

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.

On Saturday 21st February Starting with Mass at 9:45am with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass and prayer. Reflection on the ministry of lectors/readers, discussions and concludes with light lunch at 12:30pm. Please don't miss this opportunity.



Day of prayer and Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers.

This will be on Saturday 14th March Mass 9:45am. This will be similar to the readers' retreat. A Reader or Eucharistic minister MUST attend one.



Altar Servers Renewal Mass: On Sunday 22nd February at 9:15am and 11:15am.



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



Thursday 18th March 6pm: Lent Penance Service & First Confessions.

Parish Penitential Service and Children First Confessions. This is to help us prepare well for Easter and our school children for their First Holy Communion. Please put this date in your diary.



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

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 Wafula.

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 Waithera

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

Friday Stations of the Cross.

This will be every Friday at **6:15pm** in Church throughout Lenten season - followed by Mass. We would like to involve everyone in our parish community as much as possible. The Liturgical & Pastoral committee is inviting groups from different communities and associations from our parish to take active part in this. **Leaders:** First Friday of Lent 20th February Punjabi Rosary group Chaplaincy. Friday 27th February - Altar Servers & Youth group. Friday 6th March Women of Faith Association. Friday 13th March Fathers/Sisters & European community. Friday 20th March Shona/Ndebele Chaplaincy. Friday 27th March Choir group of the parish. Good Friday 3rd April: All Groups for the stations at 1:00pm. All are welcome.



Ash Wednesday 18th February: There will be **Two (2) Masses** on Ash Wednesday **9:30am** and **6:30pm**. You are welcome to any of the two and receive the ashes to begin your Lenten's journey. Mass also at St Osburg's church at 12:10pm

Palm Crosses/Branches: Please if you have any palm crosses or branches used Last Year, bring them to the church before Wednesday. These are needed to be burned for ashes.

A Cleaner for Jubilee Hall: In our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, it was agreed that we need to hire a cleaner for our new hall. Someone who is legally able to work independently, with minimal supervision and DBS. Work will be on 2 hours fortnightly or based upon the use of the hall. Please if you are interested speak to Sr Joan Wafula or Fr Moses.

My Parish My Home - Planned Giving: We are preparing leaflets to help us with this parish Finance Appeal on 28th February at both Masses.

Date Mass Time Intentions Week 6 in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 15th February	9:15am	Special Intention. Happy - Sp. Int. Ann Ngozi Onugwu R.I.P.	6th Sunday in Ordinary
	11:15am	Angeline/Gabby & Family Sp. Int Simeon Ekezie R.I.P	
Mon. 16th	9.15am	Emmanuel Furaha R.I.P	Feria
Weds 18th	9:30am 6:30pm	Dannie O'Donnell R.I.P. Holy Souls	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 19th	9:30am	John Joseph Carroll R.I.P Funeral	Requiem Mass
Friday. 20th	6:30pm	Emmanuel Furaha R.I.P	Lenten
Sat 21st	9.45am	Mass followed by Exposition & Silent prayer & Benediction	Lenten
Sunday 22nd February	9:15am	Special Intention. Happy - Sp. Intentions W.F Ashby R.I.P.	1st Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Angeline/Gabby Family intention Thanksgiving.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£564** Non Gift Aid: **£253** **QR code**

Donation NPH: **£300**. Dona Offering: **£118**

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 B Women of Faith.

Parish Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan 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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1st Corinthians 2:6-10; Mt. 5:17-37



Perfection is No Trifle!

Some look up on 10 Commandments, as gustily whispers of a dead age; some dislike them, others hit them. Yet it is for the benefit of man that God made the Laws. We come to worship God, not because he is the greatest celebrity of all, but because he is the greatest good. How can this God make laws which are bad for us? God's love for us is made practical by his laws. Hence, his laws last longer than that those who break them. Those who go on breaking them will pay for it. They may not pay weekly, but they will pay for it at the end. In a sense, no one can break the laws of God; we can only break ourselves against them. Thus, *"Before man are live and dead; whichever he chooses, will be given him"* (Sir 15:17). *Those who obey the law, live; otherwise, they die. Because God's laws are expression of his friendship and of his concern for his people, Jesus proclaimed (Mt 5:17) that he had come not to abolish the laws, but to fulfil them.*

Jesus fulfilled all of God's laws when he sacrificed his very life on the cross for love of God and human race, a love that sums up all laws and perfect them. In so doing, he called us his followers also to seek as he did a deeper and inner kind of holiness, rather than the external observations of the laws. This means that not only crimes of violence like murder are for bidden but also harbouring of any anger, which is the root cause of murder; not only the act of adultery must be shunned, but even lustful thoughts which are the seeds from which plants of adultery grow. Likewise, not only false oaths must be avoided but also any dishonest motive behind our words (Mt 5:21-37).

By this new teaching, Jesus is challenging us to become as holy as God Our father is a holy. Our church is charged with the grandeur of a holy God; that is why we light candles and incense to the altar. We who come to worship this holy God, are not all holy, because we use holy water, but by seeking on the other six days of the week the inner holiness of our hearts and minds. In each action, therefore, we managed to look beyond the action to find whether we are holy within as God is.

Is it possible to become as holy and perfect as God is? Many would probably place such perfection in the realm of fantasy. Yet, it is better to strive for this ideal and fall short than never to have tried at all. Besides, we are not left to struggle towards perfection all by ourselves. Through Christ we have received *"God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden wisdom, which eyes has not seen, ear has not heard but planned by God before all ages for a glory"* (1Cor 2:7). *What is wisdom? It is the spiritual eye that can see the effects of God's love and saving power working in us through Christ's redemption. We are called to use it.*

A blind man slowly turned around the corner of the street, filling his way with his white cane. A boy coming from the opposite direction, dust and collided with him. *"Why don't you look where you are going?" the boy shouted. Blind man gently replied. "Why don't you go where you are looking?"*

God did not make us perfect, nor can we suddenly become perfect as God. We are Pilgrims after perfection, moving little by little towards it. And therefore, you are becoming perfect when you show a little more patient towards those with whom you have to live; a little more humility to remain at the post to which God has led to you; and a little more prayerfulness to draw God to your heart.... Christian Virtues!