

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Sunday: For Church's Decoration Easter

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

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

Apostles of Jesus Appeal: Fr Robert and Fr Moses would like to thank you very sincerely for supporting last weekend Apostles of Jesus appeal for the training of priests. A total of **£558** was raised.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: From **12:30pm** from Church to school. Led by various parish groups.

Easter Cards & Mass times and envelopes: Available in Church - includes Holy Week programmes. Please take a copy for your neighbour too. Envelopes for your Easter Offering and gifts also available.

Easter Monday Mass St Osburg's: It has been our tradition in the Deanery to have one Mass for all the parishes in Coventry. The Mass will be at St Osburg's at 10:00am and will be led by are bishop Richard Walker. NO Mass at St Elizabeth's

Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist Renewal: This will take place on the Solemnity of **Corpus Christi** Sunday June 22nd at both Masses.

Lenten Penitential Service and Confessions.

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



Divine Mercy Sunday: This annual devotion will be held at Ss. Mary's & Benedict Church, Reglan St. Coventry on Sunday 12th April at 2.00pm. Please see poster on the notice board for more information.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

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

Easter Monday Parish Get Together Picnic.

In our last Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, it was agreed that we should come together as a parish to have a meal together on Easter Monday at 12.00pm (Midday) in a Jubilee Hall/Garden. The meal comprises of bring and shared food BBQ, Burgers and drink. It is a great opportunity for us to socialise and get to know one another more. A list at the back of the church for anyone who wants to contribute something for the day. Write your name and what you wish to contribute. Thank you.

Lenten Pledge for St Elizabeth Church.

The PPC and Parish Finance 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 to avoid entering into a big trouble. So please support this Lenten appeal with your PLEDGE. Thank You.



Gift Aid Envelopes.

These are now ready for you to pick this weekend from the back of the Church or in the Sacristy. The newly registered to the scheme who prefers envelope can speak to Mr Stan Milewski

Easter Food-Bank Food Appeal

We are doing our usual Easter donations to Foleshill Food bank. Tinned and dried food such as pasta and rice. No Fresh food please. To be taken away on Holy Saturday. Thank you.

Date Mass Time Intentions Holy Week Year A

Sunday 29th March	9:15am	Special Intention Mick Breslin R.I.P	Palm Sunday 
	11:15am	Anna Thomas R.I.P.	
Mon.30th	9.15am	Laura Special Intention	Holy Week
Wed 1st April	9:15am	Margaret Hoban R.I.P	Holy Week
Thurs 2nd	11:30am	Filomena Cavaliere - Funeral Service	Maundy Thursday 
	7:30pm	People of the Parish	
Friday. 3rd	12:30pm	Stations of Cross.	Good Friday
	3.00pm	Passion Service	
Sat 4th	7:45pm	Easter Vigil Lena, George & J Harkin R.I.P	Easter VIGIL
Sunday 5th April	9:15am	Elizabeth Faulconbridge & Oscar Owen R.I.P	Easter Sunday 
	11:15am	Anna Thomas R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme **£734** Non Gift Aid **£323** **QR code**
Apostles of Jesus Appeal: **£558**.
Dona Offering **£231** 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 April: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 D Punjabi Rosary Group**

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.

Palm Sunday of Lent Year A

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Why darkness matters.

One of the most important directives to come from the restoration of the Triduum liturgies is that the entire Easter Vigil must take place after nightfall (Roman missal, Easter Vigil 3). Prior to this it was not uncommon for parishes to celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday morning. Imagine lighting the paschal fire in the bright of day, proclaiming how the light of Christ has dispelled the darkness! No wonder so many parishes have become content with tiny paschal fires. When the darkness doesn't matter, neither does the fire. 

Today, most parishes wait until the evening. However, many of these will still begin their vigil while daylight remains on the horizon. Though it may technically be nightfall, the intent of the lighting of the paschal fire is clear. We must show fully by our symbols how the light of Christ has dispelled not just partial darkness but the complete and overwhelming darkness of death, a darkness we cannot control.

The three days of Easter Triduum lead the Church through the mysteries at the heart of our faith. We are invited to make this journey with Christ. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist: the gift of Christ's Body broken for us, and Christ's Blood poured out for us. As Jesus showed his love by washing his disciples' feet, so the Christian is called to show solidarity and act with love towards those who are in need.

Good Friday speaks of the love which God has for each person. The most scandalous sinner is invited to repent and return to God. Forgiveness is unbounded for the one who is sincere. In venerating the cross, we are invited to place at the feet of Jesus – pain, hurt, sorrow, anger, sin, and failure. The gentle Jesus is there to caress our heads and God is there to welcome each one home.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting. The Church is empty and bare. It is stripped of decoration and feels empty. There is something missing. But the emptiness of Holy Saturday has provided an opportunity to wait and reflect on the events of Holy Week.

It also reminds us of many difficult moments in our human life – sickness, grief, imprisonment, loss of friends, loneliness, struggling for justice in a situation of oppression, speaking the truth when the cost is high – the promise of resurrection is that God will triumph.

Martin Luther King whilst struggling for justice for Afro-American endured suffering, rejection, and death. He knew from his Christian faith that he must live the Good Friday of suffering and emptiness of Holy Saturday, but the Easter Sunday would dawn. It would be a day of everlasting joy.

