

## Dates for your Dairy

### Second Collection this Weekend.

**Sunday 8th September:** : For Catholic Education Service

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

**Education Sunday, 8 September:** An opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment. At St. Elizabeth's parish, today we have year 6 pupils from our parish schools Good Shepherd and St Elizabeth's, who will be enrolled to the sacramental programme of Confirmation. They will begin their preparation for the reception of Confirmation. A warm welcome to them, their families and schools.

**Pabbo Children's Home Water Project:** Thank you to the Zimbabwean's Catholic Chaplaincy for their Fundraising effort in support of the orphan's children who are in dare need of water at their St Josephine Bakhita's Home. The donation is still opened until September 30th. You are welcome to donate for the course. They raised **£1,000.00** pounds.

**Youth Mass Last Sunday of each Month:** We are re-starting this Mass to be officiated by young people from September. It'll be at 11:15am Mass. The year 5 and year 6 of parish schools are invited to join this Mass if possible. The parish Youth volunteer leaders are asked to prepare the young people for this liturgy.

**Saturday 28th September:** Sponsored Walk for New Community Hall from St. Chad's Cathedral to Lichfield Cathedral. Sponsor forms at the Back of Church. Any Petitions please give to Fr. Moses or Sister Joan.

**Saturday 5th October St Stephen's Guild Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:00 noon:** The Archdiocese of Birmingham invites all Altar Servers with their parents to a Mass of thanksgiving for their ministry at St. Chad's Cathedral. Holy Mass to be led by Archbishop Bernard. Please write this date in diary.



**Adoremus: Saturday 14th September** A day of Eucharistic Devotions at Christ the King, coinciding with the National Eucharistic Congress held at Oscott College.

**Congratulations:** Amarpreet S Sahota & Grace Kalyan wedding this Saturday 14th September here at St Elizabeth's.

**Congratulations:** Leonard J Patterson & Chantelle M Vanhالتren wedding this Saturday 14th September in India.

### The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

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

**Sunday 22th 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, Julian and Vincent McKee. **Get Well Soon.**

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Kathleen Jenkins, Siboo Devi and Bridget Judge. **Rest in Eternal Peace.**

**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>.

### **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

**St Mary and Benedict**, invites all the Ministers of the Word – clergy and lay in the Coventry -Nuneaton deanery to undertake a refresher training on the new edition of the Lectionary of the English Standard Version-Catholic Edition & the Abbey Psalms and Canticles. This new edition 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. Rev. Fr Allen Morris, former Secretary to the Bishops' Conference department for Christian Life and Worship, will be at St Mary and St Benedict Church, Coventry, on Sunday **29th Sept.** to facilitate the training session, starting at **3pm**. This is a unique opportunity for all including clergy and lay - all are welcome.



**Adoremus - Eucharistic Congress Celebration:** This Saturday 14th September from 8:00am - 9:30am we shall have a day of Eucharistic Devotions here in St Elizabeth's Church to coincide with the National Eucharistic Congress held this year at Oscott College.

**Exhibition of the Shroud of Turin at St Patrick's:** 1st – 15th September 2024 An exhibition around one of the most famous religious artefacts in history is coming to St Patrick's, Deedmore Road, Coventry CV2 2HW. Visitors will be able to see a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin as part of a fascinating exhibition. The Shroud is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front and back of a crucified man. Many believe it is the actual burial shroud used to wrap the body of Jesus of Nazareth after his crucifixion, and upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted. The exhibition will also feature other displays and detailed information boards, which cover evidence revealed by historical and scientific research, explaining how the Shroud's image and bloodstains align with Gospel accounts. The exhibition will be open - Tuesdays to Fridays 5 - 7pm, Saturdays 12 - 4 pm & Sundays after Mass (about 11.30) 1pm .

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 23rd in Ordinary Time Year B

<b>Sunday 8th September</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	James' Family– Thanksgiving Cecilia Fernandes Special Intention	<b>23rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Bernadette Apie R.I.P Immaculate and Family Sp. Int	
Mon 9th	9:15am	Charlie, Daisy, Angela and Sandra	
Wed 11th	9:15am	Vincent McKee- Sp. Intention	
Thu. 12th	9:15am	Anthony Morrissey R.I.P.	
Fri. 13th	6:30pm	Lena, George and John Harkin RIP	St. John Chrysostom
Sat 14th	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Hour of Adoration</b>	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	9:15am	Colin and Linda-13th Wedd Anniv.	
	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Amarpreet &amp; Grace - Wedding</b>	<b>Wedding Service</b>
<b>Sunday 15th September</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Josephine-Special Intention C M Special Intention	<b>24th Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Family Thanksgiving Ejimkonye-Sp. Intention	

### Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 380** Non Gift Aid: **£310** and  
New Parish Hall: **£.120.99** Dona Machine August: **£123.91**  
July Standing Order Total **£ 165 Thank You.**

**Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Saturday from **8:00am**. Followed by Mass. Priest available for confessions.

**Prayer of Adoration and Blessing:** Every First Thursday of each Month in  
Church from **7-8pm**. Every one is welcome.

**Pope's prayer Intention for September:** for the cry of the earth- we pray  
that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of vic-  
tims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to per-  
sonally care for the world in which we live.

**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 Safe-  
guarding 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](mailto:sg.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or Diocesan Safeguarding team  
on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## 23rd Sunday 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 misfortunes 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 heart, 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 tag" (Is. 35:4).

Our 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. Anyone who observed Christ relieving people from their miseries could easily affirm that "God chose those who are poor in the eyes of the world" (Jas 2:5). God loves and cares for all of us. But when Jesus made the blind see, the deaf hear, the crippled walk (Mk 7:35), we have a window into the heart of God, a heart that beats faster at the sight of the oppressed. 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, and prejudice is having a negative attitude towards group of people based on false assumptions. Still others suffer from racism and racism is the belief that certain 'races' are superior to others. We sometimes call such sufferers as the 'handicapped' and, in doing so, we indicate how little we expect from them and how little they expect from us. 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 we in turn are enabled to touch others and lift them from their miseries. When the Lord work through us, the hatred which divides person to person will end, man's indifference to the plight of the marginalised will end, the greed which urges so many to keep all they have and not share with their neighbour will end; above all, the pride which leads to trust in ourselves and not in God will end.