

Important Notices

Cautious Relaxation: In their latest guide, The Catholic bishops in England & Wales emphasize that what is important now after the easing of the lockdown, is the corporate endeavour of all involved in our church life to maintain the exemplary good practice that has been exhibited over the past 15 months in our churches whilst moving into a freer expression of our church life, worship and mission.

At St Elizabeth's, we shall cautiously relax only some parts of the restrictions and keep the essentials at all our services:

What is Kept? Masks/face covering, 1 metre +plus social distancing, one-way system movements, hands sanitising, and cleaning after Mass.

What is allowed? Communal singing with masks on, Bidding prayers, Kneeling, and Holy Communion back to normal times at Mass. Those without masks due to medical conditions are strongly encouraged to continue to sit at Lady Chapel. These will be reviewed regularly.

Arrival and Kneeling? You can choose where you want to sit inside the Church. But please mind about the social distancing, if you are not a bubble. Also when you are kneeling, please mind about a person in front of you, who not be kneeling.

Changes to Venue check-in regulation: Although it is not a legal requirement to ask the parishioners "Check-In" with their contact details to attend the church, you are strongly encouraged to keep providing your details or scan the **NHS QR code poster** at the church's entrance, so that we can maintain our "logbook" with attendees' contact details. By doing these, you are helping the NHS and the nation to fight the virus, and also alerting those who might have attended to church with you on same day or time about the virus. This can also give us security and peace of mind here in church.

Updates for 200 Club: Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. **Winners: No 25: £35, No 45: £25 & No 5: £10.** Parish **£70.** Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw is Sunday 29th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

Job Opportunity: Lunchtime Supervisor – Good Shepherd School. Closing date: Wednesday 1st September 2021. <https://romeromac.com/vacancy/lunchtime-supervisor-good-shepherd-catholic-primary-school/>

Pray for the Sick: Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Mary Kean, Mary Gallagher, Rohith De Silva, Mr/Mrs Peters, Julian and Martine. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Daniel Griffin, Brigid Lynch, Philomena M Davis, Mary T King, Margaret A Ashby, Brigid Brolly, and Christopher Douglas. **May they rest in eternal Peace.**

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



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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

New Parish Hall Project: Update.

The design team actions that came out of the meeting on July 21st, is listed below. The design team to confirm the Technical Design period is achievable with their resourcing. Key provisional dates as follows:

Date tenders will go out - 14/02/2022

Date contractor will be appointed - 02/05/2022

Date contractor will start - 30/05/2022

Date of practical completion - 19/12/2022

Revisit the cost plan – the design team will revisit the cost plan to review inflation and what the cost would be to make the building watertight in case we need to wait for further funding for the fitout.

Western Power - a new supply of power into the site commences ASP after the faculty approval by the Archdiocese (*Faculty is now displayed on our Notice Board outside for 28 days*).

Old Hall Demolition - Greenwoods to prepare the tender information, manage the process, and administrate the contract. Demolition could possibly take place before Advent 2021. The re-allocation of the crucifixion statues (Calvary) not included in the cost, so the parish must re-allocate them time from now.

Applying for more grants: Two applications for smaller grants have been submitted acknowledgement received, now awaiting final results.

One major funders - site visit meeting: On 6th August, Paul Playford who is representing **Allchurches Trust**, a potential co-funder for the project, will visit the site and meet with parish priest & other stakeholders before formal grant application.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 18 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 1st August

9:15am Violeta & Andria - (25th
Wedding anniversary)
11:15am Holy Souls

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B

Mon. 2nd **9:15am** Tracy Rodgers R.I.P.

Public Mass

Weds. 4th **9:15am** Tom Ward -Special Intention
Holy Souls

Public Mass
St. John Mary Vianney

Thur. 5th **9:15am** Holy Souls

Public Mass
Transfiguration

Friday 6th **6:30pm** Mrs. Margaret Ashby R.I.P.
Holy Souls

Public Mass

Sat. 7th **9:15am** Barry Leedham R.I.P.
Holy Souls

Public Mass

Sunday 8th August

9:15am People of the Parish
11:15am Holy Souls

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £382.00 Non Gift Aid: £171.39
New Parish Hall (Donation, fund box & buy a brick): £110.00

Buy a Brick: The leaflets are at the back of church with the stewards, please take and support the initiative. There are also parish fundraising boxes available to put in your change. Collect one please if possible.

Refurbishment of Parish Hall: Thank you to all those who were able to help the refurbishment of our old hall. Thanks to the Kenyan community through George & John, to Punjabi community through Chaman Nahar, and to the English/Irish/European community through Tony and John. We should be able to use it from next Sunday for tea & coffee after risk assessment this week.

Sponsor a Bicycle-Ride: Thank you very much to everyone. Those who were able to go on bike-ride, Bob, Junior, Rodel, and Fr Moses. those who remained to prepare the lovely BBQ in parish garden, and for all those who gave generously to support this fundraising event for the hall. Donations are still welcome, as you still have two more weeks to bring in what you pledged and those who didn't have opportunity, can bring their donation now.

St Elizabeth's Statue: The Statue of St Elizabeth of Hungary which was blessed last Sunday has now been placed Infront where St Joseph had been. That is going to be her place for now. St Joseph has been repositioned next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, in a Lady chapel. That is where he deserved to be.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; Ps. 77; Eph. 4:17,20-24-6; Jn.6:24-35



Food for the Journey!

We know from several sources that the ancient Greeks had a tradition of giving a meal to those who were about to set out on a journey. Before long, the gift of the meal extended to other gifts necessary for travel: clothes, food, and blankets. In Greece, this custom came to be called the *'ephodion'*. In Latin this was translated as *'viaticus'* meaning "of or pertaining to a road or journey." In Roman temple worship, there was a traditional belief that the final meal of a dying person gave them strength to cross over the River Styx from this side to the other.

Because Jesus left us the Eucharistic meal in his memory, one can see why the early Christians took up a similar idea in regard to communion and even used that same name: Viaticum. By 325, it was recommended that communion be given to the dying as "food for the journey." We still do today. In recent years this ancient phrase in relation to the eucharist has reappeared and become popular. Rather than exclusively refer to the last communion we might take in this life, however, "food for the journey" as used in the twenty-first century, has come to mean the life, the eucharist gives us to live out our faith each week. This entire tradition finds its roots in today's Gospel.

Following the feeding of the five thousand, the crowd thinks that when Jesus says he is the Bread of Life, he is simply referring to the source of their next meal. If this were true it could put a new spin on what some might mean when they use the term, "cafeteria Catholicism" The poor old crowds and the disciples in John's Gospel are always getting their wires crossed when they listen to Jesus. They rarely understand his deeper message.

Jesus, however, is referring to himself as the fulfilment of all appetites, where we will never be hungry or thirsty again. Appetites are important things. They demand regular attention. Physical appetites tell us that we need nourishment, hydration, exercise, or sleep. We have learned to read our body's signs and if we ignore them, we die. We also have emotional appetites, where we need affection, acceptance, love, and a listening ear. If we ignore these signs our mental health – something talked about regularly now days) – deteriorates and our quality of life is comprised. Jesus, however, also alerts us to our spiritual appetites. These are the needs we have for him, for meaning and purpose, for faith, hope, and love. If we ignore these appetites, we can be lost in regard to where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going.

As the sixth chapter of John's Gospel goes on, Jesus becomes clearer about the hunger and thirst he has come to fill. And as he does, the crowd's wires get uncrossed, and they're shocked. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is interested in us fulfilling our physical, emotional, and spiritual appetites in this world as a way of glimpsing the life to come in him, where all our hungers and thirsts will be fulfilled.

