

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 26th January: NO SECOND Collection

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

Fr Moses: Arrived safely and asks for your prayers.

Coventry Deanery Young Adults Group: Meeting at St Osburg's on 18th February - Time 7pm.

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, **10th March 2025**. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage - register now

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. To be held on **Saturday 3 May**, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. **Please register by Sunday 13 April.**

Deanery Events.

Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers: Sat March 22nd at 9:30am 1Pm St Thomas More.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

Sunday 2nd February: For Pro-Life work

Sunday 9th February: Mission Appeal by Missionary Society of St Paul.

Sunday 16th February: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 23rd February: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 2nd March: For Cathedral Maintenance St Chad's Cathedral.

Sunday 9th March: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

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, Richard Fernandes & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Joanne Hughes, Anita Lecyn, Mary Frances Wright, Rita Keogh, Veronica Conroy and Paul Augustine Brady. **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>



Apostles of Jesus Serves: St. Osburg's St. Mary's St. Elizabeth's

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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 Waitheera

**Chair of Parish Finance
and Gift Aid Scheme**

Mr Stan Milescki

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

DONA QR Code.



Parking and Safety at School Park:

Please be considerate and careful when driving on school playground. Please be aware of other pedestrians as well as the properties' school on the playground including the poles and sports' facilities. And please remember that you are parking there at your own risk – St Elizabeth's School is not responsible of any damage. Please **remember NO PARKING** at the back of the Church on Sundays - It is reserved only for the elderly and disabled. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for supporting the 200 Club: . This is one of the ways of being part of the Parish and contribute towards Church maintenance. Monthly membership is only £2. (Or £24 a year). Remember all adults are welcome and you can have more than one number. For more information please Contact Sister Joan or Tony Ashby. The draw is every last Sunday of each Month after Mass. Next draw will be on Sunday 26th. Thank you very much.

Job Opportunity with the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Birmingham invite applications for the new COO and CFO (two roles) of the first enlarged Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Archdiocese, the St Gabriel the Archangel CMAT. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to commence May 2025. We are seeking outstanding, dynamic, and visionary candidates to guide our new Trust of 63 schools, opening in September 2025.

Application deadline is **Monday 10 February**. For more information please visit the website

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 3 in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday 26th Jan	9:15am	Special Intention Ashby Family Past and Present	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	
Mon 27th	No Mass	NO MASS	
Wed 29th	9:15am	Lolita Cacho R.I.P.	
Thu. 30th	10:30am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	Requiem Mass
	5:30pm	Reception of Joseph O'Dowd R.I.P.	
Fri. 31st	12:15pm	Joseph O'Dowd R.I.P.	Funeral Service
	6:30pm	Eddie Ryan R.I.P	
Sat 1st Feb	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
	9:15am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.+	
Sunday 2nd Feb.	9:15am	Special Intention Maclam Fernandes –Bithday Oscar Owen R.I.P.	4th Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£426** Non Gift Aid: **£226** **QR code**
 December Standing Order Total **£342**.
 Dona Offerings: **£47**. 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 26th January at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention January For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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 A Sr. Joan & Altar servers/parents.**

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.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Readings: Neh. 8:2-4,5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19(18); 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

Mission of the Church.

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class. "Well, mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelite were saved." Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you? his mother asked, again. "Well, no, mom. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Given the way the scriptures have divided Christians over the centuries and because previous generations wanted to protect the truth of the Bible, we were often taught that the Holy Spirit dictated the text. In this schema, the real skill of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John seems to have been their shorthand! Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. And in the opening verse of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first instalment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the Hellenised world of ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then parts of it and its tone cannot be reconciled with the other gospels. They disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics, we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it contains no errors regarding our salvation. A life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts, it is a book of truth. Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for everyone.

These days we often hear people asking others to be "up front" and to "lay your cards on the table." Long before it was trendy, Luke does precisely this in the second part of today's Gospel. At the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke summarises the story he is about to tell Theophilus and his community in what is called "the programme." In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind, and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he, has also come to establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that Israel longed to see is fulfilled. And so, to us. As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus, and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is up-front in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be compassionate to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore, and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour. As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world.