

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

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

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

Friday Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at **5:30pm** in Church throughout Lent.

Friday 11th April: Please note that next Friday Mass will be in the morning at **9:15am**. Because we shall have Confessions at 6:30pm after Stations of the Cross in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Priests will be available to help.

Mission Appeal – Apostles of Jesus: We raised **£384.10** plus **£102.15** from box at the back church, totally to overall amount of **£486.25** with included. The Box at back marked “Apostles of Jesus” is very useful for those who want to support Apostle Jesus in training more priests. Please make use of it whenever possible. Thank you.

Fr Moses Silver Jubilee of Priesthood: This celebration of thanksgiving Mass in honour of Fr Moses' 25 years as a Priest, has been postponed till June 28th or early July. The Parish Pastoral Council thought that it would be wise to celebrate it when our new hall is ready and to be combined with its opening too. Agreed date will be communicated. The idea is to celebrate it as whole parish community with participation of all members including Ethnic Chaplaincies and parish schools.

St. Killians Votive Burning System: This week we will be trialling the St Killians Votive Burning System. St Killians is the safest, cleanest, most environmentally friendly votive burning system in the world. Their system is endorsed for its safety by the largest insurer to the Catholic Church in the world. The candles in the system are completely smoke free, which will help preserve our statues and artifacts and reduce our maintenance costs. The system does not use any plastic or aluminium. All the candle wax from the system is recycled. The system is a lot cleaner than our current votive system, and wax spillage on the floors, stands and surrounding areas will be greatly reduced. We also hope the beauty of the system enhances your experience of lighting votive candles.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

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. **unday 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: John W Halpin, Diwan Chand, Bridget Patricia McGivern and Michael Johnson. **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-](https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry)

[elizabeths-church-coventry](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 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 Waitheira

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

The Parish Pastoral Council.

On 10th January 2025 we formed our Parish Pastoral Council. The PPC met on Saturday 5th April to formulate and pass the Constitutions or the PPC Handbook that will guide their work in the parish. The PPC of St Elizabeth's is now officially formed. It will work very closely with the Parish Priest and Parish Finance Committee to steward the Vision and Mission of St Elizabeth's. Here are the names of our PPC.

Fr Moses Pitya David, AJ, Parish Priest & President.

Ann Harkin - Chair .Theresa Osingolu – Assistant Chair.

Laura Srodon - Secretary. Stan Milewski - Member.

Sr. Joan N Wafula - Member. Elizabeth Karota , - Member.

Ann Diwan - Member. Baldev Thapar- Member.

John Muya- Member. Allaysa Embate - Member.

Nestor Agbodja- Member.

Commissioning of the PPC will take place on Sunday 11th May at 9:15am - 4th Sunday of Easter also known as Vocation or Good Shepherd Sunday.

The Council has created three Committees to support the work of the PPC. These are open to anyone who want to support the parish.

1. Pastoral and Liturgical Committee: Working closely with the Parish Priest on the liturgical and pastoral matters of the parish etc.
2. Development/Social/Fundraising Committee: to coordinate all events, including Multicultural Day, Parish Fairs/Raffles, New Hall Management, Coffee/Tea after Mass etc.
3. Maintenance Committee: To coordinate Church's maintenance, Gardens, Church cleaning, Church Flowers and Decorations etc.

Easter Cards & Mass times: Now available in Church. It contains Mass Times and Holy Week programmes. Please take a copy for yourself and also for your neighbour. Easter Offering and gifts envelopes are also available for you.

Easter Food Bank Appeal: Donations of Tinned or dried foods. No Fresh food please. These will be distributed before Easter. Please drop them in the white box in sanctuary area. God bless.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: 5th Week of Lent Year C

Sunday 6th March	9:15am	Special Intention Elizabeth Fulconbridge R.I.P. Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	5th Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Gerald Miller and Kamlesh Thapar R.I.P.	
Mon 7th	9.15am	Bridget Torley R.I.P.	
Wed 9th	9:15am	Stanley Jenkins (Birthday) R.I.P.	
Thu. 10th	10.00am	Patryk Migra R.I.P Funeral	Service
Fri. 11th	9:15am	Holy Mass Martin Curran-Sick	
	5:40pm	Stations of the Cross.	
	6:30pm	Parish Confessions	
Sat 12th	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
	9:15am	Richard Odigwe R.I.P. Dannie O' Donnell R.I.P.	
Sunday 13th April	9:15am	Leonard Pearson R.I.P. Juliet Bernadette R.I.P.	6th Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Angeline & Gabby- Family Int. Simon-Thanksgiving	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£365** Non Gift Aid: **£316** **QR code**
 AJ Appeal: **£486.25**. Dona Offerings: **£ 222**
 February Standing Order Total **£462. 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 **7:30-8:30pm**. Every one is welcome.

