

Important Notices

New Parish Hall: This is to inform you that the architects have now updated all the drawings and they have been submitted to the planning department and HCC. The planning fee for the amendment submitted is £234, the council has confirmed it, and has been paid. These drawings will also be sent to the Structural and Services Consultants to obtain quotes from them, which is expected to take only two weeks. A copy of the drawings are now available for anyone interested to view via the parish.

Fundraising "Buy a Brick" Campaign 2020: As part of our ongoing fundraising activity for our proposed new parish hall, we are now launching the 'Buy a Brick' campaign. We will keep a record of all those who have donated towards the 'Buy a Brick' campaign; for a **£5** donation, you will have your name included in a specially printed thank you book inside the building once complete; and all donations **£25** will have a plaque with their names in the new hall. We have set a target of **£5000** for this campaign, and we will be constantly giving update of progress towards the target via the Parish newsletter and website. According to this scheme, ONE Brick will cost only £5 and TWO will be £10 - and so number of bricks depend on what you have in your wallet. Several options available for donations and pledges: You can use the newly created "**DONATE**" site on our parish website, or complete the Standing Order Form, or drop your cheque or money to the presbytery, to the Nuns or Father when it is safe to do so.

Online donation to your Parish by Card: I am pleased to inform you that the "**Donate**" page has now been created into our parish's website, making it easier if you want to donate and support the parish, also gift aiding your donation via credit or debit card is possible too. Just click: www.stelizabethcoventry.org.uk. and move to "**donate**" section. **OR** via diocesan website online Donation www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Or another option is - to download and use the standing order form on this diocesan website. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources> and send the forms to bank or to St Elizabeth's parish.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Cornelious O'Neill, Kevin Joseph Morris, Martin Mallon, James Brian Doyle, William Thana James, Consetta Paseka, John Aspin, James Francis Delaney, Gerald Cooper, Bridget Donaghty, Annie Wilkinson, Patrick Ebbs, Margaret Mary Braid (Molly aged 100), Richard Stewart Scott, Emma Maria Overton, Georgius Mauritius Kenworthy, Mary Josephine Harvey, William Anthony O'Carroll, Michael Sweeney, Ernest Green, Philomena Ownes, Peter Duffy, Edward William Checkley, John Wright, Pio Tombe Pitya David, Sara Elizabeth Moran, Peter McMullen, Cissie Benson, Joseph Gittens, Owen Rogers, May Kelly, John Donnelly, Thomas Joseph McCourt, Patrick O'Sullivan, Francis Kelly, Mary Somers and Sidney Cyril Hall.

May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace

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St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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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:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

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Gift Aid Envelopes 2020/2021

This is to inform all of you, if you are a Gift Aid Donor of St Elizabeth's parish, or if you are using envelopes for your donation to the Church - these envelopes are now available for you in the parish office. There are two options to get them to you: **1.** Collect yours from the office when it safe to do so - give a call first to **02476 688 536** or 07455 687451. **2.** We can drop it to your letter box - door. Call using one of the above number to arrange the delivering any time.

Friends of the Holy Land: Coronavirus is changing the lives of all of us but for so many Christians, especially in the West Bank but also Gaza, Israel and Jordan, it is devastating. So many are dependent for their income on pilgrimages and tourism which disappeared overnight in early March and have no government support nor even a health service which can handle this crisis. So, FHL launched an appeal in March and if you want to see the details of their fundraising please visit:

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge. You may also wish to view the news story on our diocesan website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/fhl-launch-pentecost-challenge>

Come All Who Thirst: Online retreat is now happening via zoom on 29/30/31st May. Beautiful times of prayer and mass planned with Sion Community. There is also the potential option to dial in for those who do not know how to use Zoom or have a computer but perhaps have a landline or mobile. Eventbrite link for registration <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-all-who-thirst-tickets-100837991146>

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 7th Week of Easter Year A

Sunday 24th May	10:30am	Mary and Mick - Special Int. for family	7th Sunday of Easter
Mon. 25th	10:30am	Cora Champers R.I.P	St. Bede
Tues. 26th	10:30am	Cora Champers R.I.P	St. Philip Neri
Wed. 27th	10:30am	Pio Tombe –Anniversary R.I.P.	St. Augustine of Canterbury
Thur. 28th	10:30am		
Fri. 29th	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Solemnity of Dedication
Sat. 30th	10:30am	Deceased members of McEaney R.I.P	
Sunday 31st May	10:30am	May & Jim Harvey R.I.P	Solemnity of Pentecost

Other Live Broadcast's Prayers: Sisters.

