

## Important Notices

### Diocesan Second Collections: October—December 2021

**Sunday 24th October (World Mission. APF):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses 24 Oct. 2021 for APF. **Bob** who is responsible for the Red Boxes will say a word after each Mass.

**Sunday 7th November (Johnson Association):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses on 7th Nov. 2021 the Johnson Association .

**Sunday 21st November (Catholic Youth Services):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses on 21st Nov. 2021 for Catholic Youth Services.

**Sunday 5th December (Poor Parishes Fund):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses on 5th Nov 2021 for Poor Parishes Fund.

**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 31st after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

**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.

**The Synod 2021 - 2023:** Pope Francis will formally open the Synod in Rome this weekend (9/10 October) with dioceses across the world following the weekend after (16/17 October). A Mass to mark the Opening of the Synodal Pathway in the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 17 October, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. All are welcome to join via the Cathedral live stream. His Grace will also be releasing a Pastoral Letter to mark the occasion and will use this opportunity to combine the work of the Synod with our work on the Diocesan Vision. The overall theme is 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

**Right to Life: Call for Stories:** Our friends at Right to Life are encouraging their supporters to submit compelling personal stories of the powerful benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, and of the dangers of assisted suicide. These will then be shared with peers as they consider the Bill this month. Any story, no matter how big or small it might seem, could be critical to the fight against assisted suicide in the Lord. These experiences will be very helpful to shaping the views of peers on this bill and convincing them to reject this extreme and dangerous proposal. You can submit your story here [:https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory](https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory).

**Pray for the Sick:** Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Mary Kean, Mary Gallagher, Rohith De Silva, Mr/Mrs Peters, Zygmunt Zielinski, Julian and Martine. **Get Well Soon.**

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Mary Howard, Margret McEneaney, Michael Fitzgerald, Michael Armstrong, Claire Collins, Patricia O'Sullivan, Sean McBride, John G McCarthy and Bridget Ormsby . **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)



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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

### Youth Ministry at St Elizabeth's Parish.

We are officially re-launching our parish youth ministry Next Sunday at 11:15am Mass after 2 years pause due to Covid 19. We are pleased to invite you all to join us at this Mass with young people. It is a Mission Sunday. We are all called to be missionaries in all aspects of our Christian living.

### World Mission Sunday, 24 October:

On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: **'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20)**. In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: *'Once we experience the power of God's love, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus' relationship with his disciples and his humanity shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns.'* All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and young churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity.

**St Elizabeth's Family Games Night:** On Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm in parish hall. Ten Games to include: Mini Skittles, Floor & Wall Quoits, Target golf, quiz, and many others. Teams of 4 adults £2, Children £1. Fundraise for New Hall. Tea and Coffee will be served free. Please bring your own wine or any other drinks. Come and enjoy our last social night

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 29 Ordinary Time Year B

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| <b>Sunday<br/>17th<br/>October</b> | <b>9:15am</b>  | Paula Kennedy R.I.P.<br>Mary Stent R.I.P.                  | <b>29th Sunday<br/>in Ordinary<br/>Time Year B</b> |
|                                    | <b>11:15am</b> | Joan & Tony Doyle R.I.P.<br>Tracy Miller R.I.P.            |  |
| Mon. 18th                          | <b>9:15am</b>  | Philip Gilheaney R.I.P.                                    | St. Luke   |
| Weds. 20th                         | <b>9:15am</b>  | Zygmunt Zielinski-Sick                                     |  |
| Thur. 21st                         | <b>9:15am</b>  | Kamlesh Thaper R.I.P.                                      |  |
| Friday 22nd                        | <b>6:30pm</b>  |  |  |
| Sat. 23rd                          | <b>9:15am</b>  | Mervyn Haywood R.I.P.                                      |  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>24th<br/>October</b> | <b>9:15am</b>  | Oscar Owen R.I.P.  |  |
|                                    | <b>11:15am</b> | Antonio Caldeira, Ronnie D<br>Mello & Colmen Fernandes RIP | <b>30th Sunday<br/>in Ordinary<br/>Time Year B</b> |

### Weekly Offertory and Donations.

*Gift Aid Scheme: £456. Non Gift Aid: £292  
New Parish Hall (Donation): £85; Punjabi Rosary Group £1000;  
BaldavThapar & Family £1000; AllChurches Trust Ltd Grant  
£16000; Buy a Brick £10 and Fund Box £33.56.*

**MacMillan Nurses:** *The retiring collection at Mass on Sunday October 10th 2021 raised a magnificent £400 for support MacMillan Nurses cancer care as part of their "World's Biggest Coffee Morning". Heartfelt thanks to all our generous Parishioners.*

**Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Bernard.** *The Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve.* Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The sudden onset of the pandemic in the early spring of last year and the impact it has made over the past eighteen months on every aspect of our life, here and cross the world, have confronted us as never before in our lifetimes with the phenomenon of change. The Church, its day-to-day life and its ministry have not been spared the change which has transformed wider society. Yet the Church, in the way it has risen to the multiple challenges the pandemic has brought, has also become an agent of change. In adapting speedily to the new circumstances, parish communities have been busy developing fresh approaches to keep adjusted their mission on track. We can be proud of the way that parishioners have, keeping our churches open so that priests and people could remain focused on parochial ministry. With our recent experience of change and readjustment across the Archdiocese, and with an eye to what is happening across the world, I am inviting you to consider changes that are imminent across the whole Catholic Church. In mid-July I wrote to welcome-back to Church those whom the pandemic had made cautious about attending Mass in person. I took the opportunity of alerting you to ways in which I hoped the drafting of a diocesan mission statement and the setting of four practical pastoral priorities would make the renewal of our parish life and the apostolic outreach of the Archdiocese more focused and effective .....>continue

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

.....> My last Pastoral Letter introduced you to the idea of a diocesan plan, indicating how it will get off the ground. I set out the four priorities of Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and Worship and Social Outreach, emphasising families and young people and the call to serve in a co-responsible manner. I invited you to participate actively in making this a reality, and to dream about how the parish community you know, and love might work and witness today. The **synodal pathway** is a call to discern what it means to be the Church – how we live and minister today. This begins with listening - listening to the faithful in our parishes, to those who exercise a ministry or fulfil some role in the day-to-day running of the parish, to those who attend Mass and support the parish's work and to people in wider society – often fellow Christians of other denominations or families whose children attend our Catholic schools and who live in our locality. Our priests are invited to listen to their flock. We must allow the word of God and the teaching of the Church to influence and shape what we say. We must all pray, listen to the Holy Spirit and discern. The Spirit is the ultimate arbiter of any dreams, proposals or plans.

**Pope Francis** has acknowledged the need for change in the way that the Church lives and undertakes its mission. He has a vision for the universal Church of tomorrow. He wants us all to dream. The Second Vatican Council defined the Church as the pilgrim people of God, a community on a journey, and now the Holy Father has asked us to embrace the **synodal pathway** so that, travelling together as the priestly people of God, we can make that dream come true. We can all respond to the Holy Father's invitation, secure in the knowledge that whatever shape it takes or whatever new profile emerges, the Lord "will be with you all days, even to the close of the age" [Mt. 28, 20]. What is novel, indeed startling, in the Pope's invitation is that he is speaking to the whole Church, to every baptized person and even to people whose lives have been as yet untouched by Christian faith. In order to help all the baptized, lay men and women, consecrated Religious, priests, deacons and bishops, to understand more clearly what the synodal pathway involves, Pope Francis has identified three essential elements of the process: communion, participation and mission. In order to introduce you to the synodal pathway and to encourage your full involvement as the process unfolds at parish level, I want to explore the three central elements identified by the Holy Father. **Communion** becomes possible when we recognise one another as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, belonging to a family which draws its life from the Holy Spirit, whose plans for us we discern through sustained, contemplative prayer. We are co-responsible for the Church's current wellbeing and its future, which can only prosper if we are committed here and now. **Participation** depends upon an understanding of the Church's nature, its history, its tradition, its beliefs and its mission to the world of today. It is enriched by our desire to be involved and to offer the charisms, gifts, talents and abilities we have for the service of our Lord and of our society, putting the common good ahead of our personal views. Participation is conditional on embracing the Creed, receiving the sacraments and celebrating the Sunday eucharist – being at one with the heart and mind of the Church. **Mission** depends upon the burning desire to spread the Good News for the sake of the good it will do to those who hear it and the enrichment it will bring to the quality of human life. It involves outreach to those who have never heard the Gospel and to those hurt or disappointed people who have parted company with us along the way. It equips us to speak in the public square about the things of God, wherever people are ready to listen. **This Sunday is a day of prayer for the Holy Spirit to come down upon the Church as it embraces the synodal way**, launched last Sunday at St. Peter's by the Holy Father, and now taking root in the parishes of the Archdiocese. Initially it will be a time of reflection and prayer, a prolonged period for sharing our joys, hopes and fears, so that, listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the churches, we may articulate a vision of the Church which will make the kingdom of God a reality in our world. The synodal pathway embraces our four diocesan priorities and it will work with them. Practical help will be on hand in the weeks ahead, with advice about how to become involved. Thank you for being ready to discern how the Church can fulfil its mission in the profoundly changed world of today so that Christ can be at the centre of fashioning a better world for tomorrow. **Yours devotedly in Christ. + Bernard Longley.**