

Dates for your Diary

NO Second Collection this Weekend.

Second Collection Next Sunday: For the Apostles of Jesus Missionary's Priest Training. Please support training of future priests..

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

Thursday 18th March 6pm: 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 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.

School Admission. Is your child ready for reception this year? Have you applied for St Elizabeth's or Good Shepherd Catholic school? If not, please contact primary admission team at Coventry City Council on 02476975445 NOW. Once the places have been allocated, you will not get a place.

World Youth Day, Seoul: *Invitation from the Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT).* Young people from every corner of the world are heading to Seoul in summer 2027 for an unforgettable celebration of faith - and you could be one of them! If you are aged 18-35 World Youth Day is your chance to experience the Church like never before: praying, celebrating, serving and worshipping alongside thousands of young people united as one global family. Every moment is filled with energy, joy, and encounter. We are holding a Zoom call on Monday 30 March at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to find out more about WYD Seoul and ask any questions you may have. Register your interest. Details on Birmingham Diocesan website.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

Sunday 29th March: For Church's Decorations for Easter - Church Flowers.

Friday 3rd April: For the Holy Places - Good Friday collection.

Sunday 5th April: For the Parish Clergy.

Sunday 26th April: For the Clergy Training Fund (Archdiocese of Birmingham).

Sunday 10th May: For the Poor Parishes Mission Fund.

Sunday 17th May: For Catholic Communications.

Sunday 21st June: For Day for Life Charity

Sacramental Programme for Parish Schools 2026

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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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 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

Apostles of Jesus Appeal

Sunday 22nd March. Mission appeal on behalf of the Apostles of Jesus will be carried out next weekend 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.

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.

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.

Date Mass Time Intentions Week 4 Lent Year A

Sunday 15th March	9:15am	Mary Ashby R.I.P. Peter and Catherine Ryan RIP	4th Sunday Lent
	11:15am	Juliet Ikejiaku - Thanksgiving to God	
Mon. 16th	9.15am	Nora Patrick O'Donnell R.I.P	
Tues 17th	5:30pm	Mary Droney - Reception of the Body into Church	Funeral Reception
Weds 18th	10:30am	Mary Droney R.I.P - Requiem	Funeral Mass
	6:00pm	Parish/School - Confessions	
Thurs 19th	9:15am	Bronislaw, Mary and Paul R.I.P	Lent Feria
Friday. 20th	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross and Mass. Mrs/Miss O'Flyviv	Lent Feria
Sat 21st	8:00am 9:15am	Holy Hour & Benediction Ranuna Stronach - B'Day	Lent Feria
Sunday 22nd March	9:15am	Peter & Catherine Ryan R.I.P Oscar Owen R.I.P Michael & Margaret Doherty R.I.P	5th Sunday Lent
	11:15am	Jim Miller R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£542** Non Gift Aid: **£324** **QR code**
 Donation/Fundraising NPH: **£105**. Dona Offering: **£83**
 Cathedral: **£131** Standing Order **£ 371**. **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 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

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

Healer of Souls!

Samuel was the last of the Judges who ruled in the land promised to Abraham. He combined the roles of priest and prophet. The people however wanted a king like the other nations. Their first king was Saul, but in God's eyes, he missed the mark and God rejected him. He ordered Samuel to anoint David instead. Samuel was surprised at God's choice. David was a younger brother whose life was spent herding sheep. The choice would not have surprised Samuel's mother, Hannah. She sang in her canticle "The bows of the mighty are broken and the feeble gird on strength" (1Sam 2:4). The selection of David the shepherd as king makes the "Good Shepherd" Psalm an appropriate choice. God's care for his people as the good shepherd mirrors his self-description of himself as the ideal shepherd in Ezekiel 34.

The second reading today prepares us for the gospel which describes Christ as the Light of the world (Jn 8:12) and reminds us to Jesus' words in the sermon on the Mount which describes his disciples as the "light of the world" (Jn 5:14).

If Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman was typical of his relationships with the alienated of society, his healing of the man born blind typified his care for the sick. Such healings were understood as signs of the messianic times. John did not want his readers to think of Jesus merely as a physical healer. The real healing, he brought was for spiritual health. Before he begins the story, he makes it clear that physical defect does not imply personal guilt (Lk 13:2-3).

The gospel story of a man born blind is reassuring. Imagine this man's elation at having his sight restored. As the story develops, the all-seeing Pharisees move to spiritual blindness by putting on the blinkers of the law. They cannot recognise Jesus or his works of mercy because of their tunnel vision. Jesus doesn't fit their worldview. Meanwhile, the blind beggar, who has sight restored, goes on to gain insight about who Jesus is and the way that God works in the world; he begins to see how shallow and pathetic the Pharisees really are.

This gospel also contains a critical theological lesson: Disability and illness do not come from personal sinfulness. It's surprising that we hear good Christians, for example, saying that some illnesses have been "sent" by God as punishment for sins, or they wonder what their families have "done" to deserve disabled children. It's true that God permits us to live in an imperfect world where we are prone to illness and disability. But God, the source of all life, does not actively send bad things to us, instead, he is our constant companion in dealing with them, giving us the courage and strength to cope with, and sometimes overcome, them.

The task of this joyful season is to bring our good humour and compassion to bear on the blind spots in our own lives and be on our guard for the times when we are too confident about who God is, how he works, or what he can or cannot do. May it never be said of us that we were so consumed by our own religious vision that we missed God's woods for the trees.