

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection.

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

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

Urgent Work: The work to repair the damp at the Sacred Heart chapel will commence on 4th May. cost £2600.

Water Leak: The water leading to the church and Jubilee Hall is closed due to unground leak. Integra Builders will be coming this Monday to check the leak. Disable toilets at the back of church and hall are all out of use now.

First Anniversary of the PPC: The First anniversary of our Parish Pastoral Council will be on 11th May 2026. I extend my deepest gratitude to the members as they mark the first anniversary. Over the past year, their commitment, wisdom, and dedicated service have been instrumental in guiding our parish ministries and laying a strong foundation for the future. I thank you all and especially the chair, vice chair and secretary for their leadership and commitments as well as the various committees of the PPC.

CAFOD: Stand with Sudan. Give monthly: On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan.

Parish Events Group: This committee is vital. At the moment we have various people and groups organising events in the parish, but unfortunately, NO event group specifically tasked with harmonising our various parish events. We need up to Six people to run this group. Perhaps members from existing Committees e.g. Fundraising, Hall, and Women of Faith etc. could team together to form events group? If you're interested to join please speak to Fr Moses

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

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.

Sunday 7th June @ 9:15am&11:15am: Renewal of the Extraordinary Ministers eucharist

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>



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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

Diocesan Vocation Office.

We'd like to encourage any young men in our parish or **school years 9-13**, who feel called to be a priest, to sign up for a **Young Discerners Group**, which will meet on **Saturday 9th May at St. Mary's College, Oscott**. You will find more information about how to become a priest or deacon. Your parents are also welcome to attend as part of a parallel programme, where they can have a tour of Oscott and meet with a priest's parents, who can answer their questions. If any boys want to join us, **booking is essential** for both catering and safeguarding purposes. For details please **contact Deacon Owendeacon.owen@vocations.org.uk 0121 321 5135** or sign up. A flyer with information is on parish notice board. God bless you.

Clergy Training Fund - Vocations Sunday Appeal.

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: www.vocations.org.uk/ctf. For more information about vocations and the work of the Vocations Office, please see their latest newsletter available online. Please also keep in your prayers those currently discerning their vocation, and those in formation, that they may have the courage and perseverance to become priests/deacons. Thank you for your support/generosity.

Date Mass Time Intentions Fourth Week of Easter Year A

Sunday 26th April	9:15am	Special Intention Lakwinder & Aizack –Wed Anniv. Elpidio Cacho R.I.P	4th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	Ecuedor - Special Int. Peace	
Mon.27th	9:15am 12:30 Pm	Mary B- Sp. Int. Michael Lucas R.I.P Funeral	Funeral Service St. Catherine of Siena
Wed 29th	9:15am	Rosemary-B'day Sp. Intention	
Thurs 30th	9:15am	Anthony Crooz R.I.P.	
Frid. 1st May	6:30pm	R. Swift-B'day Sp. Intention	
Sat 2nd	08:00am 09:15am	Holy Hour & Benediction	
Sunday 3rd May	9:15am	Special Intention Charles Bewete R.I.P.	5th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am		

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£539** Non Gift Aid **£259** **QR code**

Lenten Pledge: **£196.** Dona Offering: **£34**

Standing Order: **£978. 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 New Church Volunteers. Group C Violeta. Group D Punjabi Rosary Group. Church's Cleaners this Week: **Group C Violeta**

Parish Safeguarding: This 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Readings: Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm23(22); 1 Peter 2:20b-25; Luke 10:1-10

God Cares

A little boy visiting the home of an elderly woman was intrigued by a colourful wall plaque with the biblical text: "Thou God, seest me." Noticing the child's interest, the kindly woman took the motto from the wall and began explaining it to the lad.

"Some people will tell you", She said, "that God is always watching to see when you are doing wrong so he can punish you. I don't want you to think of this motto in that way. Every time you read the words, "Thou God seest me," I would rather have you remember that God loves you so much that he cannot take his eyes off you."

The devil once briefed his minions: "What will you tell men?" he asked the first. "I shall tell them that there is No God." "No use; they won't believe you," the devil replies. "What about you?" He asked the second, "I shall tell them there is a God, but he doesn't love them." "They won't believe that either," the devil replies. But the third person said. "I will tell them that there is a God who loves them but that it needn't make any difference." "Fine," says the devil. "Off you go!"

God may be defined as love, and one may prove that God loves. But if anyone can show that God and his love do not really matter, then all our fine talk about God becomes meaningless. The devil knows it well and exploits it to the maximum. In the world of today, many just do not believe in God because they do not see any need for God. In their lives, God does not matter.

We celebrated recently Holy Week and Easter. These have a message, and the message is that God really care and that it does make a difference. Today's second reading shows that Christ did matter in the lives of numberless men and women from every nation and tribe. It mattered as it brought them peace and security. It mattered because they found forgiveness for their sins. It mattered because God had wiped away every tear from their eyes. All that God does matter. All that God is and does, is to care for his creation. This caring is beautifully expressed in the image of God as the Good Shepherd.

In the gospel today we are given a condensed model of the spiritual life. It involves listening and knowing and following. The sheep of the Good Shepherd listen to his voice. Unlike the voice of strangers, the sheep listen and respond to the voice of their shepherd. They are attuned to his tone and the rhythm of his speech. They find a home within his words. We who belong to the flock of the Lord might ask, how well do we know his voice? How much time do we spend listening to it with love each day? How might we build a home with the Word of God?

Whether we recognise it or not we are deeply known by the shepherd. Indeed, he knows us better than we know ourselves. In this knowing there is no shame. We are recognised for who we are as beloved children of God. And we are called to become even more authentically ourselves. The Good Shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

After we have listened to the voice of the Good Shepherd and heard him call us by name can we then follow him. Theologian Sofia Cavalletti wrote: "It is only in love, and not in fear, that one may have a moral life worthy of the name". God does not crave our fearful submission but our loving and joyful collaboration in building God's Kingdom here and now.