

Important Dates for your diary

Forthcoming Second Collections for November.- December 2017

Sunday 10th December: Poor Parishes Fund

Sunday 17th December: Christmas Church's Flowers for St. Elizabeth's


Sunday 3rd December: There will be a second collection this Sunday for Church flowers for Christmas - St. Elizabeth's.

Tuesday 5th December Tea and Chat: 2:00pm-4:00pm in Parish Hall.

Coventry Winter Night: St Osburgs is hosting the Night Shelter every Wednesday/Thursday breakfast on behalf of Coventry Catholic parishes. Starting 6th Dec. from 10.00pm-7.00am.

Saturday 9th December at 3:00pm: Altar Servers Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 10th December at 11:15am: The Good Shepherd's school **family Mass** in Church. All those associated with our school, are most welcomed.

Sunday 10th December: Please you are all welcome to join our Parish Justice and Peace group meeting at 10:15am on Sunday in the Parish Hall. 

Friday 15th December Coventry Pioneer Regional Committee at 7.30pm: Fr McKiernan Memorial Mass at the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street, Coventry.

Sunday 17th December at 11:15am: St Elizabeth's school **family Mass** in Church. All those associated with our school, are most welcomed.

Advent Penitential Service/Confessions: There will be special time for Confessions at the parish here with a help from the deanery priests on **Saturday 23rd December 2017 at 11:30am**

Thursday 8th March at 7:00pm: Confirmation with Bishop William in Church. Candidates from The Good Shepherd and St Elizabeth's schools and those from none Catholic schools - will be Confirmed on the night.

Van Driving Job: Anybody interested please details on the notice board at the back of the church..

Death Anniversaries this Week: Thomas Grantham Quinn, Frances Lloyd, Christine Meakin, Joseph Ernest Donnelly, Elizabeth Harvey, Sarah Harkin, Veronica Nancy Goodwin, Noreen Lucid, Seebo Masih Thapar, Philip Francis Gallagher, George Francis, Philip Anthony Joseph Poole, Peter Terence Browne, Dennis Molloy, Clyndwr George Clark, Joseph Carolan, Alexander McCullagh, Michael McKale, Jeanette Leonie Barriball, Sarah Ann Cleaver, Mary Ellen Smith, Phino Ram, May McCarthy, Anna Cramp, Gary Patrick Douglas, Annie Lizzie Claw, Babs Rann, Thomas William Bingham, Adrian Philip Poole, Thomas Gilmartin, Michael Raggett, Patrick Andrew Rooney, Herbert Henry Kelsey, Peter Thomas Maher, Stephen Collins, Joseph Smith, Lydia Hastings and William Hughes. **Rest In eternal Peace.**

Tweeter: @STELIZABETHCOV webcam login on www.mcnmedia.tv

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No: 234216



Apostles of Jesus Serves: St. Osburg

St. Mary

St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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**Parish Church
Child Protection Office**
Miss Laura Srodon (Solicitor)
Parish Maintenance
John Moran and Joe

Parish Co-ordinators:
Holy Communions
Mrs S Moran & Sr Olivia
Confirmations & RCIA
Miss A Harkin & Sr Olivia
Chair of Parish Finance
Mr T Ashby

Altar Servers
Mrs Janet Vaughan
Sr Joan and Alysya Embate

**Church Flowers
Children's Liturgy and
Parish Hall Booking**
Mr Richard Swift

Church Music
Miss Laura Srodon
Gift Aid Scheme
Mr Stan Milewski

Sacristan
Miss Ann Harkin & Sr Joan
Justice and Peace
Maria

CAFOD/SVP
Mr Kevin Vaughan
Red Boxes
Mr Bob Ayliffe
Parish Office
Sr Joan

Sunday 3rd Dec: 1st Sunday of Advent Yr. B Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 26

Wait in Hope & Trust in God

Many times, we are impressed with big events and celebrations, birthdays, weddings and light shows. We mark special events with parties, celebrations and dinner, family, friends and loved ones. While these are natural events the same could be said about Christian events and festivals.

