

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend - Sunday 8th March: For Cathedral Maintenance. Please support our cathedral.

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

Lenten Pledge for St Elizabeth Church: The PPC and Fundraising Council is continuing with their appeal to you to support the parish in paying the debt incurred at the building of Jubilee Hall. All the options have been exhausted and the Diocese wants us to act swiftly before we could enter into a big trouble. So please support this Lenten appeal with your PLEDGE. Thank You.

Wednesday 11th March - RCIA Group Session: at 7.00pm in Sacristy. You are welcome to join if you want to know more about a Catholic Faith during Lent.

Day of prayer and Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers. This Saturday 14th March starting with Mass @ 9:45am..

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.



Friday Stations of the Cross. Every Friday at 6:30pm and Mass.

Led by various groups of the parish. **Leaders Friday** 13th March Fathers/Sisters & European group. Friday 20th March Shona/Ndebele Chaplaincy. Friday 27th March Choir group. Good Friday 3rd April - all Groups at 1:00pm.



Mother's Day: The women of faith are inviting all women to celebrate mothers day in the Jubilee hall after the 11:15am Mass on 15th of March. Everyone is welcome to the Jubilee Hall after Mass. God bless all the mothers and those associated with a Mothering figure in our parish community.

Lenten Donations to Food Bank: As part of our Lenten observations we are asked to give to charity. We are doing our usual Easter donations to Foleshill Food bank. Tinned and dried food such as pasta and rice. Please put these at the front of the altar. God bless. From Justice and Peace.

Relics of St. Carlo Acutis: St. Osburg's hosting the relics of St. Carlo Acutis from Wednesday 11th -14th March. Leading up to the relic arriving, there will be Abide in Me course from 8th - 11th March at 7pm in parish hall. The course talks about St. Carlo Acutis' life and Eucharistic miracles. Public veneration of the relic begins on Friday 13th March, with a special evening for young adults at 7pm, and Saturday 14th March

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

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

My Parish My Home - Planned Giving. Week2!

Thank you very much for all that your are doing in the parish. To all who have sacrificed their time to support the parish in various ways including: Church's cleaners, flowers team, sacristans, choirs, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, youth team, Parish Council & its Committees, Women of faith and many others. This participation is vital in the life of the parish.

Today your parish Finance and Fundraising team will specifically appeal to your help to secure the future of our parish. Today's appeal will be both for your Financial and Human Support, particularly asking you to be actively involved in your parish as your second home.

Our parish is now **114 -year-old**. Those who built it worked so hard, and so now is our responsibility to ensure that our parish and two schools remain strong and viable. The Diocesan Vision invites us to work co-responsibly together in building a vibrant community of faith and joy in our hearts. A well prepared leaflets for this Campaign/Appeal is available today in church and parish Website: www.https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk.

Apostles of Jesus Appeal Sunday 22nd March.

Mission appeal on behalf of the Apostles of Jesus will be carried out in support of their missions in the world and especially for the training of the priests. The archbishop authorised Apostles of Jesus to make two annual mission appeals in our parish for Priests' training. Our first appeal on 22nd March at all Masses. Last Year we raised over £500 through the box at the back of the church marked Apostles of Jesus. I am very sure this year it will even e more. Thank you for putting more CASH regularly in the 'Appeal Box'. Please make use of it and support us in training more priests. Thank You.

Date Mass Time Intentions Week Three Lent Year A

Sunday 8th March	9:15am	Special Intention. Mike Ifeanyi Browne Sp. Int Sandho Family Thanksgiving Oscar Owen R.I.P.	3rd Sunday Lent
	11:15am	Claire Unes & Philomena - Sp. Phillipa & Family - Thanksgiving	
Mon.9th	9.15am	Nidar Gonzales R.I.P. Thelma Celeste R.I.P.	
Weds 11th	9:15am	Nidar Christostomo R.I.P.	Lent Feria
Thurs 12th	9:15am	Bronislaw, Mary and Paul R.I.P	Lent Feria
Friday. 13th	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross and Mass. N Lal Thomas Sahunta R.I.P.	Lent Feria
Sat 14th	8:00am 9.15am	Holy Hour & Benediction	Lent Feria
Sunday 15th March	9:15am	Mary Ashby R.I.P. Peter and Catherine Ryan RIP	4th Sunday Lent
	11:15am	Juliet Ikejiaku - Thanksgiving.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£529** Non Gift Aid: **£269** **QR code**
 Donation/Fundraising NPH: **£1900**. Dona Offering: **£114**
 CAFOD: **£327.87**. Standing Order **£638**. **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 **6:30-7:30pm**. Every one is welcome.

Pope's prayer Intention March: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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 Dioceses 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 of Lent Year A

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95(94); Romans:5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

The Inward Journey!

A missionary who worked on the East Coast of Africa tells this story. One day a black boy came to him and said, 'Was Jesus a white man or a black man?' The missionary was tempted to say that Jesus was a white man, but he happened to guess what was in the boy's mind. He knew that, if he said Jesus was a white man, the boy would turn away with a sad look. (What did the missionary answer?)

Jesus meets a woman by the well. And this encounter is a turning point in her life. Surely, it is not a superficial encounter. It is an in-depth meeting of two persons. What is this well? Could it be a symbol of inner depth, the deepest level of our consciousness? The woman by the well must get into the well. But she keeps it well covered and hidden from herself and from the rest of the world. Jesus must lead her into her depths. It is interesting to know how gently and delicately Jesus does this.

He starts from a weaker stance, with a request for a drink of water. But the woman does not respond to Jesus. She reacts. Jesus patiently adjusts to her reaction. He doesn't know her racial prejudice (*Jews vs Samaritans*) and her ancestral pride ("Are you greater than our father Jacob?") to prevent him from leading her to the depths of her consciousness.

Jesus does not refute her claims to any type of superiority. But he leads her to a deeper truth. With exquisite refinement, Jesus lays bare her private life (*her six men*) and gently unmasks her. She loses all her claims and the last alibi she loses is her theology; more precisely, her theology of worship ("Our fathers worshipped on this mountain"). Fully unmasked and thoroughly shorn of all her pretensions, she has reached the depth of her well, the depth of her being. Real encounters take place at this level.

This is the genuine meeting between two authentic persons. At this depth there are only two possibilities: **reception** or **rejection**. It is to the credit of Jesus that after having 'announced the good news to her', after having brought her face to face with her own real life, he leaves her free to decide. And it is to the credit of the woman that despite her initial dodging of the issue, she finally accepts herself as she is (*a sinner in need of salvation*) and accepts Jesus for what he is (*the Saviour come to call sinners*) and becomes his missionary.

After this transforming encounter she does not keep her experience a secret. She turns her experience of Jesus into a message for others. Because of her, the whole town comes to meet Jesus. Many believe in Jesus because of her story; many more come to believe in him when they meet him.

'This woman at the Well, is a summary of how people come to understand Jesus, first as a Jew; then as a Prophet; then as the Messiah; then as the Saviour of the world. She is one of the first witnesses in John's gospel who leads others to Jesus. Her past does not hinder her from being a messenger of the Good News. She has a story to tell. At long last she met the right man'. What about US? What about YOU? Where are you TODAY?