

Dates for your Dairy

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 21st July: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

A contactless machine: available at the back of the church. Use it anytime for your donations if you have Debit/Credit card or other contactless app.

Sunday 21st July: Car Boot Sale & Fun Faire on - a great fundraising event for the parish. Please support it wholeheartedly. We are short of £50K at the moment to begin our new hall building. So, we need to intensify our fundraising effort to fill the gap. Thank you to the organisers of this Sunday event.

Church's Live streaming Consent.

At St Elizabeth's we have live streaming camera focused entirely on the Sanctuary and Sacred Heart Chapel areas, meant to help our housebound and those who are unable to attend Mass or service in person. Those who do not wish to have their image live streamed are advised to stay away from the sanctuary area, and ask for the Holy Communion to be brought to where they are seated. However, those who are constant on the altar for various duties including priests, Nuns, extraordinary minister of the eucharist, readers, altar servers etc ... must sign a consent form in order to continue with their work. The forms are available in Church with Sr Joan and Ann Harkin, please sign and return to the office. Thanks.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 2024/2025: The Parish catechetical programme for adults mainly ages from 12 -70 & above will begin in September 2024. Adult wanting baptism or full Reception into catholic church, or Confirmation - needs to register now. This year sessions will be together as Clustered parishes of AJs. The centre will be at St Osburg's every Thursday - With First Sessions beginning on 12th September at 7.00pm.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

Sunday 28th July: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 4th August: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 11th August: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 18th August: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 25th August: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 1st September: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 8th September: For Catholic Education Service.

Pray for the Sick: Caroline Dickinson, Mary Kean, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Tony Ashby, Susan Nahar and Julian: **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: John Ashby. **Rest in Eternal Peace.**

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: **Registered Charity No: 234216**

My Donation to the Parish Online follow link here: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>. Or <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/giving/>
Livestreaming: <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry>



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<https://donatemydona.com/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>.

We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure.

We offer prayerful congratulations to our new Auxiliary Bishops, Timothy Menezes and Richard Walker, ordained on Tuesday 16 July. In his homily, Archbishop Bernard compared the two to 'episcopal twins': "The ordination of two bishops together – like episcopal twins - in the mother church of our Archdiocese serves to emphasise the ecclesial nature of what is taking place. While the grace of this sacrament will build upon the natural gifts of these two priests and shape their lives and ministry, its primary and lasting purpose is for the service, sanctification and guidance of the faithful of Christ, lay and ordained together. *"In his Second Letter to the Corinthians St Paul reminds us: We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure, to make it clear that such an overwhelming power comes from God and not from us. That insight keeps us humble, and it causes us to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit – the patient and careful listening that bears fruit when we pray – the listening that lies at the heart of obedience."*

The archdiocese was also delighted to ordain three deacons for the service of the Church. On Sunday **14 July Andrew Foster, Andrej Rusnak and Antony Hartley** were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at St Chad's Cathedral. The trio formed a strong friendship having gone through formation together and are now the latest Deacons to serve the Kidderminster and Worcester Deanery. Their individual calling to the permanent diaconate could not have been more different but all three are in agreement - listen to God's call and see where it takes you.

This **Saturday, 20 July at 12 noon**, we also look forward to the ordination of Reverend David Bench to the Priesthood. This can be watched via the St Chad's Cathedral livestream. We send him our prayers and best wishes as he prepares for this role.

Parish Schools (Heads)

St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

Parish Church Co-ordinators:

Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafula

Parish Maintenance

Gerald Ani

First Communion.

Mrs S Moran

Health & Safety, RCIA & Sacristan

Miss Ann Harkin

Church Flowers

Mr Richard Swift

Safeguarding Officer & Church Music/Liturgy

Miss Laura Srodon

(Solicitor)

Women of Faith Chair & Secretary.

