at home, Hand washing, Social Distancing, and Face-covering.

Tier (4) four Restrictions.

Similar restrictions to the last national lockdown, in November. They include:

- Residents being asked to stay at home - except for education or work.
- Social mixing will be restricted to meeting one other person from outside your household or support bubble in an open public space.
- All non-essential retail will have to close, along with hairdressers, nail bars, and indoor entertainment venues
- Gyms and indoor swimming pools must close but outdoor pools, sports courts and golf courses can stay open
- Support bubbles remain unaffected, as do the exemptions for separated parents and their children
- People in tier four areas should not travel abroad, except in limited circumstances
- **Communal religious worship (Holy Mass) will still be allowed**
- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies are not allowed except in exceptional circumstances

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 2nd Week after the Nativity Year B

Sunday 3rd Jan.	9:15am	Anita & Jon Lycen R.I.P.	2nd Sunday After Christmas
	11:15am	Parish Stewards – Special Int.	
Mon. 4th	9:15am	Family of Roy-Special Intention Zdzichna Zielinska - Sp.Intention	Virtual
Wed. 6th The Epiphany	9:15am	Dominic McCarthy (Anniv.R.I.P.)	Public Mass Epiphany
	Thur. 7th	9:15am	Mary R.I.P. Virtual School children
Fri. 8th	6:30pm	Christopher Turley R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sat. 9th	9:15am	Jimmy Miller R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 10th Jan.	9:15am	Edwin & Christine Boden R.I.P. Paul Andrews R.I.P.	Public Mass Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
	11:15am	Peggy & Jim Miller R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £ 576.00 Non Gift Aid: £97.04
200 Club: £104.00

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. Winning numbers for last month were No. 46 **£50**, No. 56. **£30** and No. 77 **£20**. The Church received **£104**. Next draw Sunday 24th January 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.



Second Sunday After the Nativity

First Reading: Ecc. 24:1-2, 8-12; Ps.147,
Sec. Reading: Eph.1:3-6, 15-18 ;Gosp:Jn 1:1-18

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

When the council of Ephesus gathered in the year 431, the bishops were discussing and preparing to vote in the matter of Mary being the mother of God. Indeed, that council was not called to talk about Mary at all. It was primarily interested in whether Jesus was both truly human and truly God. In their deliberations about this matter two touchstones were established for orthodox belief: What do the people believe and how do they pray? This was a watershed moment. The theological sense in ordinary Christian belief and the way that ordinary people prayed, especially in the liturgy, were guiding lights for the bishops.

Most of the bishops affirmed that their people believed that Jesus was truly God. But they also attested to the fact that their congregations believed Jesus was truly human. **Why?** Because while Jesus had done miraculous things, taught with authority, and been raised from the dead, they knew he also shared in the most important element of being a human being: He was born of a woman, Mary of Nazareth.

Strikingly, while the council fathers went on to define the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus, their deliberations did not put the issue to rest. It took another council, at Chalcedon twenty years later, to finally settle theological debate, however, was what Ephesus had to say about Mary, that she was the mother of God. The literal translation of the Greek proclamation is even more evocative: Mary is the '**Theotokos**', the God-carrier. After the Council of Ephesus all sorts of hymns and poems were written in honour of the newly named mother, of God.

In recent centuries, Mary has become a battleground in Christian devotion. The Protestant reformers thought she was obscuring the centrality of Jesus in Christian faith. These days some Catholics complain that we never hear anything about her anymore. Others maintain that some people are overly caught up in her alleged appearances and communications. It is sad to think that what once unite Christians now often polarises us.

Pope Paul VI taught us that, if we wanted to recover a healthy devotion to Mary, we should return to scriptures. The reason we celebrate Mary's memory on the first day of the year is because there is not an ordinary, everyday moment in the coming year when we cannot know the faithful love of God. The woman who carried God into the world shows us how her Son now carries us.

May She intercede for us in 2021. Happy New Year

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.**