

Dates for your Dairy **Second Collection this Weekend.**

Sunday 24th November: Second Collections today will be for Catholic Youth Service.
A contactless machine: available at the back of the church for offertory & donations.

Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal Sunday 1st December 2024: Mission appeal on behalf of the Apostles of Jesus will be carried out in support of their missions in the world and especially for the training of the priests. The archbishop has given the Apostles of Jesus permission to make this two annual mission appeals in all the parishes where Apostles of Jesus priests serve in the Archdiocese. St Elizabeth's is one, and ours is on First Sunday of Advent *1st December 2024*.

Families Harvest Day on the Feast of Christ the King. Today is also our parish Family Harvest thanksgiving Mass to God. As we thank God for all his gifts, our attention is focused more to the gifts and service of our children and young people in our parish community. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for the blessings we have received from God this Yr. 2024. Thank you for joining us at this mass.

Crib Blessing in Coventry City Centre 1st December 4.00pm: Will take place at the usual place. You are all invited to join other parishes and celebrate.

New Lectionary training for All Church's Readers Sat 7th December 1:30pm: Training will be provided to all our readers here in Church. This training is very important, please come if you are still interested in taking readings in Church, especially all the Young Readers. *New lectionary with New beginning!*

Christmas Preparation: There will be training for Altar Servers every Friday during Advent at 4.00pm, starting Friday 6th December in preparation for Christmas.

Advent Parish Confessions: Friday 20th December at 6:30pm Christmas preparation

Coventry Deanery Young Adults Group: Meeting at St Osburg's except December in a town centre pub for social. Dates: 26th November 17th December 28th January 18th February 11th March. Time 7pm.

Retreat Days for Readers: Sat 25th January 2025 at 9:30am – 1pm St Thomas More.

Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers: Sat March 22nd at 9:30am – 1Pm St Osburg's.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024 Diary.

Sunday 1st December: Apostles of Jesus Missionaries - 2nd Appeal 2024.

Sunday 8th December: For the Poor Parishes Fund.

Sunday 15th December: Flowers - for Church Christmas Decorations.

Sunday 22nd December: Flowers - for Church Christmas Decorations.

Sunday 29th December: NO SECOND Collection.

The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 16th March 2025 both Masses.

First Communion: Good Shepherd School Saturday 10th May 2025 @9:30am

First Holy Communion: St Elizabeth's Sunday 22nd June 2025 @11:15am

First Confessions Yr.3: Thursday 13th March @ 6:30pm Church.

Pray for the Sick: Mary Kean, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Tony Ashby, Susan Nahar, Vincent McKee, Richard Fernandes & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Mary Julia De Souza, Muriel Maud Duffy, Laurence White, Seebo Masih Thapar, Philip Francis Gallagher, Mary Ellen Smith and Phino Ram.

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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<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 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

Formation of Parish Pastoral Council.

Thank you to all those who were able to contribute with nomination of the candidates to our PPC. We have got the people whom we think would be able to form our first ever parish pastoral council. Father will send a letter of invitation soon for introductory meeting pencilled in for Friday 13th December at 7:15pm. Just to remind parishioners that the purpose of this council is to help bring about the mission and vision of the parish and to support the priest in implementing it.

University Hospital Coventry.

There are some concerns about the Chaplaincy cover at UHCW. The Deanery Clergy in their last meeting proposed that we express our concerns to the hospital Chief Executive. The Catholic Chaplain needs more support, and the Catholic staff and patients need the assurance that their spiritual needs are being met. We have organised a petition to be sent to the hospital expressing our concerns of the Catholic community in Coventry. Please sign it today.

The New Lectionary: Our copies available now. The Book of the Gospel plus other two books have already been sponsored. If there is anyone still wants to sponsor please do so, otherwise, we shall now move on to the Parish Mass Books programme.

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 10th December starting afternoon 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 your support.

First Holy Communion Preparation. If you have registered your child for FHC please you are invited to bring him/her for a lesson beginning on Saturday 7th December at 11.00am-

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 34th in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 24th Nov.	9:15am	Elsie K Ashby R.I.P. Paul Srodon R.I.P. Nicholas & Raman. Wed Anniv. Chaman & Susan 40th Wed. Anniv.	Solemnity of Christ the King
	11:15am	Theresa Osinjolu - Thanksgiving Stephen Abbey - Birthday	
Mon 25th	9:15am	Mary Julia R.I.P	Feria
Wed 27th	9:15am	Kathleen & Stanley Jenkins R.I.P	Feria
Thu. 28th	9:15am	Laura - Thanksgiving Mass	Feria
Fri. 29th	6:30pm	Seebo Thapar R.I.P & Holy Souls	Feria
	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	St Andrew Feast
Sat 30th	9:15am	Oscar Owen (4th Anniv. R.I.P).	
	Sunday 1st Dec.	9:15am	Lena, George, John Harkin R.I.P
	11:15am	Family Special Intentions	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£374** Non Gift Aid: **£233**.

NPH: **£149**. Online Dona Offerings: **£97**.

October Standing Order Total **£281**. Thank You.

School Mass with Yr.3: Next Sunday we shall have mass of commitment for the First Holy Communion at 9:15am. Welcome to all yr 3s & their parents & schools to the church.

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 **29th December** at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention October: For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Church Cleaning Groups: Church cleaning Teams of 4 cleaners. Group A Sr Joan & Alter Servers/Parents. Group C Women of Faith, Teresa & 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 or Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Solemnity of Christ The King. Year B

Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Ps.92/93; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

Feast of Christ the King!

Pope Pius the XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. Although rooted in an ancient devotion, this feast appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried about what they saw as the rise of secularisation. These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy, bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It is clear from today's gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his kingdom, is hailed like a king of Palm Sunday, and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from that of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. There has been very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before AD 324. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen, and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord. as centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coat of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a king. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. "You, say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

There are not too many kings or queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as king is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So, let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches, and greed that worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our king who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire church to do the same.