

# Important Dates for your diary

## Forthcoming Second Collections for Year 2020

<b>Sunday 2nd February</b>	New Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 9th February</b>	New Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 16th February</b>	<b>Pro-Life collections (For the Archdiocese)</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd February</b>	New Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 1st March</b>	Cathedral maintenance
<b>Sunday 8th March</b>	First CAFOD (Lenten Fast collection)
<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	<b>Parish Youth Services</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b>	New Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 29th March</b>	Church's Flowers
<b>Sunday 5th April</b>	Church's Flowers

**Saturday 7th March St Stephen's Guild Mass of Thanksgiving at noon:** The Archdiocese of Birmingham invites all Altar Servers with their parents to a Mass of thanksgiving for their ministry at St. Chad's Cathedral. Please write this date in diary



**Saturday 9th May 2020 in the afternoon:** Parish Harambee (Fundraising event) for the whole parish community. Details to follow later.

**Sunday 17th May at 9:00am:** First Holy Communion Mass for children from Good Shepherd RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers

**Sunday 14th June at 9:00am:** First Holy Communion Mass for children from St. Elizabeth's RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers

**Thank you for supporting the 200 Club:** Last year we managed to raise **£963**. We could make it even go up to over £1000 if we all join the scheme. Remember all are welcome. Monthly membership is only £2. (Or £24 a year). For more information please Contact Sr. Joan or Tony Ashby.

**Live Simply Re-cycling:** Please continue to re-cycle: games, consoles, iPads, laptops, mobile phones, cameras, accessories, mp3 players, old jewellery, stamps, coins and currency. Please no large items. Thank you.

**Plastic Free Lent:** As part of Pope Francis' Live Simply message, on 9th February we will be publicising alternatives to plastic to help you reduce the use of plastic items during Lent. Challenge yourself could you manage a plastic free Lent. There will be a table at the back of the church after each Mass for you to have an idea of alternative products. **Justice & Peace Group.**

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Mary Flood, Rose Ellen Adams, Fr. Michael J. Richardson, Ida O'Halloran, John Joseph Farrell, Charles Gilchrist, Joseph Parker, Daniel Patrick McGee, Daniel McAlinden, Patricia Towey, John Joseph Davey, Mary Pearson, Bridget Brzezicki, William Wallace, Matthew Mullen, Beatrice Musgrave, James Mackey, John Monaghan, Aman Nath, Joseph Rooney, Peter Higgins, Stefano Vettese, Kathleen Jarvis, Mary Alice Lee, Sr. Blanche LSA and Myles Joseph Breslin. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace**

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**Apostles of Jesus Serves:** St. Osburg's St. Mary's St. Elizabeth's

## St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Priest: Rev Moses Pitya David. AJ.

### Parish Office Contacts:

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### Parish Schools (Heads)

#### St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

#### Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

#### Parish Church

Parish Co-ordinators:

#### Parish Office

Sr Joan

#### Parish Maintenance Leader

Joe McCadden

#### First Holy Communions

Mrs S Moran & Sr Olivia

#### Confirmations & RCIA

Miss A Harkin & Sr Olivia

#### Church Flowers

Children's Liturgy and

#### Parish Hall Booking

Mr Richard Swift

#### Safeguarding Officer

Miss Laura Srodon (Solicitor)

#### Church Music/Liturgy

Miss Laura Srodon

#### Gift Aid Scheme

Mr Stan Milewski

#### Chair of Parish Finance

Mr Tony Ashby

#### Sacristan

Miss Ann Harkin & Sr Joan

#### Altar Servers

Sr Joan and Alaysa Embate

#### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

#### Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

## 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord

**Parish Mass Book - Readings on page 157**

### Time of Purification

This Feast of the Light occurs Forty days after Christmas and for some cultures, the *true* end of the Christmas season. It is also a traditional day for blessing candles.

These candles are taken home by the faithful to be lit during times of prayer and are used for the blessing of throats on St Blaise Day, 3rd of February. The Feast reminds us that the Lord, on coming into this world, has brought about our "purification". We were "like unclean men, all our deeds like polluted rags, all withered like leaves" (Isaiah 64:5). But God did not abandon us.

Impurity, in biblical language, means a state of death. Sin is the most dramatic expression of this impurity, because it contradicts life. How is God reaching to people's impurity? The readings for this feast on this Sunday give us the answer. God is not dismayed or angry, God is not disgusted with us and does not distance himself from us. God becomes one of us and, through his holiness, makes us pure too.

