

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection.

Second Collection this Sunday 17th May: For Catholic Communications.

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

Water Leak: The water leak is still unresolved. The disable toilets still out of use.

Corpus Christi Procession 7th June: Blessed Sacrament procession will start immediately after 11:15am Mass 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.

General Quiz Night Friday 29th May: This will be in the Jubilee Hall from 7pm—10pm. A team of up to six players. Cost £2 adults, £1 Juniors. Please bring your own drinks particularly alcohol and food. Team/Coffee will be provided. Use of mobile phones or smart devices not allowed for the quiz. More details on the notice board at the back of the Church. Your support to this fundraising event will greatly be appreciated.

Pentecost Sunday 24th May: There will be baptism and Confirmation for those Adults whose reception into full communion with Catholic Church were postponed from Easter Vigil to Pentecost. Baptism at **11:15am**.

Eucharistic Ministers Renewal Sunday 7th June: This will take place on the Solemnity of **Corpus Christi** at both Masses.

Looking for Board Members for St Michael the Archangel CMAT: This is a unique opportunity to make a real impact on Catholic education. We are looking for passionate and skilled individuals to join the Board of Directors and help guide the strategic direction of the CMAT, working alongside the CEO Designate, Suzanne Horan, and a dedicated Executive Team. The CMAT will serve schools across South Birmingham, Solihull, Chelmsley Wood and Worcestershire, bringing together Emmaus, Lumen Christi and Our Lady & All Saints Multi-Academy Companies (MACs) and additional voluntary aided schools. Please see the attached recruitment pack for further details or contact Mark O'Connell: academies@bdes.org.uk. Please share this pack with relevant individuals and include it in your newsletters. Location is not a barrier, as meetings can take place virtually. The closing date for applications is Friday 5th June 2026

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

Sunday 21st June: For Day for Life Charity

Sunday 28th June: For Peter Pence - MISSION Charity

Sunday 21st July: For Apostleship of the Sea - Sea Farer.

Sacramental Programme for Parish Schools 2026

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>



St. Elizabeth's R.C. Church. Parish Priest: Rev Moses P David. AJ. Contacts. **Email:** fr.moses.david.pitya@rcaob.org.uk or **07882825479**.

Assistant Parish Priest: Rev Robert Mugabe. AJ. Contact 07440122413

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Tel: 024 76688536. **Email:** stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk. **Website:** WWW. <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

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

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

Fostering Information Evening.

Hosted by Father Hudson's Caritas. Thursday 21 May, 6.30pm. Could you make a difference in a child's life? Father Hudson's Caritas warmly invites you to a fostering information evening to learn more about becoming a foster carer. This session is an opportunity to:

- Discover what fostering involves
- Hear how you can support vulnerable children and families
- Speak with experienced staff and ask questions

Find out more in Birmingham Diocesan Website and book.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all the children from Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School and those who have been prepared at the Parish for the reception of their First Holy Communion last Saturday. Thanks to all who helped them.

Updates for 200 Club.

Please you are all welcome to join this Club. Monthly membership is only **£2** (Or **£24** a year). Remember only adults are registered. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw is **Sunday 31st May** after Mass. Information Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

Date Mass Time Intentions Seventh Week of Easter Year A

Sunday 17th May	9:15am	Special Intention Marjorie Bowen & Margaret Raftery R.I.P.	7th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	Claire & Philomena - Sp. Int	
Mon.18th	9:15am		
Wed 20th	9:15am		
Thurs 21st	9:15am		
Frid. 22nd	6:30pm		
Sat 23rd	08:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	
	09:15am	Prisca B'day Sp. Intention	
Sunday 24th May	9:15am	Special Intention M.A Ashby R.I.P. Prisca B'day Sp. Intention	Solemnity of Pentecost
	11:15am	Pio Tombe (Anniv. R.I.P.)	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£532** Non Gift Aid **£274**
 Dona Offering: **£56** Poor Parishes: **£102 - QR code**
 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 that everyone from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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 & Alter servers Group. Group B Women of Faith group. Group C Violeta. Group D Punjabi Rosary Group. Church's Cleaners this Week: **Group B Women of Faith 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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A

Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a



Saying Goodbye!

We are not very good at saying goodbye. We are even worse at saying goodbye happily as we leave our lives on earth. As Christians, we should be ever ready to say goodbye to dear one called by God to rest in peace. Unfortunately, not easy for us to let go

In John's gospel, five dense chapters are dedicated to Jesus saying goodbye to his disciples. This last discourse sums up his teaching to them, but it also reveals his great concern that they will be prepared for his absence. His aim is to convince them that his departure is for the best, for it will release the Holy Spirit, the advocate, who will empower them to carry his message of eternal life to the world. The final chapter of the discourse is a great prayer to the Father, giving thanks for the work Jesus has done on earth, a work which has glorified the Father. Now it is the time for Jesus to be glorified in his turn, with the glory that was his with the Father before ever the world was.

We are back with the language of the prologue to the gospel. If Jesus let go of his glory to come into the world, it was only to make it known to the world, so that, as he returned to take up his glory with the Father, his glory would be shared with his disciples. What is his glory? It is eternal life which he has brought to the world through his resurrection from the dead.

Difficult goodbyes are part of any life, and the last goodbye may be the most difficult of all. To help us we can do no better than look at how Jesus said farewell to his disciples. First of all, he acknowledges all the goodness and love there was between them, there is no playing down their relationship. His work with them has been a great achievement, and he will always continue to love them and be with them. Yet there has to be an ending, an ending from which new growth will come, and there is excitement, both for himself and for them, as to what this new world will be like. This is no final ending, there is but a transformation into something new and greater. As Peter says in his letter, this may be experienced as suffering at the time, but if it is a sharing in the sufferings of Christ, then it is something we should not be ashamed of. Rather we should give thanks for the privilege, for it too is tied into his glory.

So, we too should always give thanks for the love and closeness we have shared, recognising what has been achieved in our lives. And we also need to let go, accepting that we are in the hands of the one who can bring new life out of what we experience as suffering and loss.



Like the disciples, we gather in prayer that we may be able to make this pattern our own.