

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this 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.

Friday Stations of the Cross. Every Friday at **6:30pm** and Mass. Led by various groups of the parish. **Leaders Friday 27th March** Choir group. Good Friday 3rd April - all Groups at 1:00pm.

Washing of the Feet. If you want your feet to be washed please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions.

Friday 27th March at Corpus Christi Church at 6.00 pm

Saturday 28th March at St Osburg's Church, Barras Lane at 12:30pm

Monday 30th March at Christ the King Church, Coundon at 7.00pm

Monday 30th March at Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm

Tuesday 31st March at St John Fisher's Church at 6:30pm

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

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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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 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 22nd March.

Today **Fr Robert** and **Fr Moses** are making a Mission appeal on behalf of their Missionary Order the Apostles of Jesus and in support of their missions worldwide and especially for the training of the new priests. The archbishop authorised Apostles of Jesus to make two annual mission appeals in our parish for Priests' training. Our first appeal is this weekend at the 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 be more. Thank you for putting more CASH regularly in the 'Appeal Box'. Please make use of it and support us in the training of 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 5 Lent Year A

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	
Mon.23rd	9.15am	Nora Griffiths R.I.P.	
Weds 25th	9:15am	Mary Droney R.I.P -	Lent Feria
Thurs 26th	9:15am	Carmen Ball – Birth Day	Lent Feria
Friday. 27th	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross and Mass. Special Intentions	Lent Feria
Sat 28th	8:00am 9.15am	Holy Hour & Benediction Barry Leedam R.I.P. Bridget Torley R.I.P.	Lent Feria
Sunday 29th March	9:15am	Special Intention Mick Bresline R.I.P.	Palm Sunday
	11:15am	Anna Thomas R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme:£563 Non Gift Aid:£322 **QR code**

Donation/Fundraising NPH:£600.

Dona Offering:£252 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 C Violeta

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 of Lent Year A

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we welcome the Spring equinox when the hours of daylight begin to exceed those of darkness and night, the Church's calendar also marks a turning-point. The first four weeks of Lent have already passed quickly and in the coming two weeks, which the Church sometimes calls Passiontide, we begin to reflect more intensely in our prayers and liturgy on the Passion of Our Lord.

With Easter a fortnight away, we still have time to re-focus our Lenten efforts. There is no need to dwell on the opportunities we have missed this Lent for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Instead, we can choose today how to make the very best use of the time that is left to us, so that our celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord will be all the more joyful and fruitful. In our prayer we can make a real effort to see every experience of Our Lord's passion as a gesture of his love for us - his betrayal by Judas - his abandonment by Peter - his trial and scourging - his entrusting of Our Lady to us as our mother - and his death on the cross. The sufferings of Christ are all expressions of God's infinite love for us. This is the generous love - in St John Henry Newman's words - that He...the double agony in man for man should undergo. What can we offer in return? The best offerings we can make this Passiontide are acceptance and accompaniment of our Saviour on the painful but life-giving journey ahead. We can begin by accepting our lives as they are just now - the extraordinary gift of a generous God Who has made us to know, love and serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next.

We can accompany our Saviour especially in those who suffer at this time within our own communities - and because of the unpredictable and destructive wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. We can echo in our prayer the recent words of Pope Leo: On behalf of the Christians of the Middle East, and of all women and men of good will, I appeal to those responsible for this conflict: cease fire! May paths of dialogue be reopened! Violence can never lead to the justice, stability and peace for which the peoples are waiting. As Catholics we must cherish life. Our Lord has told us: I am the way the truth and the life...I am the resurrection and the life. Within our own Archdiocese we have been blessed for many years by the work and witness for life of the late Professor Jack Scarisbrick, who died recently - and who, together with his wife Nuala, founded the Life charity. Their example reminds us of how much good can be achieved in the span of a single lifetime. Today's Gospel story encourages us on our pilgrim way through Lent. The turning point for Lazarus is a foretaste of the Resurrection. Brought back to life, he was restored to his grieving sisters - and then, according to an Orthodox tradition, he travelled to Cyprus with Paul and Barnabas. St John's Gospel tells us that many of the Jews came to believe in Jesus because of Lazarus and his testimony. The turning-points in our own lives may be far less dramatic - but the impact of our witness can be just as important. For all of us, Baptism or Reception into the Catholic Church are themselves the beginning of a new life of faith - and it was truly uplifting to welcome the greater number of catechumens and candidates coming forward in the Cathedral for this year's Rite of Election. Another turning-point for many of our young people may be the recognition of a vocation - to ordained ministry or consecrated life. I ask the young people in your congregation: is Our Lord calling you to witness to him, as the resurrection and the life, by offering yourself in life-long service among the People of God? Cardinal Newman heard the crucified Christ calling him through the experiences of his own life. In a beautiful reflection, from his sermon entitled the Tears of Christ at the Grave of Lazarus, he wrote: Wherever faith in Christ is, there is Christ Himself. He said to Martha, "Believest thou this?" Wherever there is a heart to answer, "Lord, I believe," there Christ is present. Blessed be His name! nothing can rob us of this consolation: we will be as certain, through His grace, that He is standing over us in love, as though we saw Him. We will not, after our experience of Lazarus's history, doubt an instant that He is thoughtful about us. With my prayers for a blessed Holy Week and joyful Easter to come. +Bernard Longley.