

Dates for your Dairy

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 25th August & 25th August: For the New Parish Hall Building Fund.

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

Celebrating Education Sunday, 8 September: An opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment. There are 245 schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham with almost 90,000 pupils. Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (8 September, in 2024) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. Also, year 6 pupils from our parish schools The Good Shepherd and St Elizabeth's, will be enrolled to the sacramental programme of Confirmation. They will begin their preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adoremus in My Parish. Sunday 15 September: The Catholic Church in England and Wales - bishops, priests and people from all dioceses - will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14 September for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. St Mary's College was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation. Unlike Adoremus in Liverpool in 2018, this is not a public event, although each diocese will send pilgrims. On Sunday 15 September, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes across our countries to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion. This can be a Holy Hour or a period of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

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

Sunday 8th September: For Catholic Education Service

Sunday 15th September: For Catholic Evangelisation (Home Mission).

Sunday 22nd September: For Father Hudson's Society.

Sunday 29th September: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 6th October: CAFOD. Second Harvest Fast.

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: Bill Skidmore, John Wright, John Brendon Boland, Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery P.P. and Jim Darragh.

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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Parish Schools (Heads)

St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

Parish Church Co-ordinators:

Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafala

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

New Parish Hall Stakeholder's Meeting: We had very fruitful meeting last Friday with all the stakeholders for our new parish hall. We have agreed to appoint integra buildings company to construct for us a hall which will be Modular. We hope to progress the work straight away after notifying the constructor. Shall keep you updated.

Tuesday 3rd September: Tea and Chat From 2-4pm at St. Elizabeth's Church. Please all are welcome.

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 1st September after 9:15am Mass. Thank you.

Preparing for the new edition Lectionary this Advent.

Booking now opens for online refresher programme for Ministers of the Word

A new edition of the Lectionary will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of *Advent, 1 December*. To prepare for Advent, it will be helpful for ministers to explore and become familiar with what is 'new' in the new edition - for example, the translation and layout, and also consider some of the Lectionary's less familiar resources that can help with the more effective ministry of the Word in our parishes, schools and other communities. A (free!) refresher programme for ministers is being offered online in two sessions from 3-4pm on Sunday 13 and Sunday 20 October. It is limited to 40 participants.

The first session focuses on ministry and the Word and the second focuses on the Lectionary itself and strategies to promote Scripture in parish life.

Details on Diocesan website.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 21st in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 25th August	9:15am	Samuel Ndu'ngu - Birthday. MaCdam – Birthday Immaculate & Family Sp. Int	20th Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Joan – Thanksgiving Beatrice Namirembe -Sp. Int.	
Mon 26th	9:15am	Bronislaw Srodon R.I.P.	
Wed 28th	9:15am	Josie - Special Intention Vincent - Special Intention	St. Augustine
Thu. 29th	9:15am	James Darragh R.I.P.	The beheading of John the Baptist
Fri. 30th	6:30pm	Gerry O'Sullivan R.I.P.	
Sat 31st	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	22nd Sunday Ordinary
	9:15am	Immaculate & Family Sp. Int	
Sunday 1st September	9:15am	Oscar Owen R.I.P. Pau - Thanksgiving	
	11:15am	Immaculate & Family Sp. Int	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 406** Non Gift Aid: **£154** and
New Parish Hall: **£.127.52** Dona Machine July: **£186**
July Standing Order Total **£ 165 Thank You.**

Church Cleaning Team: Every Friday afternoon from 4:30pm. This is an open group for anyone interested in offering her/his time to cleaning of the Church. Thank you very much for your time.

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.

21st Sunday Year B

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ps. 33; Eph. 5:21-32; Jn. 6:60-69

What About You?

About the year 1877, a class of Zulu boys were being prepared for baptism. Among those who dropped in casually was a middle-aged man, Maqumusela, one of the King's soldiers, who, coming regularly and staying long, at last asked for baptism with the rest. But the king's order was that if any of his soldiers became a Christian he would be killed. This was put before Maqumusela, who having gone away and thought and prayed, returned and asked still to be baptised. The king came to hear of it and, just before the baptism, sent soldiers to put Maqumusela to death. He asked first for time to pray and after prayer for himself, the missionaries, the king and the soldiers who were sitting around waiting, said that he was ready. The soldiers were, however, so impressed that they could not perform their duty, but beckoned to another man nearby, who dispatched the first Zulu martyr.

What to think of a man who asserts, reasserts, states positively and negatively, confirms and reconfirms that his flesh is food indeed and his blood is drink indeed? What to think of such a man, who is ready to stake everything, not just his reputation, but even his own life on such a claim? Could he be out of his mind? Nothing in his words or deeds even remotely suggests insanity or any psychological disorder. If this is to be ruled out, what then is the alternative?

Jesus is wisdom incarnate. He gives himself as food and drink, real food and drink that sustains life. Jesus is the bread of life. Life is God's prerogative. Jesus is God. He who is nourished by and of God can never die. Logically, honestly, could Jesus assert anything other than, "I am the bread of life"? In all honesty Jesus could perhaps say nothing, certainly nothing less. Every word of his is perfectly in order – a statement of eternal truth.

God provided his people with bread in the wilderness still they reached the promised land. God provided food and strength to Elijah in the wilderness and, with the strength of that food, he journeyed forty days and forty nights till he reached the mountain of God. Jesus is bread, strength and support for us in our pilgrimage till we reach God our Father, our ultimate goal. Jesus is the source of strength and inspiration, source of life in his word. One does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Jesus is bread, source of life and strength above all in his person: I am the bread of life. God is the source and fullness of life. Jesus is God. In him is the fullness of life.

This Jesus, fullness of life, remains with us and feeds us with his flesh and blood in the form of bread and wine. Jesus becomes our bread, bread that generates, preserves and nourishes in us God's life. Thus, eating the flesh of Jesus and drinking his blood, we enter into communion with God. And this communion is for all eternity. Thus, Jesus is bread of life, of eternal life.

"This is a hard teaching. Who can listen to it?" Just as the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron (Ex16:2) so, too some disciples of Jesus murmured and decided to part company with him. In today's first reading, Joshua asks the Israelites to make up their mind whether to love and serve the true God, their provident Father, or go after alien gods. Reflecting over the wonders that God has done for them, they opt for the true God.

After the emphatic statement of Jesus that his flesh is food indeed and his blood is drink indeed, the evangelist sadly notes that many of Jesus's followers, finding it hard, turned back and would not go with him anymore. This did not dishearten Jesus at all; on the contrary, he boldly threw a challenge to his remaining followers: "And you – would you also like to leave?" That is the fundamental question Jesus asks us today: What about you?

Simon Peter answered for all: "Lord, to whom shall we go?" You have the words of eternal life." This was not only an excellent confession of faith, but also a superb form of praise and adoration of Jesus in the eucharist, which is the best gift of God to humanity.