

Dates for your Diary

NO Second Collection this Sunday: Thank you.

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

New Dates and Times for Confessions.

Every **Wednesday** after 12:10pm **Mass**.

Every Friday during Holy Hour **11am-12:00pm** and **12:45-1:15pm**.

Saturdays during Holy Hour **10:30am -11:30am** and **12:00Noon - 12:30pm**. Please contact a priest if you need Confessions other times.

St Osburg's Christmas Bazaar: The annual parish Christmas Bazaar of St Osburg's this year will take place on Saturday 5th December 2026. Items for Bazaar are needed. Please put the date in your diary

Family Quiz Night 28th Friday August: at St Elizabeth's Parish Jubilee Hall Friday 28th August from 7:30pm Start. Teams of up to 5 players at a cost of £2 for adults and £1 for Juniors. Tea & Coffee provided. Please bring your own alcohol. Please 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)

Mr Indrias Behal R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Indrias who died in the University Hospital C&W after short illness, leaving his very young family behind. Please remember the bereaved family also in your prayers.

Matthew Kalyango R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew whose funeral is on **14th August** at St. Elizabeth's Church, **Time 10.30am**. Please keep the bereaved family; parents, sisters, relative and friends in your prayers too.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2026 Diary.

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

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 Waitthera

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 Parish Event.

Very much thanks to all of you for the successful celebration. Thank you for the food, drinks and donations you made towards it. Thank you for your hospitality and warm welcome you gave to our visitors. May God bless you all.

Sunday Mass Times Changing: Please be reminded that from the September 1st, our Sunday Masses will be adjusted. First Mass will at **9:00am**. Second Mass at **12:15pm**. We are aware that these changes will inconvenient some people who are used to the previous timing, but I would like to appeal to you that this is done to help the priests serve you better.

Food Bank, help needed: "We have faced shortages before but right now we are facing one of the most serious shortages we have ever experienced." The situation is serious and if we all added just one or two extra items into our shopping trolleys next time - it would turn the situation around.

Updates for 200 Club: Anyone interested is welcome to join. Monthly membership is only **£2 (£24 a year)**. Next draw **Sunday 30th August**. Details? Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

Date August 2026: Time: Intentions: Week 19th Ordinary Time Yr A

Sunday 9th August	9:15am	Special Intention M.A Ashby & John Moran RIP	19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	Matthew Kalyango R.I.P John Moran RIP	
Mon. 10th	9:15am	Sr Mary Veronica R.I.P	St Lawrence Feast
Wed 12th	9:15am	Sandra Barionuevo Sp. Intention	St Clare Memorial
Thurs 13th	9:15am		Feria OT
Frid. 14th	10:30am	Matthew B. Kalyango R.I.P.	Requiem Mass
	6:30pm	Vincent, Colette McKee R.I.P	St Maximilian M Kolbe
Sat. 15th	8:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	
	9:15am	Myra. Sp. Intention	
Sunday 17th August	9:15am	Special Intentions, Eddie Ryan and Oscar Owen R.I.P	Solemnity of the Assumption Of the BVM
	11:15am	Matthew Kalyango R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£610** Non Gift Aid **£270**

Dona Offering: **£72 – OR code**

July 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 August: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.**

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.

19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 2026

Readings: **Kings 19:9,11-13a; Ps 84; Roman 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33**

"Lord, I'm drowning!"

With respect to all sea-loving people, one tends to agree with observation of Carl Sandburg: "The sea speaks a language polite people never repeat. It is a colossal scavenger slang and has no respect". Who can count the number of human lives that the oceans have destroyed and swallowed!

But for the timely help of Jesus St Peter himself would have drowned. The raging waves of the sea are often compared to the storms of human life. But what do we do when being ravaged by the turbulent waves of adversity? We have that faith of St Peter to stretch out our hands to cling to Jesus. (Mt 14:31). What do we do when we are lashed by stormy marriage, straying children, an impossibly demanding vocation, and a walking into the future with some dread diseases? What do we do when we are gripped by an overwhelming history, a history of drugs or drink or any worldly desires that claim us again and again? It may be that our love of the world has gone beyond a limit and therefore we have lost the power to walk upon the waters and the world is about to engulf us, for it always devours its lovers. But even then, when we feel our feet slipping beneath us, are we able to cry out to him, "Lord, I'm drowning"?

When human frailty made him falter, St Peter turned once more to the Lord, who immediately stretched forth his hand to help him. It is when we are in trouble that we must seek out Christ more. It is unfortunate that some of us run away from God, like Elijah, when he is most needed. Elijah the prophet unable to face violent opposition gave himself up to despair and hid in a cave; but God called him out to meet him (1Kgs 19:9). It is a reminder that we cannot afford to take our eyes off Jesus at any time.

In the early days of sailing, a boy went to sea to learn how to be a sailor. One day when the sea was stormy, he was told to climb to the top of the mast. The first half of the climb was easy. The boy kept his eyes fixed on the sky. But half to the top, he made a mistake. He looked down at the stormy waters. He grew dizzy and was in danger of falling. An old sailor called him out: "Look back to the sky, boy! Look back to the sky." The boy did so and finished the climb safely.

To cling to Christ is not exactly clinging to his Church. If the sea is our life, the boat is the symbol of the Church especially with St Peter, the first Pope in it. For the Church itself is a frail craft manned by all too human mariners. Therefore, the boat alone won't save us from going under. We do not put our faith in any ultimate sense in the Church. Of itself it cannot provide final security. We know the Church itself is rocked by innumerable problems and unanswered questions. The Church itself is going through rough and troubled waters in many parts of the world? Yes, Jesus alone can carry us and sustain us. Not ourselves, not even the boat – the Church – but the Lord of the Church alone - The Holy Spirit. It is true that it is in the boat we come to know Christ and recognise him; however, it is not in the boat but in Christ we must believe; it is to Christ we must cling.

To cling to Christ, especially in times of turmoil, we need strong faith in his mighty power and in his presence even today in our midst. Faith is more an encounter with Christ than it is a belief about him. It is more an experience of his divine presence itself than an acceptance of dogmatic pronouncement about him. Sometimes people ask about the need of faith.