

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend NO. Contactless machine: available at the back of the church for your offerings.

Updates 200 Club: Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Only adults are registered. This year we managed to raise **£799** for Parish Maintenance. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw is this Sunday 25th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

Confirmation - Thursday 29th January: This Thursday at **7.00pm**. The young boys and girls from our parish and schools will be confirmed by bishop Richard Walker, our Area bishop. Warm welcome to bishop Walker and Congratulations to all Confirmation's candidates.

Day of prayer and Retreat for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Organised by the Parish Pastoral and Liturgical committee for the year 2026.

The provisional days are as follows!

Readers on Saturday 21st February Mass 9:45am – ends with a light lunch at 1pm.

Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 14th March Mass 9:45am. ends with lunch at 1pm.

Parish Pastoral & Liturgical Committee Meeting: Friday 30th January 2026 at **7.00pm** after Mass in the Sacristy.

Altar Servers Renewal Mass: on Sunday 22nd February at 9:15am & 11:15am. All the Altar servers will renew their commitment, new servers to be vested.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Saturday 7th February 2026 at **2.00pm** in the Jubilee Hall.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: on Friday 6th March 2026 at **7.00pm** in Sacristy.

Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration: We do the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Saturday from **8:00am to 9:00am**. Priest available for Confessions during adoration & after Mass.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

Sunday. Months of January & February: No Second Collections.

Sunday 1st. March: For CAFOD – First Harvest Fast.

Sunday 8th. March: For Cathedral Maintenance.

Sunday 22nd. March: For the Apostles of Jesus Missionary's Priest Training 1st COLL

Sacramental Programme for Parish Schools 2026

Wednesday 18th March @ 6pm: Year 3 "First Confessions" in Church-both schools

Saturday 16th May @ 9:30am: First Holy Communion - Good Shepherd Children

Sunday 7th June @ 9:15am: First Holy Communion - St Elizabeth's & Parish Children.

Pray for the Sick: Mary Kean, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Clare Unes, Tony Ashby, Susan Nahar, Richard Fernandes, Gerald Ani & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: 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

St. Elizabeth's R.C Church. Parish Priest: Rev Moses P David. AJ. Contacts.

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<https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk>. Webcam <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry>.

Online Donation go to: <https://donatemydona.com/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>.

Parish Schools (Heads)

St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

Good Shepherd

Mr Michael Kirby

Parish Church

Co-ordinators:

Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafala.

Parish Maintenance

Gerald Ani

Clovis Ndi

Bredon Noonon

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 Milewski

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Build Strong & Joyful Parish Communities for Generations to Come.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am deeply grateful for all that you already give – your prayers, time, talents and financial support. Every act of generosity strengthens your parish community and helps us all to grow in faith together.

Your parish priest and parish team have launched a "Planned Giving Campaign to help secure the future of your parish. Just as earlier generations worked to provide for us, so now we are called to ensure that our parishes remain strong and welcoming for generations to come.

Our Diocesan Vision invites us to work together co-responsibly, building vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. This campaign offers an opportunity to reflect on how you already support your parish, and to consider whether you may be able to share a little more – whether that is through your time, your talents, or your financial giving.

If each of us were able to give just a little more, the impact would be great: new parish initiatives, wider social outreach, strong youth ministry, and many other ways of bringing the love of Christ to others.

I thank you sincerely for the generosity you have already shown, and I encourage you to take this opportunity to renew and deepen your commitment to your parish. Together, we can ensure that our churches remain places of prayer, welcome, mission and service for many years to come.

With every blessing,

Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

Date Mass Time Intentions Week 3 in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 25th January	9:15am	Special Intention Ashby Family Past & Present Louis & Martin Patterson- Thanksgiving	3rd Sunday in Ordinary
	11:15am	Paul & Josephine – Sp. Int. Naseeb Mandeep – Wed. Anniv.	
Mon 26th	9.15am	Marie Hutchinson R.I.P.	Ss Timothy & Titus
Weds 28th	9:15am	Dominic-Birthday	St. Thomas Aquinas
Thurs 29th	9:15am	Lolita Catcho R.I.P.	
Fri. 30th	6:30pm		
Sat 31st	8:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	St. John Bosco
	9.15am	Daniel Odonnell R.I.P	
Sunday 1st February	9:15am	Special Intention Lena, George & John Harkin R.I.P.	4th Sunday in Ordinary
	11:15am	Paul & Josephine – Sp. Int.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£529** Non Gift Aid: **£248** **QR code**

Donation NPH: **£113**

Dona Offering: **£95** Standing Order **£1159**. **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.

Pope's prayer Intention January: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be a nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Parish Youth Group Mass: Every last Sunday of each Month at 11:15am.

Church Cleaning Groups: Church cleaning Teams of 4 cleaners. Group A Sr Joan & Altar Servers/Parents. Group B Women of Faith. 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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Readings: Isaiah 9:1b-4; Psalm.26; 1st Corinthians 1:10-13; Mt. 4:12-23



Christ, Centre of Life!

There is a long-standing tradition of football fans composing chants about their team and singing them during the game. But experience shows how chants and slogans have been manipulated to incite violence between football supporters. It's a great sadness that something with the potential to unite people can also be misused for destructive and harmful purpose.

In writing to the Christians at Corinth, St Paul does not hide the fact that there were splinter groups within the early Church. Each of these had its own slogans or, as we could say, its own chants. Differences and disagreements made them appear like opposing team, with some shouting, "I am for Paul", and others that they were for Apollos or Cephas. Personality cults had grown up around these earthly leaders in the Church. Those who chanted, "I am for Christ" were reduced to just one voice among many.

For St Paul this is intolerable. He pleaded with Christians to be united in faith and life, in belief and practice. It was Christians who have been crucified. It was in his name and no other that they had been baptised. How on earth could anyone dare to claim for themselves what could only ever belong to Jesus? Paul's message was straightforward and direct: put Christ at the centre and keep focused on him. He, and he alone, has the place of glory. He must be the source of unity and never be used as the basis for division. This simplicity of Christian discipline is made clear in the gospel where Jesus first calls the fishermen by the sea of galilee. He is the focus of their response, and they leave everything to follow him. They are so captured by their encounter with Christ that nothing can stop them making him the centre of their lives.

We know that in the history of the Church, division among Christians have not been limited to those living in Paul's day in and around Corinth. The Churches feel the scandal of Christian disunity acutely; so much so, they are now committed to working together to overcome the obstacles that have been the cause of separation. The chants and slogans of opposition are giving way to efforts at dialogue and cooperation. While there is still much to be done to unite Christians fully, there is at least the recognition that any response to the invitation of Jesus to follow him creates a common identity of being "for Christ".

But Christian unity is not just something that must happen "out there" in our relationship with members of other denominations. Unity among Christians is also necessary within the Church, and at the most local level. The challenge for all of us is to ask: what can I do to develop and enhance the sense of harmony within my local church?

We are called to build our parish communities into places where Jesus is clearly at the centre, where the focus is on him and proclamation of his kingdom. In the day-to-day life of any Christian community there will be the potential for differences and disagreements.

But a truly Christ-centred community is one that works to put such divisions aside. And this can only happen when individual claims give way to honouring Jesus as the source and means of unity and forgiveness.