We begin a new liturgical year in this First Sunday of Advent with a theme of Waiting. All the readings focus on this same theme. St Paul writes to the Christian Church at Corinth and to us, where there is an expectation that the second coming of Jesus is imminent. Having rejoiced in the resurrection, the Christian community expects Jesus to return very shortly as he had promised. But as they wait, there is a feeling that many could easily become distracted, and lose heart and even fail to trust in God. In his letter, Paul reminds us that the Lord will keep us steady and guiltless as we wait in hope. He encourages us to continue to trust in God, and that God will provide for us during our waiting. Likewise, in the gospel, Jesus encourages us as his followers to stay awake as we wait and not to lose heart, but only trust him. **"Do not let your hearts be troubled, but trust in me.....John 14:2."**

Waiting is a reality of human condition. It is often in waiting that love is realised. For the sick, waiting for a medical appointment of the healing of illness can lead to despair. Today's mass offers a message of hope that waiting is not in vain. God will sustain those who wait in hope and trust. God is close although we may feel very distant. Remember Jesus cried: **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.."** Yet God did not abandon his Son. God's message of hope is real in faith and trust.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 3rd December	9:00am	Elsie Ashby R.I.P.	1st Sunday of Advent
	11:15am	Tom McSheffrey R.I.	
Mon 4th	9:00am	Natalina Pita R.I.P	
Wed 6th	9:00am	Sean Hobbs - Birthday	
Thurs 7th	9:15am	Sean Hobbs - Birthday	St. Ambrose
Fri. 8th	6:30pm	Martina - Special intention	Immaculate Conception
Sat. 9th	11:00am	Lilian Knight R.I.P.	
Sunday 10th December	9:00am	Lena, George and John Harkin R.I.P.	2nd Sunday of Advent
	11:15am	Glades Rooney R.I.P	

Sunday's Rota for Readers and E. Ministers

Euch. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
9:00am	Sandra Chaplin Lakwhinder John Moran	Kevin Vaughan Ann Harkin Susan Nahar
11:15am	Asha Tharper Elizabeth Karota	Clare Unes Baldev Thaper
Readers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
9:00am	Ann Harkin Youth Reader	Stan Milewski Sonya Moran
11:15am	Christina Maureen N Obi	School Family Mass School Family Mass

Church Cleaning Team: A
(Thursday Morning 9:30am)
Mrs Maureen Ryan, Lorna
and Mrs Pat Stonach

Weekly Offertory

Gift Aid: **£312.00**
Non Gift Aid: **£225.37**
Catholic Youth Service: **£107.93**
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Parish Notices

Christmas Raffle 2017: We have a Christmas Raffle tickets to raise funds for our parish maintenance. All proceeds will be for much needed Church Funds especially, Church's projector. Tickets cost £1 and are now on sale at the back of the Church. The draw will take place on **Sunday Dec. 31st**, together with 140 club after 11:15am Mass. **First Prize £100 (donated)**. Please support this event.

Annual blessing of the Crib: The Crib' service for the Catholic Deanery parishes and Christians will be on 3rd Dec. "First Sunday of Advent" at 4:00pm in the City centre, next to City library. Please you are most welcome to attend. We had a lovely celebration last year and we hope this year too.

Advent Season and Walk with me Booklets/Calendars

The walk with me booklets and calendars are now ready at the back of the Church for us to collect. Your donation of £1 per booklet will be greatly appreciated. You can also put your donation in first offertory collection if you preferred it.

Coventry Open Christmas: Its that time of the year again when we try to think of others who are less fortunate than ourselves. There will be a box at the back of the Church throughout December for winter clothes and dried food. Your donations are appreciated.

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? If so, then make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. Now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise. write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools For more information please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine.

Parish Pastoral Information

Exposition, and Sacrament of Penance/Confession

Every Saturday from 11:20am. to 12:20pm. In emergency, please come to the Presbytery or call 024 76 68 85 36.



Ethnic Chaplaincy: Shona/Ndebele and Punjabi Communities Masses:

Celebrated here (Shona) 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:00pm, and Punjabi, on 1st Saturday of each month at 6:30pm by their appointed Chaplains.

Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

Christopher Brown, Phylis Goan, Nora Caldwell, Nancy Doherty, Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Victor De Souza, Julianne Tchoameni, Wiseley Simmons, Mr. Williams, Rita Keogh, Mr Smith, Mary Kean, Felix Lobo, Fred Corbett, Edmund Douglas, Mary Gallagher, Mary McGee, Sister Jo Langley, Kath Darragh, Stacey William and Mr. Balwant Mattu. **Get Well Soon.**