

Important Notices

New Parish Hall Project: 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.

Become a Catholic (RCIA): The Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Birmingham welcome all people to come and visit or worship with us. You needn't be a baptised Catholic to walk through the doors of our Church or to stay and pray during Mass. We are very happy that you have come to visit us. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, then speak to the parish priest or the Nuns. There is a period of instruction prior to being received into the Church that people go through so that they may better understand Catholic beliefs and why we do the things that we do. This is called the Rite of Christian Initiation or commonly known as RCIA. This is offered to small groups in some parishes or may be delivered on a one-to-one basis. Registration is ongoing now. If you are already a Catholic but have been away for the Church for any amount of time, please know that you are most welcome to return. You may wish to speak to your parish priest about Confession. Be assured that it is always a great source of joy when someone returns to the Church after being away from the faith

Life in the Spirit course 22nd. September: The Charismatic Diocesan Renewal group would like to invite everyone to an online series of Life in the Spirit. A talented group of musicians and speakers will guide participants through the seminar series, which starts on Wednesday 22 September at 7.30pm. Please you are most welcome to join. This is part of the journey towards the Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan. Sign up from <http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>.

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.

Climate Action Meeting: 16th September 7-9pm (online via Zoom): Join us in combatting climate change. We have great strength and passion in our network, and we want to ask you to help us find ways to address the climate emergency together and to respond to Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion. The Archdiocese is increasing its conversion to green energy and has committed to ethical investment. Parishes and schools have taken part in CAFOD Live Simply Awards. Climate Action Meeting/ (birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

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: Karoline Edwards, Hilda Hanlon. **May they rest in eternal Peace.**

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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 Alysya 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. **Winners: No 49: £35, No 43: £25 & No 12: £10.** Parish £70. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw is Sunday 26th 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 are all 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 23 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 5th September	9:15am	Ashby Family Past and Present Sp. Intentions	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am	Samuel Ndun'gu - Birthday Consolata Mary Mugure - Sp.Int.	
Mon. 6th	9:15am	Mary McCarthy R.I.P.	
Weds. 8th	9:15am	Mary Atterbury R.I.P.	The Nativity of the B.V.M
Thur. 9th	9:15am	Holy Souls	
Friday 10th	6:30pm		
Sat. 11th	9:15am	Michael Breslin R.I.P.	
Sunday 12th September	9:15am	People of the Parish	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am	John Coen R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £326.00. Non Gift Aid: £297.40

NPH (Donation 50; Bike 30): £80.00

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.

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.

'Remember a Charity Week'

The dedicated week (**6 – 12 Sept**) raises the profile of charitable gifts in Wills and leaving a legacy. The Archdiocese has recently relaunched its legacy programme and associated materials, and these are now available online [Legacy.l\(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Legacy.l(birminghamdiocese.org.uk)). Free hard copies are also available at the back or inside the Church. (Legacy will, however, continue beyond September 12).

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; Ps. 145; James 2:1-5; Mark. 7:31-37

God of the Oppressed

The Greek Philosopher Cicero said that a tear dries quickly, especially when it is shed for the troubles of others. He was talking about compassion. Compassion is the root of religion as pride is the root of sin. We may dismiss compassion from our hearts, but God never will. In fact, the compassion we see in the kind-hearted is God's own compassion. He has given it to us to protect the oppressed for he himself is the God of the oppressed. Addressing his chosen people who were suffering from their exile, he said: *"Fear not; your Saviour will come; at his coming, the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleansed, and the lame will leap like a stag"* (Is. 35:4). The Saviour, Jesus Christ did come. He showed great concern for all those oppressed by poverty, infirmity, sickness, injustice, discrimination and many other kinds of hardships. The cries of the oppressed have not yet ceased even after the coming of the Saviour into our world. Millions are oppressed by injustices of others, the injustices that result from an increase of selfishness and exaggerated nationalism, the injustice that results from a propensity to dominate others beyond the limits of one's legitimate rights and merits, and from a propensity to exploit the whole material progress and the technology of production for the exclusive purpose of dominating others. Many, in most societies, are oppressed by discrimination and discrimination is a way of acting that affects minority people's lives and life chances. People suffer from prejudices of others.

In the face of such an appalling spectacle of the oppressed, underprivileged, and disadvantaged, how can we remain silent and indifferent? If the rejection of others is not my sorrow too, if the anguish of my neighbour in all its forms touches me not, if the lack of hope of my brothers and sisters does not torment me, how can I call myself the child of God who is the Lord of the oppressed? We can't close our eyes in blindness to the hunger of people around the plight of victims struck by artificial disasters and the injustices done to immigrants and refugees. We can't turn a deaf ear to the cries of frustration from people victimised because of their colour, to the cries of loneliness from the so called 'untouchable', or to the cries of hurt from people we have injured by our own acts of violence to human rights and dignity. We can't keep our tongue silent when we should speak boldly in defence of the discriminated, of fairness of sharing the goods of the world with the poor.

Therefore, our Lord asks us for a change of heart towards the oppressed. On our own, no real change is possible, but if we allow the Lord to touch us, even hearts of stone will melt into heart of flesh. By his touch, he can open our eyes, unplug our ears and loosen our tongues. When the Lord touches us, not only we are changed, but he enables us to touch others and lift them from their miseries. Indeed, the Lord asks for our hands so that he might use them to wipe away the tears of the sorrowing; for our mouths to speak out against racial discrimination; our eyes to see the plight of the poverty-stricken people and our life itself so that he might work through us.