

Dates for your Diary

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

Day of prayer and Retreat for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers:

Readers 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.

The Retreat for Altar Servers – ‘Called to Serve’ which is taking place at Alton Castle & Soli House from Friday 27th February to Sunday 1st March 2026. In partnership with the Vocations Office, we are running again the Called to Serve Altar Servers Retreat — a weekend packed with faith, fun, and a little bit of adventure! Together we'll dive into what it really means to be an altar server: coming together as a community, sharing our love for the liturgy, and discovering new ways to grow in service. All in the wonderful grounds of Alton Castle and Soli. Along the way, we'll explore different vocations, hear inspiring stories of faith and service from across the diocese, and take time to reflect on where God is calling us. **Who can come?** Altar servers should attend as a parish group with an adult leader who holds a Diocesan DBS. For more information or to book, please speak to Fr Moses.

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

Annual Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 2nd May 2026 at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. For more information and to register, please visit. www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

Rosary Prayer: Every Friday in Lent, by the Statue of our Lady of Coventry in Priory gardens near Holy Trinity Church Broadgate. Starting at 1:40pm. Please invite others to come, all welcome.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

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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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 5 in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 8th February	9:15am	Special Intention Oscar Owen R.I.P. Ann Ngozi Onugwu R.I.P. John Sheepy R.I.P	5th Sunday in Ordinary
	11:15am	George Ssemukaaya R.I.P. Angeline - Special Intentions	
Mon.9th	9.15am	Mary B. – Special Intention	Feria
Weds 11th	9:15am		Feria
Thurs 12th	9:15am	Mary B. - Thanksgiving	Feria
Friday. 13th	6:30pm		Feria
Sat 14th	8:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	Ss. Cyril & Methodius
	9.15am		
Sunday 15th February	9:15am	Special Intention Ann Ngozi Onugwu R.I.P. Happy & Family-Thanksgiving	6th Sunday in Ordinary
	11:15am	Angeline/Gabby & Family Sp. Int Simeon Ekezie R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£564** Non Gift Aid: **£253** **QR code**
 Donation NPH: **£500**. Dona Offering: **£77**
 Standing Order **£325**. **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 A Sr Joan & Altar Servers/Parents.

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Readings: Isaiah 58:6-10; Psalm 112; 1st Corinthians 2:1-5; Mt. 5:13-16

Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it!

Imagine doctors and dieticians have some difficulty with the first part of this week's gospel. Jesus does not seem to know that salt is bad for hypertension and cholesterol! Just as health professionals are encouraging us to be careful in using salt, Jesus is telling us to go for it.

Salt in Jesus' day, and for centuries before and after, was the primary preserving substance for food. That day-to-day usage gives us a clue as to the challenge being lay before us. We are told that if Salt has lost its taste, it is good for nothing. So, the challenge is to keep it fresh so it can keep doing its job. Jesus suggests that, in the same way, we have to be on guard to make sure that our faith remains fresh so it's able to do its job as well. The fifth and the six chapters of St Matthew's gospel are devoted to describing the elements of Christian faith. At the start of the fifth chapter, we have the beatitudes that tell us that the presence of God can be discovered in all of the life's situations. It reminds us that as Christians we can find God wherever we want to. The rest of these two chapters go on to give us specific directions about the dangers and aids to faith.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, inability to forgive, being unfaithful in the marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word, and being enslaved by money are all examples of '*bad faith*.' Think for a moment of people you know who are trapped by any of these various forces. It is sad to see the energy it takes them to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent, and unforgiving.

More positively, Jesus tells us in these chapters that prayer, being generous to the poor, being discerning about whom we spend time with, what we see and hear, and going without things we often consider essential are helpful to living a faith-filled life. Think for a moment of people you know who live lives like these. Their detachment, sense of generosity, and ease with the others stand out in our stress-ridden world.

A professor of liturgy once said that: "*Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it.*" This is the same message Jesus gives us today about faith in general. It is crazy for us to keep spending time with the people and doing things that deaden our faith. We know the impact of these people or activities by the bad taste they leave in our mouths. After an encounter with them, or eat, we usually tell ourselves that we must not go back for more, but the bad spirit seduces us into repeating the entire episode with the frightening frequency. St. Ignatius of Loyola tells us that in these situations we have to deal with the bad spirit quickly and constantly learn a new pattern of behaviour that will lead us a way from darkness into the light.

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and built Christ's reign of Justice and love in this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. May the Eucharist enable us to seek out the people and places that will see the saltiness of our faith remain fresh and interesting, so that we will have every chance of preserving our faith in the dryer times, confident that our faith in Jesus will preserve us in the face of the trials and tests that come our away.

