

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Sunday: For the Multicultural Day. Also the following two Sundays second collections will be for the same - Parish event.

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

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 Noon. The Reception of body will be on Tuesday 21st at 5.00pm for a Vigil prayer.

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)

Water Leak: We have carried out some work privately to address the problem of water leak which has been going on since January 2026. We tried do it on our own without involving Exi or Integra, and thanks be to God, it appears that the problem has been resolved at last, finger crossed. I have asked the Severn Trent Water Ltd to visit and test the leak on Monday 20th July. We wait for the result.

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

Sunday 18th October: For APF World Mission Sunday. Papal Charity.

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 Wafula.

Parish Maintenance

Bredon Noonon

Clovis Ndi

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 Waitheira

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 **£440** 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 16th Ordinary Time Yr A

Sunday 19th July	9:15am	Special Intention Oscar Owen R.I.P. John Moran R.I.P.	16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	Gerald Ani R.I.P. Consolata – Birthday	
Mon. 20th	9:15am	Gerald Ani R.I.P.	Feria OT
Tues. 21st	5:00pm	John Moran R.I.P	Funeral Reception
Wed 22nd	12:00N	John Moran R.I.P	Requiem Mass
Thurs 23rd	9:15am	John Moran R.I.P	St. Bridget, Religious
Frid. 24th	6:30pm	John Moran R.I.P	Feria OT
Saturday 25th	8:00am 9:15am	Holy Hour/Benediction Peggy Miller R.I.P	St James, Apostle - Feast
Sunday 26th July	9:15am	Special Intention John Moran R.I.P	17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	Margaret Oluwole	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£476** Non Gift Aid **£251**
Dona Offering: **£52** Apostleship of Sea: **£104 – OR 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 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.

16th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 2026

Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Ps 85; Roman 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Light a Candle!

God is still in heaven, but all is not right with the world.

Several years ago, a man got so disgusted with the large-scale evils in the world that he put up a popular car sticker which read: *"Stop the world; I want to get off"*. Yes, evil enters like a needle but spreads like a wildfire. Only evil, has enough oil for every wheel. But we shouldn't be surprised at the presence of evil in the world. As long as our human nature is, tainted by sin, we should not search for a perfect society or family. There is small choice in rotten apples. Do not look for a perfect church either; that would be hunting after an illusion and would only end up in an unhealthy spiritual elitism. The church is not only a training ground for saints and apostles; it is also a heaven for the sinners, the disturbed and the inadequate. This will remain so because evil has become a necessary part of the universe. A perfect humanity never existed and will never exist; good and bad, like *"wheat and weed"*, will always coexist. If so, what should we do in the face of evil?

Firstly, we must be patient. In his parable of the Sower when the servants ask their master whether they should go and weed out the tares, the Lord says, *"No, because when you weed out the tares, you might pull up the wheat with it"* (Mt 13:29). This is a call to patient with the evil. The Chinese proverb says, *"One moment of patience may ward off great disaster, one moment of impatience may ruin a whole life."* Secondly, we must pray that the evil forces of darkness may not overpower humanity. If we find it difficult to pray, let us call the Holy Spirit to help. *"The Spirit come to help us in our weakness"* (Rom 8:26). Thirdly, let us hope that a day will soon come when the Lord of the harvest would wipe out all evil from the face of the earth. Our hope is founded on the belief that, *"there is no God other than him who cares for everything, and he has only to will, and his power is there"*

But our patience with evil or our hope in the Lord should not make us remain passive or indifferent to evil. Apparently, some people want to have peace of mind by not having any opinion about good or bad. That is tragic. Our attitude towards evil cannot be indifference. *"The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them,"* said Bernard Shaw, *"but to be indifferent to them."* If we passively accept evil or remain indifferent to it, we are as much involved in it as those who help to perpetrate it. However, the worst thing one could do in the face of evil is to run away from it. Instead of running away from evil or remaining indifferent to it, the Lord is calling us to do our bit to remove evil wherever we can and if we can't, at least protest against it. Instead of cursing the darkness, he is calling us to light a candle.

A little boy, not familiar with an echo, thought he had heard in the woods the voice of another boy not far off. He shouted: *"Hello there!"* and the voice shouted back, *"Hello there!"* he cried again: *"Who are you?"* and the voice replied, *"Who are you?"* he cried once more: *"You are a mean boy,"* and the cry came back: *"You are a mean boy."* Then this little boy went home and told his mother that there was a bad boy in the woods. His mother understood how it was and said to him, *"Well, speak kindly to him and see if he does not speak kindly to you."* The boy went to the woods again and shouted, *"You are a good boy."* Of course, the echoing reply came, *"You are a good boy."* *"I love you,"* he said loudly. *"I love you,"* replied the faithful echo.

The story of the echo is the story of good and bad in life.

