

## Important Notices

### Diocesan Second Collections in September & October 2021

**Sunday 19th September (Home Mission Day):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses for the work of Catholic Evangelisation.

**Sunday 26th September:** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses for the work of Fr Hudson' Society.

**Sunday 3rd October (CAFOD Harvest FAST):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses for the CAFOD.

**Sunday 24th October (World Mission. APF):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses for APF.

**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 or may be delivered on a one-to-one basis. Registration is ongoing now. If you are already a Catholic but have been away from the Church for any amount of time, please know that you are most welcome to return. You may wish to speak to your priest about Confession. Be assured that it is always a great source of joy when someone returns to the Church after being away.

**Life in the Spirit course 22nd. September:** The Charismatic Diocesan Renewal group would like to invite you to an online series of Life in the Spirit, through the seminar series, which starts on Wednesday 22 September at 7.30pm. This is part of the journey towards the Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan. Sign up from <http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

**Climate Action Meeting:** 16th September 7-9pm (online via Zoom): Join us in combatting climate change. 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](http://www.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:** Bridget Judge, Siboo Devi, Mary T Mills, John O'Reilly, Thomas Reilly & Maurice J McGivern. **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 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. 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. Here below or on special prayer card available in the church.

### 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 24 Ordinary Time Year B

<b>Sunday 12th September</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Fr Jimmy Lutwama AJ - Sp Int	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Parish Youth-Special Intention Mary Melanson R.I.P.	
Mon. 13th	<b>9:15am</b>	Lena, George, and John Harkin R.I.P.	St. John Chrysostom
Weds. 15th	<b>9:15am</b>	Jerry Dunne R.I.P.	Our Lady of
Thur. 16th	<b>9:15am</b>	Trevor and Pat Stronach-	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian
Friday 17th	<b>6:30pm</b>	Holy Souls	
Sat. 18th	<b>9:15am</b>		
<b>Sunday 19th September</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Eucharistic Ministers - Sp. Int.	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	

## Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £488.00. Non Gift Aid: £201.01

Buy a Brick: £24.00. NPH Fund Box: £38.03

Total raised for Bike-Ride: £1273.96. Thank You.

**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 \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Legacy.(birminghamdiocese.org.uk)). Free hard copies are also available at the back or inside the Church. (Legacy will, however, continue beyond September 12).

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; Ps. 114; James 2:14-18; Mark. 8:27-35

### Christian's Identity

At the very end of Peter Weir's film about World War 1, Gallipoli, Frank Dunne (played by Mel Gibson) is racing back to a frontline trench with the news that the attack has been called off. Meanwhile, Major Barton is commanded to "order the men over." In doing so he is sending them to certain death. In the sense that follow each man prepares for his final moment on earth. Some write notes to their families, some weep at the futility of the entire exercise, some have a cigarette, and one recites the twenty-third Psalm, other on rosary. Just as they prepare to attack, Barton offers these words of encouragement: "**All right, men, we are going. I want you all to remember who you are, you are from the Tenth Light horse Brigade. Don't forget it! Good luck.**" Knowing who we are gives us dignity. Being called by name presumes intimacy.

In the Hebrew scriptures, knowing and using another's name was to have power over them. This is one of the reasons why God's name is never spoken by Israel. No one has power over God. In the Christian scriptures, however, names are readily and generously used. We are invited to call God by name and Jesus assures and shows us that God knows each of us by name and we are all invited to use the family name. The days of distance are over. In Mark's gospel, especially, the moment when Peter names who Jesus is, the entire story changes. Everything in the gospel so far has been preparing for this moment. Until now only the evil spirits know who Jesus really is and they have been ordered to remain silent.

Now Peter names that Jesus is the anointed one, for whom Israel has longed and hoped. Everything that follows in the gospel is a consequence of this revelation. Peter's confession of faith in and about Jesus is instructive about the God in whom we believe. Jesus does not seem worried about naming rights and religious conventions. His power does not come from his secrecy, but from his generosity of heart, his authoritative teaching, and his intimacy with those around him. People felt known and loved by him. This is the face and name of our God. Not some remote being aloof from our day-to-day struggles, but one who is with us at every step of our life. Old habits die hard, however, and Peter wants his Messiah to be powerful and strong in standing up to the authorities in Jerusalem. Jesus knows that the real love and intimacy of God is not found in acts of might and domination, but in the extraordinary love of the cross. And all of us who are called by his name are challenged to do likewise and lose ourselves in being generous of heart, authoritative in the stand we take on matters of conscience and truth, and intimate with those around us.

The soldiers at Gallipoli in World War 1, were slaughtered, but they died knowing who they were. May we never have to suffer the same agony or folly as they did. But may the way we live out the suffering and pain of our own life demonstrate the dignity of knowing that there is meaning and hope even in our darkest hours and that God is with us even through the valley of death.

