

Important Notices

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, anytime.**

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.

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 24th January after Mass. For more information Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Margaret Mary Evan, Bernard Hogan, Brendan McGrath, John Dermot Harighan, Joseph Cairns, Mary Margaret Sidwell, James Joseph Cassidy, George Culumba Harkin, Anne Braid, Anthony Gerard Ferron, Joanus Whitcock Wake, Peter Croft, Mary Josephine Carey, William Bramwell, Bertha Emily Quinn, Rosina Rennie, Brian William Pinfield, Mary Catherine Tracey, Thomas Wilson, Elizabeth May Molloy, Ita Kelly, Bridget Stapleton, Bridget Doherty, Peter Bochno, Elizabeth Barrett, Dorothy Pratt, George Conroy, William J McCann, Gillian Susan Farrell, James McGee, Margaret O'Leary, Bronuis Paulastaites, Louise Elizabeth Amos, Andrew Bailey, Patrick Daly, Anthony Doherty, Mary Ann Rogers, Gerry Gallagher, Joseph Patrick Doyle, Joseph Donoghue, Alice Crossan And Rachel O'Brien. **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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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 Aloysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

Covid-19 National lockdown-(Advice)

Leaving home - Individuals can leave their home:

◆ **To attend communal worship (Holy Mass) and life events in Church** – individuals can leave their homes to attend or visit a Church for Mass, a funeral or events related to a death, a burial or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony. Places of worship and individuals must follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must avoid mingling with anyone outside of their household or support bubble when attending a place of worship.

◆ To shop for necessities, for themselves, their family or for a vulnerable person

◆ To go to work if they cannot work from home or provide voluntary or charitable services.

◆ To exercise with their household, limited to once per day only, and they should not travel outside their local area.

◆ To meet their support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if they are legally permitted to form one seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness, or risk of harm

◆ To attend education or childcare - for those eligible [for] animal welfare reason – individuals can leave their homes for animal welfare reasons, such as to attend veterinary services for advice or treatment.

◆ **Meeting others:** Individuals cannot leave their home to meet socially with anyone they do not live with or are not in a support bubble with. Individuals can continue to exercise on their own, with one other person, or with their household or support bubble. Individuals should not meet other people you do not live with, or have formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason. Further reasonable areas include: to fulfil legal obligations or to carry out activities related to buying, selling, letting, or renting a residential property, or where it is reasonably necessary.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions Week 1 Year B

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.	
Mon. 11th	9:15am	Lena, George & John Harkin R.I.P.	Virtual
Tue. 12th		Welsh's Family - Sp. Intention	Private
Wed. 13th	9:15am	Noel Whelan R.I.P. Kevin Moran R.I.P.	Public Mass
Thur. 14th	9:15am	Zdzichna Zielinska - Sp. Intention	Virtual
Fri. 15th	6:30pm	Fred & Jean Corbett R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sat. 16th	9:15am	Jimmy Miller R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 17th Jan.	9:15am	Family Sp. Int. & Thanksgiving for Cammillus A. Ndonga Shangara & Preeto Nahar R.I.P.	Public Mass 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	People of the Parish	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £ 621.50 Non Gift Aid: £280.03

Symptoms of Covid-19: You need a test if you have any of the following:

A high temperature: any new high temperature where the person feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).

A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

You **DO NOT** need a test if you have a runny nose, sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of taste, or change in sense of smell. Why? because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

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



Feast of The Baptism of The Lord

*First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11; Ps.12, Sec. Reading: John 5:1-9;
Gospel Mark 1:7-11*

A Fine First Step

A very drunk man stumbles upon the local Baptist minister conducting his Sunday service down by the river. He proceeds to venture into the water and stand next to the minister. The minister turns, notices the man, and says, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?" The man looks back and say, "Yes, Reverend, I am." The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the minister asks. "No, I didn't!" says the man. The minister then dunks him under for a quite a bit longer, brings him up, and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not!" says the drunken man again. Disgusted, the minister holds the man under for at least thirty seconds this time, brings him up, and demands, "For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?" The man wipes his eyes and pleads, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

One of the actions we find most consoling about the scene into today's gospel is that John the Baptist immersed Jesus in the waters of the Jordan. Indeed, the word baptism is derived from the Greek word, *bapto*, or *baptizo*, "to wash" or "to immerse." Most of us were baptised with just a sprinkling of water. These days, however, the church encourages the ancient tradition of full immersion whenever possible. Of course, Church is mindful of the difficulties in some regions of the world where there is scarcity of fresh water even for drinking.

We all know the amount of water used in the baptism does not destine the power of this sacrament; but rather it is in how we live our Christian's commitment away from the font. Full immersion only links the ritual more directly to the experience of Jesus and enables the symbolism of the water to be more fully realised. There are no half measures about immersion. In an extraordinary visual metaphor, Mark tells us that is what God does for us in Christ. We do not have a detached God who only presides over us. We do not have a coaching God who sits on the side-lines barking orders at us on the field of life. And we do not have a policeman God who wants to catch us breaking the rules. We have a God who in Jesus the Lord immersed himself in our world, heart and mind, soul, and divinity. Baptism symbolises Jesus' tomb - because of the three days Jesus spent in the tomb, we are plunged into the watery tomb of the font three times. And as we do, we call on the Trinity to enable us, die to sin, and rise to the freedom of Christ's life.

For all those baptised in Christ, a curious thing happens. As Jesus fully immersed himself in our world, so we are fully immersed in Christ. But we are not spared from the world as if we are initiated into a reclusive religious sect. We are sent out to the world knowing, because of Jesus, that we are loved by God and pleasing to him. We are sent out with faith, hope, and joy to fall into the arms of the world and discover that here, too, is where Christ dwells.

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.**