Annette Ndikoum and

Bancy Waithera

Chair of Parish Finance and Gift Aid Scheme

Mr Stan Mileswki

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 16 in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 21st July	9:15am Oscar Owen R.I.P.	16th Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am Eileen and Jim Porter R.I.P.	
Mon 22nd	9:15am Emmanuel –Special Intention	St. Mary Magdalene
Wed 24th	9:15am Mary Srodon R.I.P.	
Thu 25th	9:15am Dympna Ferguson 90th Birthday	St. James Apostle
Fri. 26th	6:30pm Peter and Margaret (Megi) R.I.P.	Ss Joachim and Anne
Sat 27th	8:00am Holy Hour of Adoration	Memorial of the B.V.M.
	9:15am MCEM-Special Intention	
Sunday 28th July	9:15am Ashby Family Past and Present	17th Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am Peggy Miller R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 371** Non Gift Aid: **£320** and
Apostleship of the Sea: **£.99.26** Dona Machine: **£30**
June Standing Order Total **£ 165 Thank You.**

The 200 Club.

We are still recruiting New members, please join. Monthly membership is only £2.(Or £24 a year). Remember all adults are welcome. Next draw on Sunday 28th July after 9:15am Mass. Thank you.

Work in the Lady Chapel.

We have received **£14,200** grant from Lottery to complete the work in the Kitchen and toilet at the back of the Church. We are gratefully to the Lottery for giving us this Fund. Daniel will come back to complete the job ASAP.

Summer Holidays.

Wishing everyone a very blessed holiday. May God be with you wherever you go, with your guardian angels in protection.

Parish Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Laura Srodon. She can be contacted at: sg.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

16th Sunday Year B

Readings: Jr. 23:1-6; Ps. 22; Eph. 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Building Bridges

Buddha was once threatened with death by a bandit. "Then be good enough to fulfil my dying wish," said Buddha to the bandit. "Cut off the branch of that tree." The bandit did it! "What now?" asked the bandit. "Put it back again," said Buddha. The bandit laughed. "You must be crazy to think that anyone could do that." The bandit told Buddha! "On the contrary, it is you who are to think that you are mighty because you can wound and destroy. That is the task of children. The mighty know how to heal and build," Buddha told the bandit. It is the task of children, not of the mighty, to destroy. In the world today, there seems to be a lot of children among grown-ups who go round pulling down bridges that keep people together. They are after dividing people and keeping them apart. They provoke and indulge in conflicts and wars. War not only kills but also scatters. When will our society realise that the real test of power, is not capacity to make war, but to make peace? Few people can be happy these days unless they hate some other person. The irrational hostility that some people vent upon one another is nothing but the projection of self-hate, and self-hate is born of empty life. Some store up grievances for so many years that their hearts secretly are repeating them. It is to this world divided by conflicts, wars, hatred, and grudge that we Christians are sent to heal and build bridges.

The readings of this Sunday urge us to become bridge-builders between people. One of the tasks which faced the prophets in the aftermath of the fall of Jerusalem was to rebuild a shattered society. So, God, spoke through Jeremiah: "You have scattered my sheep and driven them away, but I myself will gather them again" (Jer23:2). St Paul also was concerned with building a new society in which both Jews and Gentiles would find peace as Christ "announced the good news of peace to those who were far off and brought them near" (Eph2:13). When the heart of Jesus went out to the crowd who were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mk6:34) he was bridging the gap of alienation between the poor gentiles and the rich Jews.

More than two thousand years have rolled remains divided and hostile. One's inhumanity to another makes countless thousands mourn. Therefore, Pope, St John Paul II, chose "Building Bridges" as his theme for one of his Masses in the Philippines. At the end of the Mass, the pope made this commitment on behalf of everyone present: "We commit ourselves," said he, "to build bridges between all people, between the young and the old, people of different races, different nations, between the rich and poor, between children and their families, workers and unemployed and between all religions, Churches and nations."

Any multiplication is vexation and division, is as bad. Therefore, it is the duty of all of us who enjoy the peace of Christ to commit ourselves to build bridges between divided people. It is not an easy task, but not an impossible one provided we keep before our eyes the cross. The cross of Christ will inspire us to look at the disfigured faces, the torn flesh, and limbs of those who are being broken, tortured, and killed.

Building bridges will not be impossible if we believe that we are not alone in building. Christ is within us. The Good Friday cross points to the empty cross of Easter Sunday, the cross where the blood has dried, the pain has faded and the broken body has been transformed into a loving stranger, walking in our midst, healing, and reconciling. We are called to join him.