

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection.

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

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

Divine Mercy this Sunday: at Ss. Mary's & Benedict Church, Reglan St. Coventry on Sunday at 2.00pm. Please see poster on the notice board.

Thank You from MISSIO: Red Boxes raised **£1,917** last year from our parish. Thanks to Bob for coordination and for all your support and contributions.

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life: This Holy Hour has been arranged to take place at 5.30pm (Rome time) on the Sunday afternoon of the Bishops' Conference Spring Plenary (19 April) taking place at Palazzola. It is hoped that parishes across the country will arrange Holy Hours at the same time (4.30pm UK Time) to unite themselves in prayer with the bishops. I would therefore urge you to arrange a Holy Hour in your parish possible at 4.30pm on Sunday 19 April. For more information, please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life>

Alpha Course: What is our Christian faith all about? Come along and bring a friend to the Alpha Course on Tuesday evenings with the Sion Community in Potters Green, from 14th April from 7 to 9pm for the next few months (see the poster and fliers for details and to sign up or email ark@sioncommunity.org.uk). If you are unable to attend the first week but want to join, please let us know. Each evening will include a good meal, a talk and discussion.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 9th May: We are booking a coach for this pilgrimage. Please book your seat £15. if you are interested. Schedule: Coach leaves 10 am arrival; 1.30 pm Mass at the Shrine, Basilica of Reconciliation; 3 pm Procession to the ruins of the Abbey Grounds to pray at the site of the Holy House. The Pilgrimage concludes at about 5pm

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 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 Picnic.

Our Easter Monday Jubilee Hall/Garden picnic went very well. Plenty of food and drinks provided by our parish community members. It was a great opportunity to socialise and get to know one another more. Great start and hope that we shall have many more to come. I encourage those who did not take part to be involved next time. Social gatherings are important for any community. It strengthens a community cohesion. Thank you to all of you who were able to take it seriously and also contributed food and drinks. I hope we shall have a full house in the next social gathering.

Parish Events Group.

This committee has two or three individuals who are already involved in organising parish events. But we need more than three, at least Six or more. If you are interested to be a member please speak to Fr Moses.

Lenten Pledge Appeal for St Elizabeth Church.

Please bring your Lenten PLEDGE appeal donations with you next Sunday on the feast of the Divine Mercy. Remember this appeal was done at the beginning of Lent and we were all asked to pledge something during Lent as part of a Lenten fast. So, Lent is over and therefore we need to return our pledges.

Date Mass Time Intentions Second Week of Easter Year A

Sunday 12th April	9:15am	Leonard Pearson Mick Breslin R.I.P.	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
	11:15am	Anna Thomas R.I.P. Saraj 'Shavi' Sundar R.I.P Angeline - Thanksgiving (B'day)	
Mon.13th	9:15am	Nichita Bauzon R.I.P.	
Wed 15th	9:15am	Lena, George & John Harkin RIP	
Thurs 16th	9:15am	Holy Souls	
Friday. 17th	6:30pm	Fr. Robert-Thanksgiving (B'day)	
Sat 18th	08:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	
	09:15am	Nora Patrick O'Donnell R.I.P.	
Sunday 19th April	9:15am	Oscar Owen R.I.P. Ashby Family past & present Simon & Lakwinder - Birthday	3rd Easter Sunday
	11:15am	Karleta Kiden R.I.P Ruth Ndung'u-Birthday	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

G.A Donation NPH: **£457** Non Gift Aid **£52** **QR code**
 Good Friday: **£220** Munday Thursday **£177**
 Dona Offering: **£166** 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 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 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) Year A

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118(117); 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



The Doubting Thomas

In the lives of the apostles both experiences of life, light and darkness, came over them in quick succession when Jesus died. The experience of love and the ability to believe in it was powerful when the apostles walked beside the Lord. The experience of cruelty and of the brutal catastrophe of life came upon them when they saw the Lord upon a cross. The shattering of all hope came down upon them and they, temporarily, were broken people. The resurrection of Christ renewed their hope, joy, and trust.

The apostle Thomas was no different from the rest of the group. They, too, might have doubted a story of resurrection, had they not seen the Lord with their eyes. People who die stay dead. That is our experience. In this, Thomas was no different from ourselves. It is not an easy thing to believe in eternal life when your experience knows the finality of death only.

That is why Thomas' demand is – “*Unless I see....*” And it is a helpful demand because it helps us to believe. Thomas' doubt is my doubt. Thomas' demand is my demand. Thomas' struggle is my struggle. And Thomas' Road to faith is my road also. It is because he doubted, saw, and believed that we can believe – he provides proof precisely because his initial sceptical approach is much like most of us. If he can be convinced, then so can we.

The apostle John, who wrote this account years later, is giving us a testimony of the truth. The story of his friend Thomas is written to help us believe. Because when we believe we will have life in Christ. Not without our troubles, to be sure. The great apostle Peter tells us that “for a short time you may have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials”. But the faith we have been given will see us through all tribulations.

This faith of ours helps us to see deeply into the mystery of life, to know that we are on the way to glory. This faith of ours also helps us to persevere through the terrible things of this world. We know that love is stronger than death. We know that goodness will triumph over evil. Often, we do not see these things, but we know them to be true.



And we witness to that, as the Acts of the Apostles eloquently describes the first Christian community, ‘to the breaking of bread and to prayers.’

