

## Important Notices

### Easing of the restriction main points 17th May.

There is greater emphasis on the importance of prevailing local conditions rather than national guidelines.

- ◆ Continue use of hand sanitiser to be maintained in church.
- ◆ Continue use of face covering or mask whilst in church.
- ◆ Cleansing of churches once a day except for frequent touch points.
- ◆ Outdoor communal singing is now allowed during worship, but only 6 indoors.

### Acts of Worship.

- ◆ Stewards required only for Sunday Mass, and then only if there may be over subscription.
- ◆ Track and trace methods to continue with QR or manual writing.
- ◆ The sign of peace remains suspended.
- ◆ **Holy Communion** only one kind. Communion on the tongue allowed, but those who wish to receive in that way should wait until the end of communion and hands should be sanitised.
- ◆ **Offertory Collection** can now be taken at it's proper time. Stewards will be holding the collection plates at the convenient places in the church.
- ◆ **Baptisms** - 30 people only
- ◆ **Confirmation** - capacity of the church.
- ◆ **FHC** - capacity of the church.
- ◆ **Marriages** - 30 people only.
- ◆ **Funerals** - 50 people only in our church.
- ◆ **Home visits** - Allowed but follow the guidelines.
- ◆ **Parish social activities** - may resume subject to latest government guidance.
- ◆ **Catechetical group/Youth/Prayer Groups** - permitted. No limit on number for under 18s. Over 18s limited to 30 only.

**Rosary Hour for Archdiocese:** This will take place on Sunday 30 May from 10am-11am. Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the 10am Mass at St Chad's Cathedral and then lead the rosary. Event hosted by the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Please continue to pray for our children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of the First Holy Communion.

### Dates of reception of the Sacraments 2021:

- 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.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Daniel Griffin, John Wright and Pio Tombe.  
**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:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

## Parish Notices

**St Osburg's Church's Appeal:** A Mother Church of Coventry Deanery is undergoing a very costly emergency works on the Gutters and are in need of your personal help in terms of donations. The guttering around the Church measures 450dt costing in excess of **£26K** to repair. Could you sponsor one foot, **1/2 or even a 1/4**? **1 foot of guttering = £57. 1/2 foot of guttering = £28.50. 1/4 foot guttering = £14.25.** Any amount you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelop and write "*St Osburg's appeal*" and hand it to your parish priest or a cheque directly payable to "St Osburg's Church."

**'Something Greater' – Thurs 8 July:** As part of the Diocesan Vision - Unfolding God's Plan, the Evangelisation subgroup would like to invite you to host 'Something Greater' which takes place on Thursday 8 July. This event will help parishes extend a hand of friendship to their local community. This online gathering will include a welcome, a short film and a personal invitation to come to church. To register to host Something Greater, follow the link and complete [the sign up form](#). Access to all the materials will be available by mid-June. The Bishops, in their recent letter, *The Day of the Lord*, encouraged us to think how we might begin to reach out to:

Those who have lost the habit of coming to church and who may be anxious about doing so.

Those who may not want to re-establish a pattern of Catholic worship – who may have seen a gap widen between the spiritual dimension of their lives and any communal expression of that spiritual quest.

The 'Covid curious' who may have encountered the Catholic Church for the first time during the pandemic.

We believe that Something Greater will play an initial part in welcoming people to our churches. More information on the Diocesan Vision - Unfolding God's Plan will be released in June.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 8 Ordinary Time Year B

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|-------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| <b>Sunday</b><br>23 May | <b>9:15am</b>  | Gilbert Nkwocha R.I.P   | <b>Pentecost</b><br><b>Sunday Yr. B</b>              |
|                         | <b>11:15am</b> | Katie McNamara R.I.P.<br><br>Ann Muya - Special Int. Birthday |  |
| Mon. 24                 | <b>9:15am</b>  |   | <b>Offline Mass</b>                                  |
| Wed. 26                 | <b>9:15am</b>  | Mick Breslin R.I.P  | <b>Public Mass</b>                                   |
| Thur. 27                | <b>9:15am</b>  | Pio T David R.I.P.  | <b>School children</b>                               |
| Friday 28               | <b>6:30pm</b>  | Joseph Donoghue R.I.P.  | <b>Public Mass</b>                                   |
| Sat. 29                 | <b>9:15am</b>  | Eileen McNamara R.I.P.  | <b>Public Mass</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>30 May | <b>9:15am</b>  | Daniel Ratan Chand and<br>Siboo R.I.P.                        | <b>Holy Trinity</b><br><b>Sunday</b><br><b>Yr. B</b> |
|                         | <b>11:15am</b> | Swarni – Special Intention                                    |  |

### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£320.05** Non Gift Aid: **£299.68**

Buy a Brick: **£20.00**

**“Buy a Brick”:** The Parish Community Hall Fundraising Committee, are relaunching this 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.**

**Open Heaven:** This is an invitation and encouragement for Christians across Coventry to a prayer-walk on every Street in Coventry. This means getting out physically and praying on the streets for the people and activities that take place there. It will be tracked and monitored via an easy-to-use App that can be accessed via Smart gadgets. The App will cover CV1-CV6 and will go live on Sunday 30 May, and Open Heaven will run through to June (1-30). Details are on: [www.openheavencoventry.org](http://www.openheavencoventry.org).

### 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.**

## Pentecost Sunday Year B

*Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Ps. 103; Gal 5:16-25; John 15:26-27;16:12-16*

### Receive the Spirit



An elderly gentleman passed his granddaughter's room one night and overheard her repeating the alphabet in an oddly reverent way. *“What on earth are you up to?”* he asked. *“I am saying my prayers,”* explained the little girl. *“But I cannot think of exactly the right words tonight, so, I am just saying all the letters. God will put them together for me because he knows what I am thinking.”* Christians who have similar childlike faith rejoice that though their lives may be in shambles, God will put them together. The God in whom they believe is not up in the sky but dwells within them as the Holy Spirit. They know that, as the Holy Spirit came on the nascent Church at Pentecost, so, he came on them also, though in a less spectacular way, at their baptism and confirmation, *“to lead them to complete truth”* (Jn 14:26). True believers are deeply aware of their utter dependence on the Spirit for *“no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit”* (1Cor 12:3), nor can they even pray without him.

But in the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. It was not so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received, but also the gift of ears of listening. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another. The earliest church was a complex and diverse community. Like today, they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh. Through it all, however, they centred their faith on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected, and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it complements the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture that oppress, demean, and diminish the women and men within it. In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on the faith of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the gospel. That is why Courage is one of the Holy Spirit's preeminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Let us pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the gospel of Christ in the marketplaces of our own day and age.