

Dates for your Dairy Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 8th December: For the Poor Parishes Fund.

Contactless machine: available at the back of the church for offertory & donations.

Commissioning of Lectors - New Lectionary: From now onward our Church's readers will be officially commissioned to read. Commissioning will be in two dates: Sunday 20th Dec and Sunday 5th January 2025 at both masses. Attendance was brilliant thank you to everyone who was able to make it.

Christmas Carol Event/ Raffle draw 14th December: Time 6pm at 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.

Altar Servers Training 13th/20th Dec: There will be training for all the Altar Servers on Friday during Advent at **5:30pm with Fr Moses** from Friday 13th December and Friday 20th December in Church to prepare for Christmas.

Update New Parish Hall. We are still waiting for National Grid to connect for us the electricity to the new hall. We hope that will be done soon, otherwise, completion target by 20th December is still in place. However, we shall have a lot to do after the keys are handed to us – in our agreement with the builders several things were removed to reduce the cost and to allowed us to begin building the hall. Such as: landscaping, car park, garden, security fence – plus interior items. We have discussed these with parish finance committee and New Hall Committee will meet on Sunday 15th December to look through it again and recommend for us the way forward.

Advent Penance Service & Confessions on Friday 20th at 6:30pm: Please write this in your diary. This is in preparation for our Christmas celebration.

The children in None Catholic schools who need FHC are invited to begin lessons for FHC on Saturday 14th December at 11.00am-12.00pm in Church.

Deanery Events.

Coventry Deanery Young Adults Group: Meeting 17th Dec in a town centre pub for social

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 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, Eddy Ryan & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Lena Harkin, Mary F Hannon, Quintino L Biki David, Patrick Joseph Breslin and Stuart Baker. **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 Mileswski

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

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.

Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal.



Mission appeal on behalf of the Apostles of Jesus was carried out in support of the training more priests in their Religious missionary Order and in support of their missions in the globe. We raise a total of £650 including £183 from the box at the back of the church marked Apostles of Jesus which several people have been dropping in some cash over the last six months. Thank you very much for your generosity.

We shall have two appeals again next year during Lent and Advent 2025.

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. A letter of invitation will be send for an introductory meeting scheduled on Wednesday 18th December at 7:00pm at Priest's house.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Second Week of Advent Year C

Sunday 8th Dec.	9:15am Leonard Pearson R.I.P. Dominic - Birthday Thanksgiving	2nd Sunday Advent Yr. C 
	11:15am Paul Cannor R.I.P.	
Mon 9th	9:15am Lena, George & John Harkin Rip	Immaculate Conception
Wed 11th	9:15am Nora & Patrick O'Donnell R.I.P.	Advent
Thu. 12th	9:15am Travor & Pat Franciscan AnniV.	Advent
Fri. 13th	6:30pm Dannie O'Donnell R.I.P	St. Lucy
Sat 14th	8:00am Holy Hour of Adoration	St John of the Cross
	9:15am Mary Beesley –Thanksgiving	
Sunday 15th Dec.	9:15am Walter Fredrick Ashby R.I.P. Special Intention	3rd Sunday Advent Yr. C 
	11:15am Gladys Rooney R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£411** Non Gift Aid: **£322.**

AJ Appeal: **£637.34.** Online Dona Offerings: **£55.**

November Standing Order Total **£342.** 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 **29th December** at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention December: For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year may strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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 B. Women of faith Teresa and Philippa

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.

Second Sunday of Advent Year C



Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Ps.126; Philippians 1:3-6,8-11; Lk. 3:1-6



The Joy of Salvation!

If there is no joy of being a Christian, probably my Christianity is leaking somewhere. This joy has its spring deep down inside, and that spring is Christ. Yes, pleasure is in our power, joy is not. "God, who is leading Israel in joy" does so "by the light of his glory" (Bar 5:9), which is Jesus Christ. Anyone who comes in touch with Christ experiences this joy. Mother St Teresa tells us of a young Maltese girl who joined her Order. On the first day she was sent to the home for the dying. When she came down, she was radiant. Mother Teresa asked why she was so happy. The girl said, "Mother, I have held Christ in my hands for three hours."

We are waiting during Advent for the coming of this Christ. Of course, Christ cannot come back in the way Serena Williams might stage a comeback, for Christ has been never away. He is always with us as he himself said. Hence, what we are waiting for is that Christ may reveal himself and make his presence felt in a new way giving us an intense experience of the joy salvation.

However, the joy of salvation does not come to us by flashing a magic wand or pressing a Christmas button. Salvation is free, yes, but it is not cheap. We have to work for it, breaking the chains we have bound ourselves with. St John the Baptist was right in repeating Isaiah's call "to make ready the way of the Lord and clear him a straight path" (Lk 3:4). The least we could do at Advent is not to put any spiritual obstacle in the way of the Lord's coming.

The joy of salvation is not the private property of any Christian; in fact, the full value of joy is in dividing it with someone. Besides, it is not right for anyone to consume joy without producing it. Hence, we are called 'to bring this joy to others also, first by promoting justice in the world. It was the dream of God our Father, that with the coming of his son Jesus, his Church, the new Jerusalem, "wrapped in the cloak of justice", would offer the world "the peace of justice" (Bar 5:2,4). So that "all mankind shall see the salvation of God" (Lk3:6). Hence, it is the sacred duty of every Christian "to promote the gospel" in such a way that the entire world "may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Christ has ripened in us (Phil 1:11). Are we then doing our part to level-off the sharp peaks of greed and mountain-sized injustice in the world; and to fill in the low, cold areas of depression and despair, that millions suffer in the dark valleys of the gap between the rich and the poor?

It is true that Advent has joyous strains, but it also calls us to struggle in straightening up our lives, using those sources of help that are available. There is help through the sacraments, with an emphasis on reconciliation; there is help through prayer in which we seek sincerely the Lord; and there is help through Jesus' people around us through whom

God speaks. Thus, the rough ways, the twisted roads and the steep paths are negotiable for he is coming.

