

Important 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 - Advent 2021.

St Finbarr's are going to be supporting **Carriers of Hope Coventry** with the supporting of refugees in our city. Below is a list of items we'll be collecting on *Monday 30th August at Finbarr's between 11am-2pm* if you have anything to donate, we'd love to see you. Baby equipment - especially pushchairs. Kitchen essentials - pots, pans, utensils. Clocks. Nappies and wipes. Toilet rolls. Small electrical items - kettles, toasters, microwaves. Rugs. Food. Toiletries. Suitcases/ Holdalls. Clothes (but not suits, shirts ties. Only new underwear and socks). Cheques can be made payable to Carriers of Hope. Or you can donate online to the link below. If you would like any other information on clothing or furniture donations, volunteering or fundraising then let us know. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17316#!/DonationDetails>.

Season of Creation: The Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission invite all our Catholic family - parishes, schools, communities, and individuals to join in prayer to mark the Season of Creation, 1 September to 4 October. It is especially important this year given two forthcoming United Nations Conferences of great importance. COP15 on Biodiversity will take place in China in October, and COP26 on Climate Change in Glasgow in November. Lots of resources are now available to help you start planning on the diocesan website

CAFOD Faith in Action Day 2021: All welcome to join online on Saturday 11 September 11am – 4pm. A day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home.

Tuesday 31st August: Tea and Chatt in the Parish Centre from 2-4pm.

Saturday 4th September: Punjabi Rosary Community Mass at 6:00pm.

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



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

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.**

The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. As parishes move forward and begin to embrace the Diocesan Vision, we all are invited to pray the Diocesan Vision Prayer daily with Archbishop Bernard. How can you be part of the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan?

Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

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**

Written by the Liturgy and Worship group.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 22 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 29th August	9:15am	James Darragh R.I.P Holy Souls	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am	Paddy & John McNamara R.I.P Holy Souls	
Mon. 30th	9:15am	Holy Souls	
Weds. 1st Sept.	9:15am	Oscar Owen R.I.P. Pat McEneaney R.I.P.	
Thur. 2nd	9:15am		
Friday 3rd	6:30pm		St. Gregory the Great
Sat. 4th	9:15am	Mary — Special Intention	
Sunday 5th September	9:15am	The Ashby Family Past and Present-Special Intentions	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am	Samuel Ndun'gu - Birthday Int.	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £358. Non Gift Aid: £323.96

NPH Box Fund: £10.56

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.

Supporting your parish: You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic. Parishes still greatly need your support, even more so without their weekly congregations and visitors. We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so. You can donate via standing order or single donation.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Deut. 4:1-2,6-8; Ps. 14; James 1:17-18,21-22, 27; Mark. 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Charity of Hearts

One editor of a small-town paper who became irritated with the number of complaints following one of his editorials, decided to run the Ten Commandments in the place of his next editorial. A few days later a letter arrived reading, **“Cancel my subscription. You are getting too personal.”** It is amazing that in every area of life people expect rules and regulations except in religion. And yet God says, **“Israel, hear the statutes and decrees I am teaching you to observe, that you may live” (Deut. 4:1).** God did not give us Ten suggestions. He gave us Ten Commandments. We can go on breaking them, but we can never get rid of them, for they are written in our consciences. If we disobey them, the disaster will be greater than neglecting the rules of the Highway Code when riding a bicycle. Laws of God are good and necessary, for they are the expressions of God’s loving concern and constant presence.

God’s laws are supposed to bring our hearts closer to God and to his people in love. Otherwise, the laws will become only obstacles even to justice and decency in human relationships. Hence, where are our hearts and what is in them? As the external observance of God’s commandments without charity in our hearts, can become obstacles on our journey towards God, so the performance of religious rituals without charity for its motive, can become an obstruction to holiness. We must not minimise the profound value found in the rituals we perform in Sunday worship. We can even dare say that the truth of religion is in the rituals as the truth of dogma is in poetry. Rituals make religion permeate every action of the day. But in trying to do this we must not allow religion to degenerate into our activity of performance. This is what angered Jesus against the Pharisees. He laughed at them saying, **“Empty is the reverence they show me” (Mk 7:7).** **It is said of a Muslim who pursued an enemy to kill him. In the midst of the chase, the public call to prayer sounded; instantly, the Muslim got off his horse, unrolled his prayer mat, knelt down, and prayed the required prayers as fast as he could. Then he leaped back on his horse and continued his pursuit.** It was precisely this kind of legalism that Jesus opposes in us today.

We need to guard against identifying religion with performing external acts. Going to church, saying prayers, reading the Bible and giving to charity, do not in themselves guarantee holiness, if we do all these in an unloving way. **“He means well”** is more important than **“He does well.”** What counts is not so much what we do as why we do it. If my heart is filled with bitterness and pride, even my best external act will not make me holy before God. Hence, we must often examine: Does our observance of laws and performing of rituals spring from loving gratitude to God, bring us to greater intimacy with Jesus, make us love him and our neighbour, help us to practice corporal works of mercy such as, **“looking after orphans in their distress”**, and **“keep ourselves unspotted by the world which alone make for pure worship?” (James 1:27).** Yes. It is our hearts that Jesus is concerned about. The holiest ritual is to cleanse one’s heart in the company of saints. So, long as religion is only outward form and religious rituals are not experienced in our hearts, nothing of any importance has happened. Hence, it would be good if we at times stand before the Lord just with a broken heart.