

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection.

Second Collection Next Sunday 10th May: For Poor Parishes Mission Fund

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

Water Leak: The water leak issue not completely resolved. Integra Builders tried last Monday to repair the suspected place and thought that it was all done, but unfortunately after taking a further check there is still a leak. Disable toilets at the back of church and hall are all out of use still.

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.

Corpus Christi Procession: Our Parish - St Elizabeth's, will be holding a procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi Day 7th June after 11:15am Mass. The procession will start in the Church and concludes in St Elizabeth's School playground with Benediction. Children who received their First Holy Communion this year will put on their First Holy Communion dress. All the altar servers will put on their uniform too. Details will follow soon.

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.

Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry.

Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble. It runs two programmes each year for those who need help to find hope and healing in their relationship. From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk. +44 797 338 0443

Date Mass Time Intentions Fifth Week of Easter Year A

Sunday 3rd May	9:15am	Special Intention Charles Bewete R.I.P.	5th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	Patience S. Ughe-B'Day Sp.Int. Clai re E. & Phelomena-	
Mon.4th	9:15am	Beatrice R.I.P.	English Martyrs
Wed 6th	9:15am		
Thurs 7th	9:15am		
Frid. 8th	6:30pm	Holy Souls	
Sat 9th	08:00am 09:15am	Holy Hour & Benediction Baby O'Malley R.I.P.	
Sunday 10th May	9:15am	Special Intention	6th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	Claire Eunice & Philomena-Sp.Int	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£513** Non Gift Aid **£205** **QR code**

Clergy Training: **£202.** Dona Offering: **£165**

Donation Jubilee Hall: **£500** Standing Order: **£412.**

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 May: 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 D** Punjabi Rosary Group

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

The many ways of giving up one's life!

Jesus claimed: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."* How are we to understand this?

At least part of the answer to this depends on who we are: *"a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people God claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works of the one who called us from darkness into his marvellous light."* Peter also tells us that we are *"living stones, built as an edifice of spirit, into royal priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"*.

So, to live means to share in Christ's priestly office and his redeeming life, including his passion, death, and resurrection. Living in Christ also includes living to the fullest of our capacity as human beings, with eyes, ears, minds, and hearts open to joy, to beauty, and to truth. It means never to stop growing mentally and spiritually, never to give up learning, never to cease loving and never to close our eyes to the splendour of life around us. Jesus wants to be our way, our truth, our life, but we have to let him enter into us. This means sharing his vision of the entire world reconciled to the father. It means having his sensitivity for the plight of the poor, the hungry, the aged, and the sick.

We are rightly concerned, even horrified at the tragedy of violence in our world, but so often we seem completely unconcerned about the further tragedy of so many who never learn to live after they have been born, about those who 'retire' from life. Once we stop growing, learning, living, reflecting, thanking, rejoicing, praising God, we die. What is the 'truth we may never lose sight of?' Jesus has the answer, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one can come to the Father except through me."*

Once we put our trust in Jesus and accept him as our master and Lord, we begin to live by faith. Faith fosters fellowship. It creates a bond of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We become God's own chosen people. *"All those who received him, he gave them the power to become children of God"* (Jn 1:12).

Blessed James Alberione, the founder of the Pauline family, understood what was meant by *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"*. That is why he wanted the whole life and activity of the Pauline Family to be based on it. He adopted a Christocentric spirituality and developed it under this trinomial aspect: *way, truth, and life*. Which contains the whole of Jesus teaching. It is to live the total Christ in oneself and to give the total Christ to others. It is a method of growing in intellect, will, and heart in order to reach full maturity in Christ, i.e., perfect configuration with Christ, that Christ may live in us.