

## Important Notices

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Please continue to pray for our children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation this summer. We hope to see them and their parents at any of these Masses: Friday **6.30pm**, Saturday **9.15am**, and Sunday **9.15 am** or **11.15 am**. They will receive their sacraments on following dates:

### Sacraments in 2021: Parish Schools

**Monday 28th 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 **11am**- St. Elizabeth's.

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

### 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."**

### 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:** James C Whelan, Gerard Collins, Bernard J Robert and Rattan Daniel Chand.

**Recently Departed:** Patrick McEaney, Michael Hayden, Ian Connolly, Teri McKendry, Mick Breslin and Ann O'Donoghue.

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

**Important Notice:** Please contact **Fr Moses** if you would like to add names.

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 Alaysa Embate

#### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

#### Justice and Peace:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

## Parish Notices

### Ending Covid-19 Pandemic through Prayer.

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic, and in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. During each day of May, guided by a calendar with specific intentions, all the Shrines around the world, united in a communion of supplication, will lift up their prayers, which, like the fragrance of incense, will rise up to heaven. Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day. Together with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, each day of the month is characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the plight of the pandemic: for those who have not been able to say goodbye to their loved ones, for all health care personnel, for the poor, the homeless and those in economic difficulty and for all the deceased. The official channels of the Holy See will also broadcast the prayer each day in each of these thirty Shrines at 5:00 p.m.

**Some of these shrines:** ..... Holy House of Loreto in Italy; Our Lady of Knock in Ireland; Virgin of the Poor at Banneux in Belgium; Notre Dame d'Afrique in Algeria; Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima in Portugal; Our Lady of Health in India; Our Lady Queen of Peace at Medjugorje in Bosnia; St. Mary's Cathedral in Australia Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in the United States; Our Lady of Lourdes in France; Meryem Ana in Turkey; Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre in Cuba; Our Lady of Nagasaki in Japan; Nuestra Señora de Montserrat in Spain; Notre Dame du Cap in Canada; National Shrine Our Lady Ta' Pinu in Malta; Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Mexico; Mother of God in Zarvantysia in Ukraine; Black Madonna of Altötting in Germany; Our Lady of Lebanon – in Lebanon; Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii in Italy

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Easter Week 6 Year B

<b>Sunday 9th May</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Mary Baker - Special Intention	<b>6th Easter Sunday Yr. B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	
Mon. 10th	<b>9:15am</b>		<b>Virtual only</b> Ss Philip & James
Wed. 12th	<b>9:15am</b>	Gerald Miller R.I.P.	<b>Public Mass</b>
Thur. 13th	<b>9:15am</b>	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	<b>Public Mass Ascension</b>
Friday 14th	<b>6:30pm</b>		<b>Public Mass</b> St. Matthias
Sat. 15th	<b>9:15am</b>		<b>Public Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 16th May</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Charlie & Daisy Williams R.I.P.	<b>7th Easter Sunday Yr. B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	

### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£571.50** Non Gift Aid: **£280.15**

Buy a Brick: **£110.00**

**“Buy a Brick”:** The Parish Community Hall Fundraising Committee is Relaunching ‘buy-a-brick’ campaign which raised over £700 in 2020. We are relaunching the campaign with the aim of raising £2,500. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church where the stewards are and support the initiative. Hopefully, as we get back to normal, the project of our new hall will also pick up the momentum, and shall be allowed a social gathering.

**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 is Sunday 30th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

### Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

**Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48; Ps. 97; 1John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17**

### The Love Story

Boy meets girl. They fall in love and marry. We all enjoy a love story film, for in each of us there is a spark of love. But sadly enough, love is often only a dream; some dream in technicolour, others add sound effects. Jesus said, *“No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:13)*. Yes: Love is real, not just a fantasy. Without love in life, what would happen to our world? Jesus commands: *“Love one another” (Jn 15:12)*. His commandments are a prescription, the type of prescription we find in a cooking book of a Portuguese recipe which says, *“You cannot cook Chicken Biriani without rice.”* Rice is a prescription and a condition. Likewise, Jesus says that without love, the live ingredient, human life is hell.

We are called by Jesus to love others as God loves us. God’s love which is true, is different from a family love, for a relative tends to help primarily or only a blood relative. It is different from love between friends, for you can be kissed by a fool and fooled by a kiss. God’s love is different because it is giving unto death. The real love of God was made flesh and blood in Jesus. *“God’s love was revealed in our midst when he sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him” (1Jn 4:9)*.

We are urged to show to one another the kind of God’s love Jesus revealed, as members of a Christian community in our parish. We are all necessarily born into this parish community through baptism, as the first gentiles were admitted to the community of the faithful by St Peter (*Acts 10:47*). Since love is the fairest flower that blooms in the garden of God, it is obvious that love must be the soul of every Christian community. But what is obvious is often overlooked. A parish priest wrote to all his parishioners explaining that the annual cost of heating the church had risen to five thousand pounds. To overcome the problem of costs, the building was to be weather proofed, and he suggested that people dress more warmly. *“But”*, he continued, *“the best way the parishioners can help is to bring a friend to church with them; for body heat is still one freely available natural energy resource.”* The priest’s suggestion was an obvious one. But it is often easy, however, to overlook the obvious. Are we overlooking the obvious characteristic of our parish community which is *“LOVE”*?

To love one another is not a platitude but a prescription, not a counsel but a command. Jesus uses the word *“Love”* eight times in sixteen lines of his speech. Laying down of one’s life, will often mean a lot of little laying downs of our *selfishness* for the good of others. When we are selfish and refused to love, we build a wall around ourselves and condemn ourselves to a winter of loneliness and bitterness. But when we love and care, the wall falls, and we experience a springtime of joy and peace.

Let us allow the Holy Spirit which has been *“poured”* into us (*Acts 10:45*) to fan the flame of love into our heart.

SPREAD THE WORD