In the first reading, prophet Malachy promises us his coming. However, in the gospel Luke tells us of the fulfilment of this promise. The law of Israel states that only the mother must undergo the rite of purification after giving birth, but the gospel of today speaks of "their purification" (Luke 2:22). All the Holy Family goes to the temple and even Jesus makes himself impure (*although without sin*) to accompany us where God will make us pure. The second reading from Hebrew went even further by telling us that the Son of God has chosen to be one of us and to share our human destiny. This is why he can help us in our trials...

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## Mass Times and Mass Intentions Week 4 in Ordinary Time Year A

<b>Sunday 2nd Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Amanath R.I.P	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Marta Kielbasa - Special Intentions Angel Nanyanzz R.I.P & Jadwiga, Skodra R.I.P	
Mon. 3rd	9:00am		
Wed. 5th	9:00am		<b>St Agatha</b>
Thu. 6th	9:15am	Luiza - Special intentions	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>
Fri. 7th	8:30am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
	<b>6:30pm</b>		
Sat. 8th	11:00am	Priests' Intention	
<b>Sunday 9th Feb</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Albert W R.I.P	<b>5th Sunday Year A</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Ewa + Czeslan bak R.I.P	

### Sunday's Rota for Readers & E. Ministers

Extra Ord. Ministers	This Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Ann Harkin Asher Tapper Susan Nahar	John Moran Vanie Segui Lakwinder
<b>11:15am</b>	Luis Kadjo Clare Unes	Mary Harkin Jennet King
Readers	Next Sunday	Next Sunday
<b>9:00am</b>	Stan Milewski Sonya Moran	Ann Harkin Sonya Moran
<b>11:15am</b>	Juliet Mbang Youth Reader	Cyril Youth Reader

**Church Cleaning Group: D  
Punjabi Rosary Group**  
(Friday Evening: 5.00pm)

#### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme:	<b>£374.00</b>
Non Gift Aid Scheme:	<b>£228.32</b>
New Parish Centre	<b>£95.65</b>

**Over all Total raised for Hall in 2019: £19,798.98**  
Thank you very much for your generosity.

## Parish Notices

**Thank You to the Punjabi and Filipino Communities:** We had a fantastic social Night to raise fund for our new parish centre. It was a Punjabi Curry Night/Filipino Food extravaganza. Trevor and John provided us with lovely music, thanks to them too. Everybody in attendance enjoyed the night and looking forward to more similar social night. £220 was raised. Thank You

**Flame 2021 - Advance Notice:** This is the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK, will take place on Saturday 6 March 2021 at The SSE Arena, Wembley. Flame gathers over 8000 young Catholics from across England and Wales for a day of prayer, adoration, catechesis and praise. Passes go on sale on Friday 6 March 2020. The young people of the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend this event. If you would like to take a group to Flame, please liaise with the Diocesan Youth Service who will provide more information on the event and passes.

**Thanksgiving Masses for Marriage, 9 & 16 MAY 2020:** This will take place at 12noon on Saturday 9 May and Saturday 16 May at St Chad's Cathedral followed by refreshments. The Mass invitation is open to all married couples as well as those preparing to marry in 2020 in the parishes. To find out more information or to register to attend one of the Masses couples must please email Lianne Pap: lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, whether it is their 1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), are asked to email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) at lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org as all these couples will be listed in the Mass booklet.

**Congratulations - Bishop-elect David OAKLEY:** We offer our prayers and many congratulations to Canon David Oakley on his recent appointment by the Holy Father as Bishop of Northampton. He was a Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott for the last seven years. His Installation in Northampton is on 19 March.

**The 200 Club Scheme:** Would like to join this Club and renew your membership? Remember you are all welcome. Monthly membership is only £2. (Or £24 a year). For more information please Contact Sr. Joan or Tony Ashby.

### Holy Hour and Confessions

**Do you want Confessions?:** If you have acknowledged your sin, go to receive God's pardon. Confessions available every Saturday from 11:25-12:25pm. In emergency please call to the Presbytery 024 76 68 85 36



**Holy Hour of Adoration of the Lord:** There are regular opportunities each week to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Each Friday at **8:30am-9:30am** and Saturday **11:25am-12:25pm**. All Welcome

#### Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Victor De Souza, Mary Kean, Mary Gallagher, Mrs Teresa Doyle, Rohith De Silva, Joe Shannon, Julian and Barket Masih. **Get Well Soon.**