Youth Mass: Every Last Sunday of each Month. On **27th April** at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention April: For use of the new technologies. Pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationship, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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 c Violeta.**

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.

5th Sunday of Lent Year C

Readings: Joshua 5:9a,10-12; Ps.34(33); 2Cor.5:17-21; Lk.15:1-3, 11-32

Pastoral Letter: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I want to speak with you today about the process in which our Parliament is currently considering legalising assisted suicide through the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. As has been made clear earlier in this debate, as Catholics we have maintained a principled objection to this change in law recognising that every human life is sacred, coming as a gift of God and bearing a God-given dignity. We are, therefore, clearly opposed to this Bill in principle, elevating, as it does, the autonomy of the individual above all other considerations. The passage of the Bill through Parliament will lead to a vote in late April on whether it progresses further. This will be a crucial moment and I, together with all the Bishops of England and Wales, am writing to ask your support in urging your MP to vote against this Bill at that time. There are serious reasons for doing so. At this point we wish not simply to restate our objections in principle, but to emphasise the deeply flawed process undergone in Parliament thus far. We wish to remind you that it is a fundamental duty of every MP to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised and which will bring about damaging consequences. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will fundamentally change many of the key relationships in our way of life: within the family, between doctor and patient, and within the health service. Yet there has been no Royal Commission or independent inquiry ahead of its presentation. It is a Private Member's Bill. The Bill itself is long and complex and was published just days before MPs voted on it, giving them inadequate time to consult or reflect upon it. The time for debate was minimal. The Committee examining the Bill took only three days of evidence: not all voices were heard, and it comprised an undue number of supporters of the Bill. In short, this is no way to legislate on such an important and morally complex issue.

One consequence of this flawed process is that many vital questions remain unanswered. Can MPs guarantee that the scope of the Bill will not be extended? In almost every country where assisted suicide has been introduced the current scope is wider than was originally intended. What role, if any, will the judiciary have in the process? We were told that judicial oversight was a necessary and vital part of the process; now we are told that it isn't needed at all. What will protect the vulnerable from coercion, or from feeling a burden on their family? Can the National Health Service cope with assisted suicide or will it, as the Health Secretary has warned, cause cuts elsewhere in the NHS? Can MPs guarantee that no medical practitioner or care worker would be compelled to take part in assisted suicide? Would this mean the establishment of a 'national death service'? In contrast to the provisions of this Bill, what is needed is first-class, compassionate palliative care at the end of our lives. This is already provided to many in our society but, tragically, it is in short supply and underfunded. No-one should be dispatched as a burden to others. Instead, a good society would prioritise care for the elderly, the vulnerable, and the weak. The lives of our families are richer for cherishing their presence. It is a sad reflection on Parliament's priorities that the House of Commons spent far more time debating the ban on fox hunting than it is spending on debating assisted suicide. I am sure that you will share these concerns. It is now clear that this measure is being rushed without proper scrutiny and without fundamental questions surrounding safeguards being answered. This is a deeply flawed Bill with untold unintended consequences. Every MP, and Government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation reaching the statute book. This, tragically, is what may happen. So I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner. In his Letter to the Philippians, from which we have heard in today's Second Reading, St Paul reflects on the difficulties and responsibilities of life. He speaks of 'pressing on' and 'striving' for the fullness of life promised in Christ Jesus. Yet he is totally confident in his struggles because, as he says, 'Christ Jesus has made me his own'. We too have many struggles. We too know that Christ Jesus has made us his own. And so we too press on with this struggle, so important in our times. With my prayers for you and all those close to you this Lent. +Bernard Longley.