

## Dates for your Diary

### Second Collection this Weekend.

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

**Contactless machine:** available at the back of the church for your offerings.

**Ash Wednesday 5th March.** There will be **three Masses** on the day **9:15am** and **6:30pm & 11:00am** at Good Shepherd School. Please try to attend any and receive ashes to begin your Lenten's journey.

**Palm Crosses/Branches:** Please if you have any palm crosses or branches used Last Year, bring them to the church before Wednesday. These are needed to be burned for ashes.

**Tuesday 4th March Tea and Chat:** in the Lady Chapel From 2-4pm. Welcome.

**Hosting Deanery Meeting:** Our parish will welcome all the Deanery Priests and Deacons from Coventry & Nuneaton parishes on Tuesday 11th March from 10:30am. The parish will provide them with tea/coffee and Dinner. It's great opportunity for us to show our hospitality. The meeting will be in Fr Moses Caffè' the Lady Chapel.

**Sunday 16th March Sacrament of Confirmation.** Will take place in both Masses. Great time for the parish to celebrate the Confirmation with the school children and Bishop Richard Walker. Please note that First Mass will be earlier at **9:00am** instead of 9:15am.

**Thank you for supporting the 200 Club:** Monthly membership is **only £2.** (Or **£24 a year**). Remember all adults are welcome. Winning numbers for February were No.130: **£30**, No.:50: **£15** and No.10: **£10**, Parish received **£55**. For more information please Contact Sister Joan or Tony Ashby. Next draw will be on **Sunday 30th** after Mass. Thank you.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham:** is recruiting for the following positions: **1.** Operations Director. **2.** IT Manager. **3.** Finance Manager & Gift Aids Manager. Closing date 3rd March. Details on [www.birminghamdioces.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdioces.org.uk/jobs).

### Deanery Events.

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

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

**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:** Margaret Raftery and June Dumbleton, , **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://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk> Webcam <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry>.

or Online Donation go to:

<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 Waitthera

**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

**Friday Stations of the Cross:** This will be every Friday at **5:30pm** in Church throughout Lenten season with Mass at 6:30pm. This year being the '**The Jubilee**', we would like to involve many people as possible to participate. The choir and Women of Faith group have been asked to invite groups from different communities and associations to take active part. **Leaders:** First Friday of Lent 7th March - Choir & women of Faith group; Friday 14th - Altar Servers and Youth Group; Friday 21st March - Punjabi Chaplaincy Group, and so on ...

**Walk with Me Booklets:** Are now available at the back of the Church to help you spiritually in your journey during Lent. Please take one for and if possible one for your friend too. Your donation towards the cost would highly be appreciated. Thanks

### **Fundraising Photograph Exhibition: By Janet & Kevin.**

You are all invited to support this fundraising event in support of the less fortunate children. Thank you.

Fund raising photograph exhibition and sale of works in aid of St Josephine Bakhita Children's Home based in Pabbo, Northern Uganda, home to 16 refugee children from South Sudan and orphaned children from other parts of Uganda.

Money raised will go towards digging a borehole so that they will have clean water without having to go for a long walk to fetch it.



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Earlson Park Retirement Village Hall**  
**Albany Road CV5 6JQ**  
**10am to 1pm**

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 8 in Ordinary Time Year C

<b>Sunday 2nd March</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Special Intention Susan Nahar-Birthday Sp. Int. Josephine and Paul-Sp. Int.	<b>8th Sunday Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	John Osinjolu - 50th Birthday	
Mon 3rd	9.15am	Mary Beesley –Sp. Int.	
<b>Wed 5th</b>	<b>9:15am</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	School Children St Elizabeth's School Children Good Shepherd Panashe & Tinashe Motsi - Birthday	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Thu. 6th	9:15am	Tyronne & Charmaine- sick	
<b>Fri. 7th</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
	6:30pm	Michael & Deanna-Sp. Intention	
<b>Sat 8th March</b>	8:00am	<b>Holy Hour of Adoration</b>	
	9:15am	Ann Cassidy R.I.P.	
<b>Sunday 9th March</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Oscar Owen R.I.P. Charles Victor & Brenda Mavis R.I.P. Special Intention.	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	George Ssemukaaya R.I.P.	

## Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£477** Non Gift Aid: **£276** **QR code**  
NPH: **£124.22**; Dona Offerings: **£77.00**



February Standing Order Total **£287** . **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 **30th March** at **11:15am** Mass

**Pope's prayer Intention March** For Families in Crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**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.**

**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.covtv@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stelizabeth.covtv@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.

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Readings:** Sirach 27:4-7; Ps. 92; 1 Cor. 15:54-58; Lk 6: 39-45

### The abundance of the heart.

When the family returned from Sunday morning service, father criticised the sermon, daughter thought the choir was atrocious, and the mother found fault with the organist's playing. Small boy of the family piped up, "but it was a good show for **50p**, don't you think, Dad?"

Fault-finding, destructive criticism, rash judgement and gossiping can do enormous harm. Therefore, Ben Sirach, in the first reading today asks us to guard our tongue and adds, "Speech is a test of a man and reveals the bent of his mind" (Sir 27:5). Some have the habit of talking awfully, others awfully positively, particularly when criticising others, "for they see the speck in the eyes of others, while missing the plank in their own" (Lk 6:41). Hence it is true that a lot of mischief that vexes this world arises from words.

Do we encourage people who are downhearted, especially those who carry a thorn in their flesh? Daily we meet people whose hopes, like withered leaves, fall fast. Do our words uplift their spirits? Are we grateful to God and to one another, through a sincere "Thank you"? As humans, we all need guidance. But Jesus also warns us of blind guides when he asks, "Can the blind guide the blind?" (Lk 6:39). In the use of words, whether in good advice or for any other good purpose, we must always remember that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Lk 6:45). A kind heart, for example, speaks kind words and one who is humble is of few words who will ask for truth, not flattery. Strong and bitter words reveal pride, and a confirmed gossip is an untrustworthy person.

May we then strive to become good persons with a goodness that is real and authentic, especially as we begin the Season of Lent from Ash Wednesday. Without some serious reflection on the essential realities of life we cannot hope to live worthwhile lives. The season of Lent provides us with a golden opportunity to seriously reflect on the way we lead our lives. The Church offers us forty days of Lent to turn away from our evil habits and turn to God. It is a time to excel in works of charity and to grow in holiness. It is a time to rethink our real priorities in life. It is a time of interior renewal, self-discipline, and self-denial.

To bring home the austere and severe nature of Lent, Next week's Gospel reminds us of wilderness, fast, hunger, the devil and temptation. These are all grim realities and in presenting them, the Church Year reflects human life. Lent is ushered in with ashes and crosses.

Jesus Christ our Saviour has prepared the way for us to enjoy the true liberty of children of God. He overcame temptations through prayer and self-discipline. Through his life and death, he triumphed over Satan, sin and death. He invites each one of us to share in his victory. He also asks us to fight a good fight against the evil that is within us and around us. To fight this battle as Jesus did, we too have to face the 'desert'. We have to fast and pray. We have to die to our old selves. This is a great season of grace. Happy Lenten Season.