

## Important Notices

**Bishops of England and Wales Statement on “Our Plan to Rebuild:” Government’s COVID-19 Recovery strategy:** The Government’s position, established recently includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with ‘stakeholders’ in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship. In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship.” **A link can be found:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments-lockdown-easingplans/> Please write to your MP about your frustration about the churches being closed. **Planning for Opening of Churches.** Detailed instructions on opening churches will be given when that time is appropriate. At present there is a multi-faith task force, including Cardinal Vincent, working with the Government on this matter. Please see the following link for the Government’s latest comments on the task force and the reopening of places of worship: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopenplaces-of-worship>

**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** and above, will have their names written on a plaque or Bricks itself. A target of **£5000** has been set and their will be constant 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. 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.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Bridget Maria French, Darren Anthony Mandis, Mary Esther Condow, Cecilia Mary Hughes, James Hughes, James O’Grady, Matthew Ali, Margaret Bone, Mary Griffin, Margaret Mary Cahill, Elsie Kathleen Ashby, William Burke, Denis Kell, Henry Richardson, Joseph Darby, Mary Jane McCartney, Honora Andrews, John Bryne, Thomas John Paul O’Donoghue, Luke Coogan, Ithene Laratte Mkandla, Mary Carey, Margaret Miller, Jane Geddis, Michael Murray, Desmond J Furlong, Perr, Philip Walsh, Mary Ann McNamee, Bernard Fleming, Bridget Christine Donegan, Norah Dore, Mary Josephine Maher, Mary Catherine Carroll, Itazys Balandris, Stanley Evans, Thomas Hanarhan, Patrick Crossan, Josephine Mary Gerety, Ellen Elizabeth Braid, Sidney J. Knights, Michael O’Leary, Cpl. Raymond Langdon, Patricia Susan Kirby, James Brookes (Killed on D-Day 1944), Martin Durkin, Sara Travers, Stephen Lee, John Joseph Weldon, Bridget Mary Kirby and Josephine Cassily. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace**

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**CHURCH’s Live-streaming WEBCAM :** [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)



**Apostles of Jesus Serves:**

St. Osburg’s

St. Mary’s

St. Elizabeth’s

## St. Elizabeth’s Roman Catholic Church

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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 Wafala

**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

## Parish Notices

### 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:

•Collect yours from the office when it safe to do so - give a call first to **02476 688 536** or 07455 687451.

•We can drop it to your letter box - door. Please call using one of the above numbers to arrange the delivering.

### Preparation of the Church

Prior to opening the Church for individual prayer, ensure that the 2-metre radius social distancing is well in place in church.

To ensure the church remain COVID-19 secure, sufficient supplies of the following needed to be in church. Hand gel of no less than 65% alcohol; Adequate welfare products for team in terms of hand washing facilities – soap and paper towels; Protective equipment for stewards and cleaners– single use gloves, face coverings and in addition, aprons for cleaners, Cleaning materials – detergent, sanitiser, disposable clothes or paper towels; Tape to mark out social distancing.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions 9th Week of Ordinary Time Year A

<b>Sunday</b> <b>31st May</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Mary & Jim Harvey R.I.P. Asha & Baldev Thapar- Thanksgiving	<b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>
<b>Mon. 1st June</b>	10:30am	Peggy Miller R.I.P	Mary Mother of the Church
Tues. 2nd	10:30am	Sidonie Djomaha R.I.P	
Wed. 3rd	10:30am	Mary and Mick - Special Int. for family	Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions
Thur. 4th	10:30am	Gemma R.I.P	Our Lord Jesus Christ, High priest
Fri. 5th	<b>6:30pm</b>		St. Boniface
Sat. 6th	10:30am		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>7th June</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Mary and Mick - Special Int. for family	<b>Solemnity of Most Holy Trinity</b>

### Holy Rosary Live Broadcast's: By Sisters.

This is to notify you especially those who have been attending with us throughout the lockdown that as the lockdown begins to ease slowly and we are able to have more opportunities to come out; we will also be reducing dates of livestreaming of the holy rosary. It will no longer be daily, but only on:

### Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

at 7:00pm (only Virtual)] . If there is need then we shall resume Daily livestreaming again. Thank you.



### 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/>

## Pentecost Sunday Yr. A

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11 Psalm: 103

Second Reading: 1st Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



## The fiftieth day

The name "**Pentecost**" comes from the Greek word meaning "**fiftieth.**" Like Easter, it is tied to a Jewish feast. 49 days (7 weeks, or "a week of weeks") after the second day of Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot*). Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery; *Shavuot* celebrates their becoming God's holy people by the gift and acceptance of the Law; and the counting of the days to *Shavuot* symbolises their yearning for the Law. From a strictly practical point of view, *Shavuot* was a very good time for the Holy Spirit to come down and inspire the Apostles to preach to all nations because, being a pilgrimage festival, it was an occasion when Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims from many countries. Symbolically, the parallel with the Jews is exact. We are freed from the slavery of death and sin by **Easter**; with the Apostles, we spend some time as toddlers under the tutelage of the risen Jesus; and when he has left, the Spirit comes down on us and we become a Church.

What should Pentecost be for us today? First of all, it should bring us **Shalom**, that same **peace** that Jesus gave to those in the upper room; then an increase in gratitude to God for having chosen us to be members of his Body; it should give us a greater awareness of our being members of a missionary Church whose work is far from finished; and above all, it should give us a greater concern for building up the Body of Christ: the entire, worldwide Church and a particular church or our own parish community, by promoting reconciliation, forgiveness, and a sense of unity.

*Shalom*, is Christ's gift to the apostles and to us today involves greater completeness in our lives and a full development of all our human potential and talents. It means joy, which ought to be the distinguishing mark of the redeemed Christian. Christ offers this gift of "*Shalom-Peace*" to us today. It will become what he intends it to be only if we accept it and respond to it with joyous hearts.

### 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.**