Holy Rosary (Live) - Daily at 7:00pm except Friday. *(only Virtual)]*



2020 Lourdes Pilgrimage - Join us Online! We invite you to a Virtual Pilgrimage starting with the opening Mass on Sunday 24 May at 3pm- from St Chad's Cathedral. The Mass is available to anybody, but especially for those who would have been making the pilgrimage this year. You can take part in a daily programme of Masses, Liturgy and Prayer for the week that we would have spent in Lourdes so, like Bernadette, we will make a spiritual pilgrimage: *"Every day I go in spirit to the Grotto. I make a pilgrimage there."* Watch via the [Cathedral Livestream](#) or [join us on Facebook](#) for the livestream with extra content and slides.



Important Parish Website Links:

Corona Virus (COVID-19) Updates: <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/category/latest-updates/>

Parish Newsletters: <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/newsletters/>

Archdiocese of Birmingham: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

Pray-as-You Go:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/player/prayer%20tools/anexamenforthefamily>

Divine Renovation: have produced a Parish Response Kit to the current situation that we are all in. It can be downloaded for free here: <https://divinerenovation.org/>

7th Sunday of Easter Yr. A

First Reading: Acts 1: 12-14 Psalm: 26
Second Reading: 1st Peter 4:13-15 Gospel: John 17:1-11

Prayer: A Waste of Time?

If a person has no faith in God, it is logical enough for him/her to call prayer a waste of time. But we have faith and yet one wonders how much and how often we pray. Prayer figures in all this Sunday's readings. In the first, we see the disciples praying together in the upper room; in second reading the newly baptised are exhorted to praise God for his blessings. In the gospel, Jesus prays to his Father.

We must have a habit of prayer. The habit of prayer is good, but the spirit of prayer is better. We will have the spirit of prayer if our prayer is turning on our minds and hearts to God, a heart to hear conversation with him, an attitude of waiting and attending to him, a personal relationship with him which can be continued even when we are engaged in other activities. A heart to heart prayer is different from saying prayers. Only a prayer that comes from a heart can also get into God's heart.

You can have a heart to heart conversation with God when you are alone, as Jesus does in today's gospel. Speak to him in your own words. If you find this hard, do what a sick person did. *He was in bed for several years but could not pray. A friend suggested that the sick person place an empty chair near the bed. He told him to imagine Jesus is sitting in it. Then he asked him to converse with Jesus, just as the two of them were conversing now. The sick person tried it and had no more trouble after that. You and I can do the same.* Along with private prayer we must also pray together with others as the Apostles did in the upper room. *"Together they devoted themselves to constant prayer" (Acts 1:14).* We must constantly pray as a church. Prayer is the strong wall and fortress of the church. If private prayer is the breath of faith, group prayers are the lungs of the Church. Whether we pray alone or together, there must be both praise and petition in our prayers. *"A Christian must glorify God in virtue of that name" (1Pet 4:16).*

For Christians there is only one prayer: the prayer of Jesus himself, in which all of us his faithful participate; that is why we always end our prayers saying: *"Through Christ Our Lord"*. Hence, we must model our prayers on his. How does he pray in today's Gospel? First he recognises the primacy of the Father's will in his life: *"I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do" (Jn 17:4)* in our prayer do we seek God's will or our own? Secondly Jesus showed concern for his disciples when he prayed: *"For these I pray, these you have given me" (Jn 17:9)*. How often do we pray for others? If we seek only our own advantage and blessing through God, we are not seeking God at all! Hence let us pray and pray as Jesus taught us. Prayer draws down the great God into our little hearts and it drives our hungry souls up into the fulness of God

Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

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