

## Important Notices

**Planning for Good Friday:** Please book for the **3.00pm** Exultation of the Cross. Booking starts this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Book through the stewards or by email, text, or phone call to the Sisters. Please share the information in your social media accounts as well as with your friends and neighbours, who normally attend this service with us! We shall have other two services in addition to the 3pm. We shall operate on First come, First Served bases.

### Good Friday Services:

**12:10PM: Stations of the Cross (Solemn)**

**3:00PM: Exultation of the Cross (Main Service)**

**6:30PM: Stations of the Cross (Solemn)**

Please let us know which service you would like to attend before Palm Sunday.

**Note:** NO Booking for Easter Sunday.

### School Programme for the Sacraments 2021

**Monday 2th June:** Reconciliation at 6pm for both schools.

**Thursday 24th June :** Confirmation at 7pm-St. **Elizabeth's**.

**Thursday 1st July:** Confirmation at 7pm-Good **Shepherd**.

**Sunday 4th July:** Holy Communion at 11:00am- **St. Elizabeth's**.

**Saturday 10th July:** Holy Communion at 9:15am- **Good Shepherd**.

### Welcome to a public Mass

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

◆ **Holy Communion.** Received only by hands.

**During Mass: ....**

◆ **Put your offerings in a Basket provided at entrance, exit or in front of the Sanctuary, anytime.** No Offertory Collection baskets passing around

**Cleaners needed after each Mass**

◆ Please return to your seat after communion to help with cleaning or if you want to light a candle

**Please note that: ...**

◆ You **must** wear face covering or a mask while in church.

Sanitise your hands on entering & exiting. We use one-way system only.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Helene Powell, Lilian Ann Rock, Frances Fenlon, Frank Moore, Harry Henry, Anthony Fullarton, Josephine Dorothy Deakin, Sydney Cripps, Angela Cathcart, Catherine Hughes, John Joseph Johnson, Francis O'Sullivan, Winifred Coxon, Antanes Grigalunks, James Malone, Peter Joseph Phelan, James Miller, Maria Ann (Polly) Clara Cox, Phyllis Ellen Virgo, Anna McDonough, Frances McDermott, Honora Teresa Friel, Annie Veta Smith, Andras Udvardy, Patrick J. Keane, Peter Ryan, Ralph Blackbird, Owen Tierney and Duane Dumbleton.

**May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.**

**Important Notice:** From the **1st April** the anniversary list will be reduced to include only people who died not more than 5 Years ago. Please let me know in case you want the name (s) of your deceased relatives to remain in the anniversary list other than as indicated above. **Fr Moses**

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

**Church's Live-streaming:** [www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeths-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 Alysya Embate

#### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

#### Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

### Parish Notices

#### Make an Act of Spiritual Communion

Please say this prayer whilst you watch Mass online or in Church if you are not receiving Communion:

**"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."**

#### Confessions

Available every Saturday after 9:15am Mass, and also on Wednesday during LENT after 9:15am Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Our normal Holy Hour of the week resumes on Saturday **13th March from 8:00am –9:00am** followed by Mass. Good moment for a quiet and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**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 28th March after Mass. For more information Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

**Prayer for our sick parishioners:** Please remember Mary Gallagher, Mick Breslin, Joe Peters and those who are nursing their illness privately.

**Annual St Patrick's Mass:** The Annual Mass in honour of St Patrick will be on Monday 15th March in Christ the King Church, at 7.00pm. Happy Feast Day.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions Lent Week 4 Year B

<b>Sunday 14th March</b>	9:15am	Special Intention Peter & Catherine Ryan R.I.P. Miss Mary Francis Ashby R.I.P.	<b>Public Mass 4th Sunday of Lent</b>
	11:15am	Baldev & Asha Tharper-Family Thanksgiving	
Mon. 15th	9:15am		<b>Virtual only</b>
Weds. 17th	9:15am	Jimmy Miller R.I.P. Frances Wright R.I.P.	<b>Public Mass St. Patrick</b>
Thur. 18th	9:15am	For Parish schools - Sp. Intent.	<b>Virtual Only</b>
Fri. 19th	6:30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Mass</b> Bronislaw & Mary Srodon R.I.P.	<b>Public Mass Solemnity of St. Joseph</b>
Sat. 20th	9:15am	Special Intention	<b>Public Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 21st March.</b>	9:15am	Special Intention Michael & Margaret Doherty R.I.P.	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
	11:15am	People of the Parish	

## Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £ 444.00 Non Gift Aid: £ 263.61  
CAFOD: £10.00

## Pastoral Letter

**“When we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ.”**

It is a great joy to greet you today as we reach the mid-point of Lent. Our journey together to Easter is well on its way and the Church wishes to raise our spirits by calling this Laetare Sunday – a day to share the happiness of our faith in Christ. By custom this is also Mothering Sunday and I would like to greet all the mothers present at Mass today – and those taking part through live-streaming - and to thank them for their loving example. The season of Lent this year has taken on an extra significance. Our annual penitential journey from darkness into light, through the cross to the Resurrection, is mirrored by our struggle to overcome the coronavirus. We share with the rest of the world the hopeful journey from the worries and losses and restrictions of the pandemic towards the relative freedom that restored health and the guarantee of vaccination can bring. Looking ahead, this year the ceremonies of Holy Week will be simpler and shorter than usual, but it is still a great blessing that we can come together to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and Resurrection. This represents the very core of our faith and we catch a resonant echo of it in today's scripture readings. St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians points us to what is really important: God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy. *Continue...*

## 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

*First Reading: 2 Chronicle 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm.136. Eph.2:4-10; Gospel John 3: 14-21*

..... The love of God is merciful – it brings forgiveness. The cross of Christ is the most powerful instrument and symbol of God's mercy and forgiveness. This gift is needed more than ever in a world that is inclined to withhold forgiveness and the healing that it brings. Last weekend Pope Francis was in Iraq. Last Sunday he visited Mosul and met with the Christians who are still there after so much persecution. They gathered to greet him in Church Square, surrounded by the ruins of their churches, yet joyful that the Holy Father had come as a sign of hope for the future. At the heart of his message was the Lord's gift of forgiveness: Jesus not only cleanses us of our sins but gives us a share in his own power and wisdom. He liberates us from the narrow and divisive notions of family, faith and community that divide, oppose and exclude, so that we can build a Church and a society open to everyone and concerned for our brothers and sisters in greatest need. At the same time, he strengthens us to resist the temptation to seek revenge, which only plunges us into a spiral of endless retaliation. We see the depths and power of God's loving forgiveness, according to St Paul, when we understand that it is being offered to us and is effective even before we repent: When we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ. The challenge is there - for us to forgive those who may have hurt or wronged us even before they have shown that they are sorry. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. It can be a struggle for us to love those who oppose our faith and reject its message but there can be no evangelisation without love. Love requires us to overcome the indignation or hurt we may feel in the face of opposition and to show forgiveness and understanding. A priest friend of mine – in another diocese - taught me an important lesson about acceptance and forgiveness. He had a particularly difficult parishioner who – for several complex reasons – found fault with everything he did. I asked the priest whether he resented this criticism, but he replied: No – this parishioner has become my Guardian Angel – he stops me making mistakes and he makes me think twice. I wish I could always be as generous as that! It is the little things that we do that make all the difference. In the remaining weeks of Lent, we can try to be forgiving. We may not be able to kiss the wood of the cross this Good Friday, but we can each bring a personal act of forgiveness to the crucified Lord, lifted up for our salvation, and ask to be forgiven ourselves. The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. This coming Wednesday we celebrate the feast of St Patrick, who in the fifth century brought the same Gospel of repentance and forgiveness to the people of Ireland. Despite having been held there in captivity as a slave for six years he didn't go back to seek revenge. Instead, in a spirit of forgiveness he went to preach the Gospel and to share the gift of faith. Please pray for the people of Ireland - and of Nigeria - on their patronal feast day. Friday of this week will be an important feast day for the universal Church. We are celebrating the Year of St Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*. The Holy Father writes: In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him". St Joseph quietly witnessed to the power of forgiveness in the life of the Holy Family, leaving an impression that lay deep within the Sacred Heart. With such witnesses to encourage us there can be nothing to hold us back from the forgiveness of God. When we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ. May we all catch a glimpse of the joy and the new life of Easter today, lightening our burdens and lifting our hearts in thankful praise.

**Yours devotedly in Christ. +Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.**

## 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.**