

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection.

Next Second Collection 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 next month 4th May as the gas has already been disconnected. Total cost will be about £2600.

Water Leak: We were advised to closed the water leading to the church and Jubilee Hall because of underground pipe leak. We are losing 180litre per hour of water and our bill has gone to about £3000. Toilets & Hall out of use now.

Lenten Pledge Appeal for St Elizabeth Church: Congratulations, so far we have raised **£580** through our Lenten pledged and more are still on the way. Please bring your own Lenten PLEDGE if you have not yet submitted. You can hand it to any concern person or drop in a box at the back of the Church. Thank you very much for your generous support. God bless you.

Parish Events Group: This committee is vital in any parish. 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 it. If you're interested to join please speak to Fr Moses.

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).

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 9th May: We are booking A coach already booked, few empty seats available. Please book your seat £15. Coach leaves St Elizabeth's **8:30am** arrival; 1.30 pm Mass & Reconciliation, procession till 4:30pm. 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 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.

Thank you for all you do to foster and encourage all vocations, and especially those to the sacred priesthood. We'd like you to encourage any young men in your parish in **school years 9-13**, who feel they might be called to the priesthood to sign up for our **Young Discerners Group**, which meets on **Saturday 9th May** at **St. Mary's College, Oscott**. They will find out more about the priesthood and seminary life, spend time in prayer, meet seminarians and explore how to discern.

Their parents are also optionally invited 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. The boy or one of his parents should **contact Deacon Owen deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk / 0121 321 5135** for more information and to sign up. A flyer you may wish to share is attached. very much for your generous support. God bless you.

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.

Date Mass Time Intentions Third Week of Easter Year A

Sunday 19th April	9:15am	Ashby Family past & present Simon & Lakwinder - Birthday Oscar Owen R.I.P.	3rd Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	Karleta Kiden R.I.P. Ruth Ndung'u-Birthday	
Mon.20th	9:15am	Dorothy Barbara R.I.P. Madge & Michael Cannon R.I.P.	
Wed 22nd	9:15am		
Thurs 23rd	9:15am	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	Solemnity of St. George
Frid. 24th	6:30pm		
Sat 25th	08:00am 09:15am	Holy Hour & Benediction	St. Mark, Evangelist
Sunday 26th April	9:15am	Lakwinder & Aizack –Wed. Anniv. Elpidio Cacho R.I.P.	4th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	People of the Parish	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£516** Non Gift Aid **£288** **QR code**

Lenten Pledge: **£580**. Dona Offering: **£47**

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 B** New Church Volunteers.

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.

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 116(15); 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Peter's first sermon is quite a performance. We can grasp its drama and meaning better if we recall the background, the history. This is the same Peter who fished on the lake, who followed Jesus for three years and was chosen by him as the first among the apostles, the Peter who denied ever having known Jesus when the latter was on trial, and the Peter who had seen Jesus after his resurrection and had been present at the accession of the Master. The Peter we meet today is obviously a changed man. The bumbling, impulsive, ignorant, fearful, terribly human Peter of the gospels now stands before thousands of Jews who had come to celebrate the Jewish feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem and preaches to them, accusing them of having crucified Jesus. He even quotes their familiar prophecy and shows how it is fulfilled in Jesus' resurrection.

If this is the same old Peter we once knew, something has obviously happened to him, and we know what that 'something' is. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, has come to the apostles and women in that upper room, has brushed away their ignorance, given them insight into the true meaning of the old prophecies and events of Hebrew history and made them understand that Jesus is the Saviour and the deliverer not from Roman oppression but from enslavement to Satan and "futile way of life." The reading of this Sunday is only the beginning of the Sermon; if you are impatient to know how it was received and what its results were, read the whole chapter two of the Acts.

However, the gospel of this same Sunday, takes us back to that famous walk to Emmaus on the first Easter day. The details are familiar, for it is one of the most precious of all Jesus' appearances. The distressed disciples are joined by a mysterious stranger who explains the Scriptures to them while their hearts burn within them. "Stay with us" They plead, "the day is practically over." He disappears the moment he breaks bread for them at the meal, and in that breaking of bread they recognise him. Their prayer, "Stay with us" is our prayer now.

Because of his resurrection Jesus can answer that plea. He walks through life with us, he explains the Scriptures for us, and best of all he breaks bread with and for us at every Eucharist. Actually, we have more than the disciples had that day at Emmaus. For the breaking of bread that we have – the Mass – is the Last Supper and Calvary made present in our midst.

Whether or not our hearts burn within us depends on the openness of those hearts to the deep meanings of the Word, on our willingness to put our lives in his hands, and on our desire for him to fulfil every need of our lives. We pray, "Lord Jesus ... make our hearts burn with love when you speak."