

Dates for your Diary

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

Requiem Mass at 12:30pm: Mass on Thursday will be a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Romald DeSouza R.I.P, a brother to Nobert DeSouza who died few weeks ago. Our condolences to him and family. Please you are most welcome to the Requiem mass. On Friday we shall have another Requiem for Elizabeth Anne Henry at 12:00 Noon.

Confirmation: Congratulations to all our newly Confirmed pupils. Sincere thanks to their catechists, teachers, families and sponsors.

Day of prayer and Retreat for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: **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 at 1pm.

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.

Race Night Fundraiser: In aid of Father Hudson's Caritas (FHC).

The Father Hudson's Race Night is set to be a fun, social evening to kick offspring and raise funds for all FHC projects. 📅 Tuesday 10 March. 🕒 7pm - 10.30pm (first race 7.15pm). 📍 Coleshill Town Hall. 💷 £20 per person. 🐟 Fish & chip supper (included in ticket price). 🚗 Free parking at Chantry House (opposite Town Hall).

Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday from 8:00am to 9:00am. Priest available for confessions.

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

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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 4 in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 1st February	9:15am	Special Intention Lena, George & John Harkin R.I.P.	4th Sunday in Ordinary
	11:15am	Paul & Josephine – Sp. Int.	Presentation Feast
Monday 2nd	9.15am	Joan - Sp. Intention	
Weds 4th	9:15am	MCESM - Special Int. Kate & Derek Sp. Intention	
Thurs 5th	12:30pm	Romald DeSousa R.I.P (funeral)	Requiem Mass
Friday. 6th	12:00pm	Elizabeth A Henry RIP (funeral)	Requiem Mass
	6:30pm	Francis Stronach – Birthday	St. Paul Miki
Sat 7th	8:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	
	9.15am	Emmanuel Furaha - Sick	
Sunday 8th February	9:15am	Special Intention Oscar Owen R.I.P. John Sheepy R.I.P.	5th Sunday in Ordinary
	11:15am	Angeline - Sp. Intentions	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£516** Non Gift Aid: **£243** **QR code**

Donation NPH: **£500.** Dona Offering: **£78**

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 February: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Readings: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1st Corinthians 1:26-31; Mt. 5:1-12a

The Feast of Presentation.

Candlemas: The Presentation of Christ and the Light of the World. The final feast day in the season of Epiphany is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. You may also hear it referred to as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or, more commonly, Candlemas. Celebrated on February 2nd, exactly 40 days after Christmas, this day ends the full arc of the infancy narratives, beginning at Christ's birth and culminating in His presentation at the temple. It is the final epiphany, the last great revelation of Christ's identity in the season that bears that name, as He is proclaimed "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and the Saviour of the world.

The Feast reminds us that the Lord, on coming into this world, has brought about our "purification". We were "like unclean men, all our deeds like polluted rags, all withered like leaves" (Isaiah 64:5). But God did not abandon us. Impurity, in biblical language, means a state of death. Sin is the most dramatic expression of this impurity, because it contradicts life. How is God reaching to people's impurity? The readings for the feast give us the answer. God is not dismayed or angry, God is not disgusted with us and does not distance himself from us. Rather, God becomes one of us and, through his holiness, makes us pure too. The gospel of Luke tells us about the fulfilment of this promise. The law of Israel states that only the mother must undergo the rite of purification after giving birth, but the gospel of today speaks of "their purification" (Luke 2:22). On this day, we remember Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem, in accordance with Jewish law. As described in Luke's Gospel, this practice was deeply rooted in the Law of Moses. A woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days following the birth of a son. At the end of that period, she was to go to the temple for purification and present her firstborn son to the Lord (see Exodus 13:12-15 and Leviticus 12). We are told that Mary and Joseph offered a pair of young pigeons, an offering allowed for those who could not afford a lamb. This detail points to their humility and poverty.

Luke also introduces us to Simeon, a devout man in Jerusalem to whom the Holy Spirit had revealed he would not die before seeing the Messiah. Led by the Spirit into the temple that day, Simeon recognized the infant Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promise. He took the child into his arms, praised God, and offered this prophecy: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32).

Candlemas is the final feast of the Christmas cycle. In some traditions Christmas decorations are left up until Candlemas, and then a final joyful farewell to the season takes place. Since Christ is proclaimed the "light of the world" on this day, candles play a central role in its celebration. Churches bless the candles to be used throughout the coming year, and in earlier centuries, families would also bring their own household candles to be blessed during a special liturgy, hence the name Candlemas ("Candle Mass").