

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection.

There will be a second collection this Sunday - For the Daughters of the Divine Love Missionaries.

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

Missionary Sisters Appeal: The Missionaries Sisters of The ***Daughters of the Divine Love*** will be doing the appeal on behalf of the Missionary Order. The second collections will be to help their missionary work.

Information about the Daughters of Divine Love: The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

Mr Gerald Ani R.I.P: Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his bereaved family. Gerald's funeral is taking place at St Elizabeth's Church on Saturday 18th July at Midday. The body will be brought in a night before for a Vigil Mass at 6:00pm.

Mr John Moran R.I.P: Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of John Moran who died suddenly last week. Please pray also for his bereaved family in your prayers. John's funeral will take place at St Elizabeth's Church on Wednesday 22nd July at Midday. Reception of the body on Tuesday at 5pm.

Updates for 200 Club: Anyone interested is welcome to join. Monthly membership is only **£2 (£24 a year)**. Next draw **Sunday 28th June**. Details? Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

Sunday 28th June: For Peter Pence - MISSION Charity

Sunday 12th July: For Apostleship of the Sea - Sea Farer.

Sunday 20th Sept: For Home Mission/CASE.

Pray for the Sick: Mary Kean, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Clare Unes, Tony Ashby, Susan Nahar, Richard Fernandes & 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

Multicultural Mass at St Elizabeth's.

This will be now be on Saturday 8th August 2026.

Mass starts at 2:00pm, followed by a social gathering in the parish hall & garden. As usual it's bring and shared food/BBQ and drinks. Everyone is welcome.

Stolen Mics at St Elizabeth's Church.

The new mic system has been installed to replace the stolen one costing us **£2,096.40** including labour. Donations towards the cost has started coming in £100 received last week. Fundraising is continuing. Your donations very welcome. Thank you.



Recycling Box: Re-cycling, any **old stamps, postcards, mobile phones, games consoles, Old and worn-out jewellery, foreign & currency** - Please put them in the box at the back.

Mass of Thanksgiving: Following his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood at St Chad's Cathedral, Fr Tenny Antony will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 11th July at 12noon in St Thomas More (CV3 5DE). The Mass will conclude with the traditional First Blessing from a newly ordained priest. All parishioners from our Deanery are invited to attend, to pray and support Fr Tenny, but also to give thanks to God for the blessing of another priest within our Archdiocese. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. Those attending are asked to the email the Parish Office at stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk

Date July 2026: Time: Intentions: Week 14th Ordinary Time Yr A

Sunday 5th June	9:15am	Special Intention John Moran R.I.P	14th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	Bet Jones	
Mon. 6th	9:15am	Holy Souls	Feria OT
Wed 8th	9:15am	Bob & Jean 54th Wed Anniv.	Feria OT
Thurs 9th	9:15am	John Moran R.I.P	Feria OT
Frid. 10th	6:30pm	Bronislaw, Mary & Paul Srodon R.I.P	Feria OT
Sat 11th	08:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	St Benedict, the Abbot - Feast
	09:15am	John Moran R.I.P	
Sunday 12th July	9:15am	Special Intention Ashby Family past & preset	15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	Agnes Pearson R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£595** Non Gift Aid **£241**
 Dona Offering: **£143** Peter Pence: **£104** - **QR code**
 June Standing Order: **£380. 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 July: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God

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 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.

14th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 2026

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10; Ps 144; Roman 8:9,11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

An Easy Yoke, a Burden Light!

An Arab, lost in the desert, was out of breath and with nothing to drink. He looked all around in desperation. His throat was parched, and he felt like fainting ... death was near. However, he found the remains of an encampment. No one was around, but there was perhaps some left over. As a matter of fact, he found a small bag, and opened it with a trembling hand. *"Are they nuts or dates? Curse, they are pearl!"*

Today's world is restless: it seeks for meaning, significance, fulfilment, rest and, above all, peace. There is a frantic and restless search for peace by people in almost every walk of life. The search goes on and on and in this process of search and quest, people encounter many godmen/godwomen who offer instant peace and tranquillity. These godmen/godwomen seem to be the answer for their search, but in the long run, they realise the emptiness of their teaching. Hence the question is - *Who can give the much-needed eternal peace and happiness for that fulfilment?*

The answer is found in **Matthew 11:25-30**, where Jesus offers a warm and personal invitation to all those who are weary and over-burdened, to come to him to be refreshed and renewed. The Lord invites the tired, the poor and the oppressed to triumph over their weariness and burdens of life by discovering the spiritual strength of his gentle and humble heart. In order to listen to, and accept the message of Jesus Christ, one has to be in the Spirit who dwells in us. As St Paul tells us in Romans 8:9-13, *"If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ"* The one desiring to enjoy the rest, peace, and joy that Jesus offers has to be child-like. *What is this yoke that Jesus is talking about?* Definitely discipleship. Also, the struggle to discover, discern and know God and God's will. When we hear the word **'Yoke'**, we may think of the ordinary burdens of daily life. But it also implies our dying and rising in Christ. This means that we place all our daily tasks within the context to God's love for us and our response to that love by doing what we believe is God's will for us. On the road to discipleship, Jesus and the disciple walk side by side, bound together. Walking so closely with Jesus, the disciple will *"learn from him"*.

The yoke becomes easy and light because Jesus has shown us how to carry it not by word alone but by example. The beautiful thing about Jesus is: He is willing and able to carry the yoke with us. He does not eliminate or lighten the yoke but enables us to carry it with him. In other words, he participates in our yoke and invites us to come to him when we are heavily burdened and tired. We will feel lighter and comforted when we are ready to carry the yoke with Jesus and not when we run away from it. Authentic followers of Jesus are child-like. A child represents powerlessness and dependence. Our yoke becomes easy the moment we believe and accept the fact that Jesus is right there beside us and he bears it along with us. Every day we need but to listen to the invitation of Jesus to come to me and receive the peace and joy I offer. We find the strength to bear our burden in the eucharist.

Do not ask God to give a light burden; ask him to give you strong shoulders to carry a heavy burden (Bob Jones).

