

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Sunday: For Apostleship of the Sea - Sea Farer.

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

Multicultural Mass on Saturday 8th August: Second collections will be taken on the following Sundays for the support of our parish celebration of the multicultural Day. Sunday 19th & 26th July, and Sunday 2nd August at all Masses. Thank you for your Support.

Multicultural Day: Help is needed in the following areas:

1. Church's Stewards on the day - Please register with Ann Harkin if you want to help on the day.
2. Setting up and preparation of the hall and garden on Friday 7th August.
3. Join the hospitality team and to help serve visitors on the day

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.

John Moran R.I.P: Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his bereaved family. John's funeral will take place on Wednesday 22nd July at Midday. The body will be brought in a night before for a Vigil reception at 5:00pm on Tuesday 21st July.

Family Quiz Night 28th Friday August: My first Quiz was in August 1988 and my next one will be on Friday August 28th 2026 in the Jubilee Hall. From 7:30pm Start. Teams of up to 5 players at a cost of £2 for adults and £1 for Juniors. Please bring your own alcohol but please don't use your mobile phones. Tea & Coffee provided. It should be a great night for a social get together and will also raise much needed funds for the parish. Enrol your Team on the notice-board at the rear of the church as numbers are limited or call on parish tel. No 02476688536. Thank you for your support. Tony Ashby (Quiz master)

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

19th July: For the Multicultural Day - Parish event.

26th July: For the Multicultural Day - Parish event.

2nd August: For the Multicultural Day - Parish event.

Sunday 20th Sept: For Home Mission/CASE.

Sunday 27th Sept: For Father Hudson's Society

Sunday 4th October: For CAFOD. Harvest 2nd Fast

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 sound system for a total cost **£2096.40.**

Donations towards the cost has started . So far **£340** gratefully received, and a pledged of **£500** made. Hopefully we shall meet the target of the cost soon. Your donations very welcome. Thank you for your donations.



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.

Updates for 200 Club: Anyone interested is welcome to join. Monthly membership is only **£2 (£24 a year)**. Next draw **Sunday 26th July**. Details? Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

Date July 2026: Time: Intentions: Week 15th Ordinary Time Yr A

Sunday 12th June	9:15am	Special Intention Ashby Family past & present	15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	Agnes Pearson R.I.P Gerald Ani R.I.P	
Mon. 13th	9:15am	Eileen Kenny (90th B'day)	Feria OT
Wed 15th	9:15am	Michel Chaazon Martin Seudeu	St Bonaventure
Thurs 16th	9:15am	Special Intention John Moran R.I.P.	Feria OT
Frid. 17th	6:00pm	Gerald Ani R.I.P. Reception	Requiem Mass
Sat 18th	12:00pm	Gerald Ani R.I.P. Requiem	Funeral Mass
Sunday 19th July	9:15am	Special Intention Oscar Owen R.I.P.	16h Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	John Moran R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£541** Non Gift Aid **£199**

Dona Offering: **£176** Divine Sisters Mission: **£319-OR code**

200 Club: **£40.** 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 A Sr Joan & Alter servers 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.

15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 2026

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 64; Roman 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

The Seed of Faith!

St Paul in his letter to the Romans wrote about the bondage of the creation and human beings, and their groaning for liberation. We are indeed in bondage, as said by St Paul. A bondage to decay both physically and mentally. Our bodies left to itself, untended, uncared for, is susceptible to de cease and decay – it is only certain cosmetic and medical care that temporarily keeps us fit and fair. Our life is a journey from exuberant mental energy of youth towards sluggish, spent out old age and insanity. Our bondage is due to sin; there is an aching and a longing for liberation. We need to free ourselves from it.

As a caring and thoughtful teacher, Jesus called his disciples aside to spend precious moments with him so that they might understand his teaching more fully. Growing up in Jewish society, they had learnt that the Pharisees were the ones who had a special insight into God's will. When Jesus taught them in a different way, they were confused. He criticised the Pharisees, zealous lay people who argued that only by keeping the Law fully could one be a good Jew. He taught that the Pharisees had hardened people's hearts to God's real message. Their ears and eyes were closed. There is a danger when the message of salvation becomes exclusive.

The parable of the Sower shows the lavishness of God's gifts. Jesus communicates to his disciples that they must accept the gifts which God has bestowed on them. The various attitudes of the heart can be likened to the different types of ground on which the seed falls. There is fertile soil open to hear God's word. There are areas of neglect likened to thorny patches. Rocky patches are parts of the heart that have become hardened by bitterness or resentment. Like a good gardener who sees possibilities, Jesus teaches that each part can be transformed to bear fruit. It may require drastic pruning, clearing the weeds or careful attention, but in time the ground may yield a rich harvest. Nothing is hopeless. To see hope in situations which seem hopeless is a gift from God. Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us that the new creation comes about through struggle. Changes is always difficult, whether personal change or social change.

This Sunday Gospel invites us to search our hearts in silence and reflect on the different sorts of ground we find there. Can we celebrate the gifts we have been given? Do I recognise the good aspects of my life? Do I rejoice in my family and relationships? Am I grateful, and do I thank God? Perhaps poor sorts of ground can be found there. The thorns which choke the good plants may be present in feelings of bitterness or anger. Do I know why I feel these emotions? What aspects of my life are being choked out – family, relationships, love, prayers? What choices do I want to make?

Which roots need nourishment? How might I try to nourish them this week – perhaps by giving a gift to someone I love, maybe by confronting difficult situations. The word of God promises that we will never be alone and can approach all situations with hope.

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