

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 at St Osburg's.

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.

Christmas Bazaar at St Osburg's: 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

St Elizabeth's 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 Mr. Indrias Behal whose funeral is on Friday 21st August at St. Elizabeth's Church, **Time 12:00 Noon**. Please keep the bereaved family in your prayers too.

Parish Priest induction 4th October 2026 at 6pm: Fr Moses Pitya David, AJ, the new parish priest will be officially inducted as Parish Priest of St Osburg's Parish during the 6:00pm Mass. You are all invited. This is in addition to his role as a parish priest of St Elizabeth's, Foleshill.

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.

Sunday 18th October: For APF World Mission Sunday

Sunday 25th October: For Mary Meals - Appeal

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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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
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 Waitheara

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

Thank you very much.

Thank you to everyone who supported the family of late Matthew Kalyango whose Requiem Mass was well celebrated last Friday. Please keep praying for the repose of the soul of Matthew and for his bereaved family.

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 20th Ordinary Time Yr A

Sunday 16th August	9:15am	Special Intentions, Eddie Ryan & Oscar Owen R.I.P. Prena & Wikoll Moli R.I.P.	Solemnity of the Assumption Of the BVM
	11:15am	Matthew Kalyango R.I.P.	
Mon. 17th	9:15am	Lena, George & John Hakin R.I.P.	Feria OT
Wed 19th	9:15am	Jazmine & Happy Sp. Int.	Feria OT
Thurs 20th	9:15am	Jazmine & Happy Sp. Int.	St. Bernard
Frid. 21st	6:30pm	Prena & Wikoll Moli R.I.P.	St Pius X, Pope
Sat. 22nd	8:00am	Holy Hour & Benediction	The Queenship of the B.V.M.
	9:15am	Zenaida Cacho R.I.P.	
Sunday 23rd August	9:15am	Special Intentions Madge & Arthur Chaplin R.I.P. James Darragh R.I.P.	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
	11:15am	Matthew Kalyango R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Donation: **£510** Non Gift Aid **£198**

Dona Offering: **£60** Don. for Church Mic. **£500 – QR 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 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.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 44; 1st Cor. 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

"Draw us, Mary!"

On August 15, 1975, the entire parish council of a village outside the capital of Chile was arrested by the military police. For months, the villagers tried to find out where the men had gone and why they had been taken away. Abduction, torture, and illegal imprisonment were daily realities for Chilean people under General Pinochet. Word arrived in November that the corpses of the parish councillors could be found in Santiago's morgue. An Australian Nun working in that parish, took the mothers of the eight men to the morgue. She later wrote: *"There were over 300 corpses piled high on each other and the mothers had to roll someone else's son over in an attempt to find their own."* As the mothers' search, they began to weep loudly, realising how evil human beings can be toward one another. As they wept, they prayed the rosary. As one mother, and then another, found her son, they called out more desperately, *"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death."* In the experience of the village mothers, the Virgin Mary was present with them, in their shock, anger and grief. They felt that our Blessed Mother Mary, knows what it is like to bring a child into the world. They prayed the rosary as each one held the body of their sons in the arms, as Mary did.

Fourteenth years later, the Nun died in that village of hepatitis. Her family had been trying to get her to come home for months, but she lied about how ill she was and said that she could get everything she needed there. The parish community wrote to the family of the Nun: *'We want you to know that we were with the Sister when she died. We would never have let her die alone for she was one of our children too.'* We often prayed the rosary with her. She seemed to like that, thumbing the beads she used ever since she brought us back with our boys. We have buried her next to our sons and put on her tombstone the line she asked us to inscribe, *"Mary my friend, my companion and mother of the poor, pray for us."*

The writer of Luke's gospel has a similarly picture of Mary. There is nothing sentimental and pious about the Magnificat. In this hymn Mary proclaims that God, through Jesus, will show strength through scattering people's pride, will tear down the mighty from their thrones and raise up the poor in their place. God will fill the hungry and send the rich, who have not shared, away empty. In this the promise of salvation will be fulfilled for all people. And so, Mary is in union with all of us who feel the poverty and unworthiness of our humanity. Like her, God calls us to face down our fears and take up the same mission – to remain faithful to the Kingdom Jesus proclaimed no matter what, whether it is in our relationships with our family, colleagues, or friends, at home, at work, or in searching for the bodies of our children in a Santiago morgue.

The feast of the Assumption tells us that it is possible for humanity to be assumed into God, that God will remain faithful to us, as we are faithful to God. and not understanding the special honour Mary received, we affirm that she prefigures the joy that can be ours in the life to come.

This is why now is not the time to move away from a rich devotion to Mary, so let us reclaim the sanest, most inclusive and Catholic of heritages that makes room for a poor woman to say something to our poverty and to a poor and suffering world.