

## Dates for your Diary

### Second Collection this Weekend.

**Sunday 23rd February:** For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping. **Contactless machine:** available at the back of the church for offertory & donations.

**Fr Moses:** Came back safely from home. Thank you very much for your prayers. Greetings from my family, friends, and from the priests of the Apostles of Jesus working in South Sudan and Uganda from Fr Martin too. Thank you to Sister Joan and for all your support to her in taking care of the parish. To all the priests who supplied all the Masses and for your warm welcome and hospitality. I had a good time in the village, although I had to work harder to support the newly established parish which is without a parish priest or any priest at the moment. I became like acting parish priest for all the time I was there. I had practically no rest, but I was very happy for the opportunity to serve my people and hope to do more if possible in anyway. My thanksgiving prayer went well too.

**Sunday 16th March Sacrament of Confirmation.** Will take place in both Masses and will be the very first time for confirmation to take place on Sunday here for over two decades. Will be a great time for the parishioners too to celebrate the Confirmation Mass with the school children by Bishop Richard Walker. Please note that First Mass will be earlier at **9:00am** instead of 9:15am.

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

**Thank you for supporting the 200 Club:** Monthly membership is **only £2.** (Or **£24 a year**). Remember all adults are welcome. For more information please Contact Sister Joan or Tony Ashby. Next draw will be on **Sunday 23rd** after Mass. Thank you.

### Deanery Events.

#### The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

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

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

**Sunday 16th March:** Lent Fast CAFOD

#### The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

**Sacrament of Confirmation.** will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 both Masses.

**First Communion:** Good Shepherd School Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 @9:30am

**First Holy Communion:** St Elizabeth's Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 @11:15am

**First Confessions Yr.3:** Thurs day 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** Catherine Braid, Paul Knights, Ellen Hammond, Bridgett Griffin, Ian Paul Connolly, Richard Brady, Mary Margaret Hughes, Mary Doherty and Patrick Joseph McEneaney. **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

## **CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2025: -**

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk makes it simple to put your faith into action this Lenten season by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. All are invited to walk, run, roll or stroll 200km in the 40 days of Lent. **200km is the equivalent of running across 1,953 football fields, climbing the shard 645 times, or walking up and down the channel Tunnel four times.**

Whether you take part as an individual, school or parish community group, the money you raise will enable people around the world to fight poverty. For more information please check on the diocesan website at [Join CAFOD for this year's Big Lent Walk | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

## **'We Dare to Hope' Resource Launched**

This is a five-week resource on Christian Hope and includes a foreword by Bishop David Oakley. The resource has been developed by the Bishops' Conference and follows on from last year's companion resource, We Dare to Say, which was based on the petitions of the Our Father. It is a resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the jubilee theme of Christian Hope: Christian Hope, the decision to hope, the prayer of hope, hope against hope and Christ our Hope. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. For more information please check our diocesan website at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/we-dare-to-hope-resource-launched>

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 7 in Ordinary Time Year C

<b>Sunday</b> <b>23rd Feb</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Special Intention Walter Ashby R.I.P. Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	<b>7th Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	George Ssemukaaya R.I.P.	
Mon 24th	9.15am	Nathaniel Prudent R.I.P.	
Wed 26th	9:15am	Mary Special intentions	
Thu. 27th	9:15am	Mary Special intentions	
<b>Fri. 28th</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Cavan John Connolly R.I.P.</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>
	6:30pm	Mary Special intentions	
<b>Sat 1st</b> <b>March</b>	8:00am	<b>Holy Hour of Adoration</b>	
	9:15am	Mary Special intentions	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>2nd</b> <b>March</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Special Intention Josephine and Paul-Sp. Int.	<b>8th Sunday</b> <b>Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	John Osinjolu - 50th Birthday Mass	

## Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£392** Non Gift Aid: **£332** **QR code**  
NPH: **£120.76**; Dona Offerings: **£50.44**.

January 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 **23rd February** at 11:15am Mass

**Pope's prayer Intention February** 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 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.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Readings:** 1 Sam.26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps. 103; 1 Cor. 15:45-49; Lk 6: 27-38

### Compassionate Love

The bishop was troubled in the early morning by a loud disturbance outside his house and by knocking at his door. When he opens the door of his humble house he sees, held by the strong arms of three policemen, the wretched figure of a man. The man has been arrested for stealing silver plates from the table of the bishop. He was caught while running away from the small town. The silver plates and two silver candlesticks were the only items of value in the bishop's possession.

The captive is an ex-convict, treated with disdain and contempt as he journeyed from village to village. He was refused food and board at the local inns and eventually found himself at the house of the bishop. The kind old bishop gladly fed him and gave him a bed for the night. However, in the middle of the night the ex-convict's old ways overtook him and he fled into the early light with the bishop's silver plates. Now, as he stands before the bishop, he sees the madness of his act but also the inevitability of life again as a prisoner. The bishop smiles, looks straight at the man and says, "But you forgot the candlesticks I gave to you also." The police are taken aback, and the man is staggered by this turn of events. Going to the mantelpiece the bishop gets the candlesticks and hands them to the unbelieving man. The police are dismissed and the ex-convict, Jean by name, is left with the bishop. The bishop speaks to him, saying, Jean: "Today I have bought your soul for God, use this treasure to become an honest man."

The above story is not new, many might have read the story from Victor Hugo's novel, Les Misérables, also immortalised in the West End musical. The Bishop of Digne represents the compassion of God. He focuses his attention towards the needy and the poor and in serving them. He tries to answer the call of Jesus to live a life of compassion. "Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate." But compassion is not simply the putting of pious words together into meaningful prayers for those who suffer. It is not simply a feeling of concern. It is, above all, acting on behalf of people living in poverty, those suffering through ill health and those needing emotional support.

As we approach the season of Lent, we would do well to examine our understanding of perfection and holiness. Is perfection the striving after some ideal moral state of innocence or is it the reaching out in all circumstances to those who are in need? Is holiness a solitary endeavour concerned with my own purity and salvation or is it generous enough to embrace those who are despised and rejected in an embrace of love? In short, are we compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate? Victor Hugo wondered where the saintly bishop learned to be so different from the people around him. His only answer: "from the Gospel." Let us pray that we may also learn how to be compassionate by reflecting upon and living out the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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