

Important Notices

Easing of the restriction main points from 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 its 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.

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 11:15am - St. Elizabeth's.

Saturday 10th July: Holy Communion at 9:15am – Good Shepherd

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.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Thomas Wallace and Kathleen Valentine.

Recently Departed: 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



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

Junior Youth Group (Year 1 - Year 4 only): Mr John Moran and the team for this group are ready to begin the youth programme in the parish. We are grateful to God that we have now been allowed to gather and help our young people. But before we start we would like to know who is interested to join. We shall be collecting this information within the next two weeks. John Moran or Ann Harkin (stewards) - will take note of those parents who have interest for their kids to join.

"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.

Important Talk on Climate.

"Putting Laudato Si into Practice" a talk by Dr Sam Ewell, author and Laudato Si activist, parishioner of St Patrick's, Dudley Road, Birmingham. Monday June 14th 7pm -8.30pm. Recently we marked the anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Caring for our Common Home" or "Laudato Si". We are all called to care for our common home, what determines the impact of our discipleship is our capacity to trust and to show fidelity to the promise of abundant life together (John 10:10) and the duty to care. This is an opportunity to reflect on how our following of Christ engages us with the current climate change crisis both as individuals and as members of a parish. Please email: actabhm@gmail.com to register your interest.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 11 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 13th June	9:15am	Paul Thapar-Special Intention	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B
	11:15am	People of the Parish	
Mon. 14th	9:15am		Virtual Mass
Wed. 16th	9:15am		Public Mass
Thur. 17th	9:15am		School Children
Friday 18th	6:30pm	Catherine White R.I.P.	Public Mass <i>Dedication of Cathedral</i>
Sat. 19th	8:00am	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	9:15am	Tom Cairns R.I.P	Public Mass
Sunday 20th June	9:15am	Catherine & Peter Ryan R.I.P. Micky Alton & Oscar Owen R.I.P.	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B
	11:15am	Pat Fallon R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £398.50 Non Gift Aid: £254.06

Pastoral Letter of the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

I will take a shoot and plant it myself...it will sprout branches and bear fruit.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am delighted to welcome you back to church, as the pandemic restrictions are easing, if you have recently returned. With all the hardships we have endured over the last year, we are learning to deepen our trust in God's loving care and to respond in ways that express our care for each other. Even though our church buildings haven't been fully open, the communal life of our Church has continued. I have seen wonderful work from so many people across the Archdiocese. People have continued to witness - stepping forward to support foodbanks, or to make PPE, helping to keep our churches open by becoming stewards or simply checking their neighbours' wellbeing. In such difficult times you have risen to the challenge, sacrificing your time and energy to serve others. We are now making a fresh beginning in a very different setting. Following Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we build-up the Body of Christ. The pandemic has focused our minds on our faith and on the role our churches play in society. We now have a fresh opportunity to make sure the Gospel is heard and seen through the example of our daily Christian lives. I invite you today to reflect on what we have learned about our faith during this time. For my part, I have very much missed being able to visit you in the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. At the same time, it has been a blessing to spend the whole liturgical year as part of the Cathedral community at St Chad's and to keep in touch through the live-streaming service. I wonder what you may have learned about yourself and your faith in the past year? What has fanned the flames of your faith? What will you do differently in future? The present moment offers an opportunity to focus on renewal here in our Archdiocese - being open to change. I want us to look at how we can each respond to God's call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and undertake the work of God..... **Continue next page**

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Ps. 91; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10; Mk. 4:26-34

Cont..... How are we to unfold God's plan for our Church? Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. Pope Francis has recently announced that every diocese will be asked to consult the People of God in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. That consultation is due to begin in October this year. Over the coming weeks, we want to begin a dialogue with you about how we fulfil our diocesan vision, and how each one of us can use the charisms given to us through baptism to play our part. To prepare the way for this dialogue I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

Evangelisation - Encouraging others to know God's love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ - inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

Formation - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support - helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

Liturgy and Worship - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

Social Outreach - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources, and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work. We have all had to review our plans because of the pandemic, and now I am inviting you to join me in looking with fresh eyes at our diocesan mission. Where is the mustard seed that the Lord is asking us to plant for him? Can it take root and flourish in one of these four areas of growth? These are the actions that I shall be taking: I will ensure that priests, deacons, Religious and parishioners are supported to work together, so that we can share responsibility for the mission of the Church and deepen our relationship with God. I will put the structures of the archdiocese at the service of our mission. This will begin with a re-arrangement of our deaneries, enabling us to begin a dialogue about how our parish structures can change so as to create or enhance vibrant parish communities. I will put young people and families at the centre of our diocesan planning. Working with and through our wonderful Catholic schools, we will listen to them and actively encourage and support them to use their talents in the life of the Church and thus build even stronger relationships between our schools and parishes. In two weeks', time some leaflets will be distributed at Mass, and you will be able to find a new dedicated space on our diocesan website about the vision, together with more details of the diocesan plan to deliver it. In July I will be inviting parishes to participate in a summer event, supported by the Archdiocese's Evangelisation group, to extend a hand of welcome to their local communities. Next year we will be supporting parishes with more training, resources, and events to help us in our mission to serve God and to enable the Church to grow - *like a mustard seed which...is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.* I will be praying about all that lies before us as we continue this pilgrimage of faith. I invite you to pray the vision prayer with me and to make a pledge: to pray for our Archdiocese, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us forward and to make our faith fruitful in good works. ***So let us pray together: Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen***