

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. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw is Sunday 29th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

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: William H Malone, William P McBride, Anne Maher, Malachy O'Leary, Thomas Brady, John Martin McEneaney (Sean), and Margaret Walsh. **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. 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

New Parish Hall Project: Update.

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

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.

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

Site visit & meeting: Paul Playford - representing **Allchurches Trust**, a potential co-funder for the project, visited our parish yesterday and had a fruitful meeting with some members of New Parish Hall committee. Paul was very happy with the hospitality and a warm welcome by the members of the parish. He went satisfied with the information given to him concerning the NPH project. The parish was represented by Tony Ashby—chair of parish Finance committee, Nathan—a member of Finance and NPH committee, Ann Harkin—Chair of Governor for our parish schools, and Fr Moses. Thank you for representing the parish excellently. Please continue to pray that we get a fruitful result.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 19 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 8th August	9:15am People of the Parish	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B
	11:15am Holy Souls	
Mon. 9th	9:15am Hellen Sweeney R.I.P. Holy Souls	St. Theresa Benedicta
Weds. 11th	9:15am Holy Souls	St. Clare
Thur. 12th	9:15am Angela – Special Intention Holy Souls	Public Mass
Friday 13th	6:30pm Daniel Harten - Sick Sp. Int. Holy Souls	
Sat. 14th	9:15am John Edward Alexander R.I.P. Holy Souls	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Sunday 15th August	9:15am Holy Souls	Solemnity of the Assumption of the B.V.M
	11:15am Mary Pickineton R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £363.50 Non Gift Aid: £379.43

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.

Old parish hall: The risk assessment has been done and the hall is now open for our common use after each Mass on Sunday for tea & coffee. Please remember all Covid-19 regulations as used in Church are operational in the hall too: Wearing mask when you one is not eating or drinking or taking tea/coffee, and sanitising your hands.

Sponsor a Bicycle-Ride: Thank you very much to everyone. Especially those who went on bike-ride last Saturday: Bob, Junior, Rodel, and Fr Moses. To those who prepared for us a lovely BBQ in parish garden, those who supported us with prayers, and for all those who gave generously to support this fundraising event for our new hall. The amount raised is already approaching a thousand pounds, but we hope to get even more with donations still coming. There will be a second collection taken today at all Masses for our New Hall. Thank you very much for your support. **Fr Moses**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps. 33; Eph. 4:30-5:2; Jn.6:41-51

As Christ Loved Us



In 1960 a religious persecution broke out in Sudan. A Christian black student named Paride Taban fled the danger and went to Uganda. While in Uganda, he studied for the priesthood and was ordained. When things settled down in Sudan, young Fr Taban returned to his homeland. He was assigned to a parish in Palotaka, Eastern Equatoria Region of Southern Sudan. He was among the first native priests, and his people found it hard to believe that he is a priest, since they were only used to see Western Missionaries, who gave them clothes and medicine. Fr Taban had no material things to give them since he himself was poor like them. To make the matter worse, Fr Taban had to introduce them to the changes of the Second Vatican Council. These changes bothered the people greatly. They said, "This young man turns our altar around and celebrates a Mass in our own language. He cannot be a priest." Only after a long time, they did accept Fr Taban.

Fr Taban's situation followed that of Jesus when Jesus said that he was from heaven and gives himself as the Bread of Life. People were scandalised and thought that Jesus's assertions were heretical, blasphemous, false and lies. These people had seen him growing as the son of Joseph and Mary and knew him as a man with an ordinary earthly origin as his parents are not from heaven. But their conclusion was based on a superficial knowledge of his life and closed their minds to truth and their hearts to God. Jesus didn't withdraw from them, but rather chose to stay, teach, and offer them his own life.

How often we ourselves have experienced similar rejection based on conjecture! How often we have been the subject of debate and have not been given the opportunity to defend ourselves! How often people have preferred speculation about us than truth and murmured with the crowd! How often our good efforts have met with adversity, bringing our integrity to question, with the result that we have found holding on to our inner convictions with confidence and enthusiasm becoming increasingly difficult! I am sure most people have had such afflictions to bear in their lives and wanted to cry to the heavens as Elijah did, "This is enough, O Lord! Take my life" (1Kg19:4). But such afflictions could only become easier if one accepts the life Jesus offers in the eucharist. He calls himself "*the Bread of Life*" (Jn 6:48). The bread Jesus offers is the bread that gives life.

To obtain the life of Jesus from the bread he gives, one must first believe in his word that he himself is in the bread. This is the belief of the Church which she has never changed. The Church can never explain it how. A little boy asked the electrician: "*What exactly is electricity?*" The electrician said: "*I really do not know, son. But I can make it give you light.*"

If we believe in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we will receive his life and that life will provided us the strength needed to sustain our life's trials. We will be able to get rid of our bitterness, anger, harsh words, slander, malice etc. and follow the way of Christ.