

## Dates for your Dairy

### Second Collection this Weekend.

**Sunday 27th October:** For the New Parish Hall Building Fund

**A contactless machine:** available at the back of the church for offertory & donations.

**The Johnson Association annual collection:** The collection takes place in all churches and parishes of the Archdiocese on Sunday 3 November. The Johnson Association provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to furthering the mission of the church and bringing people closer to Christ. Please take the envelopes at the back of the church and bring back for next Sunday 2nd collections.

**Blessing of the Graves:** Lenton's Lane, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. At 3.00pm. Priests & Deacons will be present to bless.

**Families Harvest Day November 24/2024:** We are excited to invite all the parishioners to our youth and family Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 9:15am & 11:15am! This special event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in gratitude for the blessings we have received from God throughout the year. Please join us as we celebrate with joyful hearts, sharing prayers, songs, and reflections on the importance of family and community. It's a perfect occasion to strengthen our bonds and show appreciation for one another. We encourage all families to participate and invite your friends and loved ones. Let's make this day a memorable gathering filled with love and gratitude. All the proceeds from the thanksgiving would be thankfully received and goes towards the construction of our New Hall. Event planning committee.

**Tuesday 5th November:** Tea and Chat From 2-4pm at St. Elizabeth's Church.

**Christmas Bazaar Appeal:** As we approach the Christmas, we are excited to announce our upcoming Christmas Bazaar with Good Shepherd Catholic Primary school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December starting 1pm at Good Shepherd school premises. This event aims to bring our community together and raise funds for the parish too. We are reaching out to request your support in the form of gift items that can be donated for our bazaar. These items will not only enhance the festive spirit but also help us raise much-needed funds for our new hall. Donations includes - *Bottle Stall, handmade crafts, gift baskets, handbags, toys, and many more.* Your generous contribution will make a significant impact and help us achieve our fundraising goals. Thank you for considering our request. We truly appreciate your support.

### The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

**Sunday 3rd November:** Johnson Association (For Retired and infirm Diocesan Clergy).

**Sunday 10th November:** For the New Parish Hall Building Fund.

**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:** Bridget Ormsby, Peter Edward Swift, Donna Connolly, Rose Carney and Gian Chand **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://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 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

### **Update New Parish Hall.**

We are very pleased that our parish New Hall project has started as planned and hope the completion date of 20th December will be achieved too. The Gubbay Foundation our main funder has released some fund an amount of £250K to start the work. When the hall is completed, it will be empty without chairs, table, kitchen items, CCTV Cameras etc. Our next project is now to look for these items if we intend to use the hall in early January 2025.

**Parking:** As the work of the hall has started and there is no enough place for parking on the site, please all parking will now be at school premises.

### **The New Lectionary.**

There are 4 copies of this Lectionary cost **£698** plus the **Book of the Gospels** which is **£275** - totalling to **£973** First edition includes Sunday & Feasts. Second-Weekday, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter & Proper of Saints Vol one. Third - Weekday, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter & Proper of Saints Vol two. Fourth - Ritual Masses Sacraments - Various intentions, and Masses for the Dead, and finally The Gospels. Please be the first to sponsor, buy one or two for the parish today. Or simply make a donation to buy.

### **Christmas Carol Event/ Raffle draw.**

To take place on 14th December @ 6pm St Elizabeth's Church. We are thrilled to announce our annual Christmas Carol event! Join us for an evening filled with festive cheer, music, and community spirit. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring your family and friends! If you would like to participate in the carolling or help with organizing, please contact Theresa or Yoyo. Let's make this year Christmas memorable together!

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 30th in Ordinary Time Year B

<b>Sunday 27th October</b>	<b>9:15am</b> Vasquito Fernandes R.I.P. Sara & Antonio Caldeira R.I.P. Special Intention	<b>30th Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b> John & Bridget Ormsby Anv. R.I.P Kosi-Thanksgiving	
Mon 28th	9:15am Fr. Moses-Thanksgiving	Ss Simon and Jude
Wed 30th	9:15am Mary Stent R.I.P.	
Thu. 31st	9:15am Frank Brennan R.I.P.	
<b>Fri.1st Nov.</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> Mary Beesley –Special Int. Rosemary - Sp. Int	<b>All Saints- Solemnity</b>
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	<b>8:00am Holy Hour of Adoration</b> 9:15am Sean Farry & Robert Waters R.I.P.	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Sunday 3rd Nov.</b>	<b>9:15am</b> Christine and Edwin Boden R.I.P. Special Intention	<b>31st Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b> People of the Parish	

### Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£225** Non Gift Aid: **£180** NPH: **£150.44**

Online Dona Offerings: **£31**

September Standing Order Total **£335**. 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.

**Youth Mass:** Every Last Sunday of each Month. On **27th October** at 11:15am Mass

**Pope's prayer Intention October:** For shared mission. We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**Church Cleaning Groups:** Church cleaning Teams of 4 cleaners.

Group A Sr Joan & Alter Servers/Parents. Group B Women of Faith, Teresia & Philippa. Group C Violeta. Group D Punjabi Rosary Group.

**Church's Cleaners this Week: Group D. Punjabi Rosary Group**

**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](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.

## 30th Sunday Year B

**Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Ps. 125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52**

### That I May See

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican, and a Jesuit, were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to play through. By the eighteenth hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind.

The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, "I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight." The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, "I can't see why they don't play at night!"

To have any type of disability in first-century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness, they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So, the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper, and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing such people. Given the way Jesus acts towards those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin. Bartimaeus is, however, a desperate man and in the story, he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. May be Jesus wants Bartimaeus to name his deepest desire. May be Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

You must have heard this story many times. Michael Moynahan, an American Jesuit dramatist, wrote a play entitled BARTIMAEUS, which centres around the question of Jesus "What do you want me to do for you?" The actions freezes when Jesus puts these questions forward. As Bartimaeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that "one before you could see and what you saw disgusted you." The hungry ask, "Do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?" The elderly inquires whether he wants to see those "put away because we remind you of the frailty of life." The captives challenge him to see those "unjustly bound and oppressed." and finally the self wants to know, "Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness, and light?" It is a gripping scene.

It reminds us of all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere. Michael's play finishes, like the gospel story with Bartimaeus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns, and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them, and together they walk the Christian path.

The same question is put by Jesus to us, "What do you want me to do for you?" And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let us also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with such a gift.