

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 16th March: Lent Fast CAFOD Second Collections both Masses. Please use the available envelopes you collected last Sunday for this collections.

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

Bishop Richard Walker: We warmly welcome bishop Walker to our parish this weekend. We are grateful that he was able to accept to come to our parish on Sunday and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our school children. Please note that the First Mass will be earlier at 9:00am instead of 9:15am. Looking forward to welcoming Bishop Walker to our parish.

Friday Stations of the Cross: This is every Friday at **5:30pm** in Church throughout this Lent followed with Mass immediately. This year being a "**Jubilee Year**", we would like to involve many people as possible to participate. **Leaders:** for next Friday **21st March** will be **Punjabi Rosary Group**, Leaders **28th March English** speaking group and so on ...

The Legion of Mary: is hoping to get a group started in St Elizabeth's to do active work for the parish: E.G visiting the sick/elderly & housebound. A member of Legion will be giving talk at Sunday Masses on **30th March**. Please consider joining and help the parish.

Priestly Anniversary of Fr Moses at St Elizabeth's 17th May 2025: The parish and School Community of St Elizabeth's and Good Shepherd will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass in honour of Fr Moses' 25 years as a Priest. Mass at 12:00Pm

Deanery Events.

Saturday 22nd March: Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers from 9:30am to 1Pm at St Thomas More

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

Sunday 23rd March: For Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham.

Sunday 30th March: For the Apostles of Jesus Missionary's Priest Training 1st col '25

Sunday 6th April: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 13th April: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping.

Good Friday 18th April: For Holy Places - Retiring collections

Sunday 20th April: For the Parish Clergy/Priests

Sunday 27th April: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 4th May: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 11th May: For Clergy Training Fund

The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

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

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

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: Michael Breslin, James Miller. **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

Gift Aid Appeal Sunday 23rd March 2025.

Our Parish Gift Aid leader and Chair of Parish Finance Committee Mr Stan Mileswki together with Tony and Gift Aid helpers will do appeal next Sunday at both Masses to recruit more people to join the Scheme. You are most welcome to join the scheme if you pay any Tax to the Government.

The Deanery Meeting: Thank you very much especially to the flower team for the warm welcome they gave to our deanery priests and deacons last Tuesday. To Sisters Joan and jackline for their support. Everything went very well and clergy were happy indeed, thanking everyone in the parish for their help. Looking forward to hosting them again in October this year.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent: The Holy See's Bulletin has published Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025, entitled '**Let us journey together in hope**'. You can find the message on the website of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the following link: [tps://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2025/quaresima-2025-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html](https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2025/quaresima-2025-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html).

Lenten sessions on 'Pilgrims of hope on the synodal pathway': Pope Francis said, "It is precisely the path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium". This Lent, you are invited to explore with others what it means to be a pilgrim of hope making this synodal journey and what significance the current Jubilee Year has in deepening our understanding of the working of the Holy Spirit at this time in our history. This faith exploration will take place over four Monday evening sessions at St Osburg's Parish Hall on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 2025. Sessions will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please register by contacting Barbara McGowan – 07528644617 Paschal Somer.

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

Sunday 16th March	9:00am	Confirmation. Good Shepherd Peter & Catherine Ryan R.I.P.	2nd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Confirmation. St Elizabeth's George Ssemukaaya R.I.P.	
Mon 17th	9.15am	Jim Miller R.I.P.	
Wed 19th	9:15am	Bronislaw, Mary & Paul Srodon RIP	
Thu. 20th	11:00am	Ann Cassidy R.I.P.	Funeral Mass
Fri. 21st	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
	6:30pm	Bronislaw, Mary & Paul Srodon RIP	
Sat 22nd	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
	9:15am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	
Sunday 23rd March	9:15am	Special Intention Oscar Owen R.I.P. Michael & Margaret R.I.P.	3rd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Mary – Special Intention	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£456** Non Gift Aid: **£261** **QR code**
NPH: **£132.25**; Dona Offerings: **£46**



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 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.covtv@rcaob.org.uk or Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Second Sunday of Lent Year C

Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Philipians. 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

A Glimpse of the Beyond

A doctor once said to his patient, "You will pull through, but you are a very sick man." The patient replied, "Please, doctor, do everything you can for me. If I get well, I will donate thirty thousand pounds to the fund for the new hospital."

Several months later, when the patient was completely well, the doctor reminded him: "You said that if you got well, you would donate thirty thousand pounds?" The former patient replied, "If I said that, then I really must have been very sick!"

Promises made in storms are often forgotten in calms, even if it was a good mouth-filling promise. Don't you find examples of this in your own life? Yes, you and I, in very difficult moments, in trying circumstances, when we find that even the most trusted ones are unable to help us, make many solemn promises to God. But when we are out of the trouble, when we experience peace and calm again, we easily tend to forget our promises.

What about God's promises? Are they like human promises? No, not at all. God's promises are not like ours. He made a promise to Abraham that he would have many descendants and possess a land of plenty (Gen 15:5,14) and he did fulfil it. Ordinarily the weaker partner in a contract has to accept more obligations than the stronger one. But in the covenant with Abraham, it was God who bore the brunt of the obligations, promising unconditional faithfulness. Faithfulness even in the face of our gross unfaithfulness.

Abraham had an earnest desire for something more precious than the comfort and security of his family life. Or else, he would have remained there when the Lord called him out. He opened his heart to the word of God and took it seriously. He was daring enough to be ready to sacrifice even his own son, to be faithful to God. God rewarded him with an ever-vibrant faith and enabled him to experience his power and glory in the various events of his daily life. Moreover, he had a glimpse of the world beyond.

The transfiguration of Jesus has a message of great significance. It reveals the real meaning of Jesus' life as well as that of our life. Here on earth, Jesus lived an extraordinarily simple, humble life. But in reality, his life was the divine event towards which all creation had been moving and in which God was acting for the salvation of the world. Peter, James, and John were given a glimpse of that reality. The real meaning of our lives here on earth is evident in the words of St Paul when he says: "Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body."

At the same time, St Paul also gives a severe warning to those who worship mammon, riches and power. He categorically states that such people are enemies of the Cross of Christ, destined to be lost (second reading). How can such people perceive the power and glory of God in their lives and look for the things of heaven when their hearts and minds are full of worldly things.

