

## Important Notices

**Proximity:** On **Saturday 2nd October 2021**, Hosted in **St. Mary's College, Oscott**, the diocesan seminary, the day involves: an exploration of the life of Blessed Carlo, led by Mgr. Mark Crisp, Mass with the seminary community, testimonies from those for whom altar serving has been part of their vocational journey, age-appropriate workshops for junior, senior and adult servers, concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other Alter servers from across the Archdiocese.

**National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen:** Archbishop **Bernard Longley** will be principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass, on **Saturday 25 September 2021 at 12noon**, at the parish of Ss. Mary & John, Wolverhampton. After Mass, there will be refreshments in parish centre. It is completely **FREE** to attend only booking at [www.vocations.org.uk/guild-national](http://www.vocations.org.uk/guild-national)



**Young Christian Climate Network – YCCN:** Pilgrims from The Young Christian Climate Network YCCN are walking 750 miles, in relays, from St Ives in Cornwall to Glasgow, arriving in November for the meeting of World Leaders at the G7 Climate Change Conference. The Walk is being sponsored by the Passionists, a Religious Order. Along the route they will be joined by local walkers and they will draw attention to the climate crisis. They are stopping at 10 cities and will be in the Birmingham District for 10 days. They will walk from Leamington to Coventry on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August, arriving in Coventry Cathedral Ruins at 5pm. At 5pm they will be welcomed into the Cathedral Ruins by Rev Su McClellan and local campaigners for a short act of worship. They have been offered overnight hospitality by the Salvation Army and meals will be provided by parishioners of St Thomas More RC church. This is a great opportunity for everyone in Coventry, for churches, youth groups, and people of all ages to walk, meet the walkers, discuss climate issues and learn how we can make a difference to save our planet. You are invited to gather at in the Cathedral Ruins at 4.45pm, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August to welcome them into Coventry, & if you wish, to join in the short liturgy at 5p.m. to wave them off from the Salvation Army at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday morning. To join them, for any distance, walking from Leamington to Coventry on Sat 21st or from Coventry to Solihull on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, or Solihull to Birmingham on Mon 23rd. To do this sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvLgNaBBq8tHS1sqf66MKH0SP1m2mts7aEYnFSt6nQifDoQA/viewform> and this will ensure that you are insured. To see the full route <https://www.yccn.uk>  
**Coventry Contacts:** Paschal Somers - 07403 625292 - [passionistworker@gmail.com](mailto:passionistworker@gmail.com) or Kris Pears – 07478 444002 – [kris.pears@me.com](mailto:kris.pears@me.com).

**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:** Thomas Carthey, Anthony Ferron, William J Kenny, Ellen Sullivan, James P Darreth, Jim Darragh and Martin Joseph Hastings. **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](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

### 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**

**Old Hall Demolition** - Earmarked to possibly take place before Advent 2021.

**Applying for more grants:** Application has been submitted to **Allchurches Trust** following their visit to the parish two weeks ago. Still waiting for their reply.

**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.**

**City of Culture:** As you know, Coventry is the City of Culture for this year. There is a "Faith Weekend" from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Details of these events will be soon available. Part of the weekend will be asking churches to remain open for visitors under the banner of "Open Doors". The Diocese asked that on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, our Catholic churches in Coventry could remain open for visitors from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 21 Ordinary Time Year B

<b>Sunday 22nd August</b>	<b>9:15am</b> Holy Souls	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b> Emmanuel Jabbar Sahabo RIP Immaculate & Moses Family- Thanksgiving	
Mon. 23rd	<b>9:15am</b> Lena, George & John Harkin RIP Holy Souls	<b>St. John Wall</b>
Weds. 25th	<b>9:15am</b> Theresa Walker Holy Souls	
Thur. 26th	<b>9:15am</b> Stafford Family-Sp.Int. Holy Souls	<b>Dominic Barberi</b>
Friday 27th	<b>10:45am</b> <b>Anthony Paul Walsh R.I.P</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b> Holy Souls	<b>St. Monica</b>
Sat. 28th	<b>9:15am</b> Holy Souls	<b>St. Augustine</b>
<b>Sunday 29th August</b>	<b>9:15am</b> James Darragh R.I.P Holy Souls	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b> Paddy & John McNamara R.I.P Holy Souls	

### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£317.00** Non Gift Aid: **£312.56**

**Sad News: Anthony Paul Walsh R.I.P.** Tony died suddenly but peacefully two weeks ago. He came to 9:15am Mass every Sunday before his untimely death. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved family especially Anne, his dear wife.

**Buy a Brick:** The leaflets are available in church, please take and support the initiative. There are also parish fundraising boxes available. Collect one please if possible.

**Old parish 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: Social distancing, Wearing of masks and use of hand sanitiser etc.

**Sponsor a Bicycle-Ride:** Thank you very much to everyone. The amount raised is now **£1233.96** Thank you very much. **Fr Moses**

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: **Joshua 24:1-2;15-18; Ps. 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69**

### Bread of Life

It's sometimes said that the advertisements in between television programmes are often entertaining than the actual programmes themselves. The adverts can awaken our interest, captures our imagination, or tug at our emotions. Some of the most memorable ones are those clever enough to make us laugh.

Years ago, an advert appeared on screen for a small, stylish city car. It took an unusual angle by leading the viewer to think one thing and then have to realise another. Several images were played out in sequence. One showed a seasoned fisherman going out to sea on a trawler. He then held up a sign that said, "I feel seasick." The next image showed a tough looking bouncer standing menacingly outside nightclub. He then held up a sign saying "sensitive." A third image showed a baby fastened in the back seat of a car scribbling on a notepad. The notepad was then reversed to reveal a line of complex mathematical equations. Finally, the advert moved to a picture of the car being marketed. Underneath was the caption: "Sometimes what you see isn't all you get." The point being that just as there was much more to each of the three images than could be seen at first glance, so there was much more to the car being advertised than might at first have been thought.

Writing to the Church at Ephesus, St Paul urged the first Christians to focus on the deeper meaning of their discipleship. They were to be careful about the kinds of lives they were leading. They shouldn't be known for superficial or thoughtless qualities. In word and deed, they should convey a deeper sense of God's Spirit. They ought to be people of profound thankfulness, such that their gratitude might overflow into praise and worship of the Father. Like an advertisement for the gospel, people should be able to look at them and see something more, see something of Christ's own life. This same sentiment is echoed in the book of Proverbs. Exterior foolishness is to be left behind, so that the truly wise person will be seen as the one who walks closely with God along the path of understanding. Both the first and second readings invite us to look beyond first impressions, to search deeper into the inner significance of our lives of faith.

Over the past few Sundays, we have heard Jesus describing himself as the bread that gives life to the world. Today's gospel follows directly from this and, again, Jesus is the living bread that has come down from heaven. Jesus' proclamation that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life is like an advertisement for every Mass. It would be impossible to hear Jesus' took the bread, blessed, and shared it with them. Since that event, the Eucharist has been the place for us to taste and see that the Lord is good. In words attributed to St Thomas Aquinas, the Eucharist is God with us here in hiding. It's an encounter where our senses – our seeing, touching, and tasting. For the bread we eat is no mere bread, and the wine we drink is no mere wine – it has a deeper meaning. This is the real nourishment of Christ's body and blood, the source of everlasting life. The Eucharist is the reminder of Christ crucified and risen, the living bread where God is revealed as food and drink for life, as food and drink for love.

