

Important Notices

You are most welcome to a public Mass as advertised in this newsletter:

Masses in a time of COVID 19 will be conducted differently than normal. Some guidelines

Holy Communion.

- ◆ Receive in silence by hand only
- ◆ **Offertory collections: put your offerings in a Basket provided at entrance, exit or in front of the Sanctuary, after communion**

During Mass No

- ◆ Offertory Collection baskets passing around
- ◆ Kneeling on pew's kneelers - but only on the floor if you wish.

Cleaners needed after each Mass

- ◆ Please remain in Church after communion if you want to help with cleaning
- ◆ Please remain in Church if you want to light a votive candle after communion

Please note that: ...

- ◆ We can only accommodate **140** people in a single Mass at present
- ◆ You **must** wear face covering or a mask while in church.
- ◆ Sanitise your hands on entering & exiting. We use one-way system only.
- ◆ Please follow stewards' directives and for any information you may need.

COVID-19 Pandemic Tier System: Coventry in **Tier 2** (High alert level). Tier 2 areas are required extra restrictions, which include:

- ◆ No mixing between different households indoors except in Church for prayers.
 - ◆ The rule of six (number of people who can meet up) only applies outdoors.
- Currently Coventry is in High alert level (**Tier 2**) - Strictly observe social distancing; meet others only outside the house; the rule of 6 applies only outside; limit unnecessary journeys on public transport; shop at quieter times of the day if possible and work from home where possible - but people can still go to work if they cannot work from home and their workplace is Covid-19 secure and children should still attend school unless they receive specific medical advice not to do so.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Agnes Foster, William Blythe, Rita Doreen Fearon, Alfred Gabriel Skingle, Niall Patrick Downs, Peter Corcoran, James Coughlin, Elizabeth Cooke, Arthur Rollason, Donna Connolly, Michael Thomas Raftery, John McMullan, John Mulvey, Bridget Dempsey, Christopher Ernest Roberts, Dorothy Vera Palmer, Margaret Rita Odowd, Nicolina Soprano, Mario Soprano, Elena Bellingeri, Giovanni Capozzi, James Ryan, Michael McCormack, Jeanne Connor, Martha Anne Roberts, Patrick Augustine Callaghan, Martin Gaughan, Michael Curley, Daniel Patrick Horgan, Samuel McClune, Frank McKee and Johnny Dunne. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.**

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

CHURCH's Live-streaming

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeth-church>



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 Aloysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

Planning for Christmas 2020: As we all know that our capacity of Mass attendance here in Church is very limited and due to the ongoing pandemic, it appears that nothing will change. So, to help us plan properly for Christmas, I would be grateful if you can let me know what Christmas Mass you or your family normally or would like to attend in this year. We shall have **THREE** Masses at Christmas - Only **125** people allowed at each Mass.

6:30pm - Vigil Mass (For Families)

9:15am - Christmas Day

11:15am - Christmas Day

Booking for Mass starts this weekend, the stewards will help you with booking. Please, would you also help us by passing on this information to your friends and neighbours, who normally attend Christmas with us at St Elizabeth's! Thank you.

New Hall Fund Box: These Boxes are still available. Please collect from the sisters. It's for raising funds for our New parish hall. The boxes operate like the RED Mission Boxes for (Coin) or cash. Please see the sample display on the Altar rail.

Updates for 200 Club: Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Next draw is today after Mass. For more information Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

St Pio Prayer Group will be held on the first Thursday of every month at St John Fisher Church, Tiverton Road starting on Thursday 5th November at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 31st Week of Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 1st Nov.	9:15am	Edwin & Christine Boden R.I.P.	Solemnity of All Saints
	11:15am	John and Bridget Ormsby R.I.P.	
Mon. 2nd	9:15am	Bradley's Family - Sp. Intention All Souls - Feast	Public Mass
Wed. 4th	9:15am	Noel Whelan R.I.P.	Public Mass:
Thur. 5th	9:15am	Louiza Snuggs R.I.P.	Children's Mass
Fri. 6th	9:15am	Louiza Martha C Julieta Snuggs	R.I.P Requiem Mass
	6:30pm	Noel Whelan R.I.P.	
Sat. 7th	9:15am	Veronica Dixon R.I .P	Public Mass
	9:15am	Jessica - Sp. Intention Family-Special Intention	
Sunday 8th Nov.	11:15am	People of the parish	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Souls - Feast (All Faithful Departed): On Monday 2nd November, we shall be celebrating the feast of All the Faithful Departed. The Mass will be public at 9:15am for anyone interested to attend, as we begin month of Holy Souls.

Month of the Holy Souls (November): Please remember in your prayers all the faithfully departed - especially our family members, relatives, parishioners and friends. Mass will be celebrated throughout this month for their souls. You are also encouraged to book individual Masses for the intentions of the Holy Souls, either to be celebrated here at St Elizabeth's or to be sent out to our priests in Africa, who will be able to offer Masses for your intentions.

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 327.50** Non Gift Aid Scheme: **£144.96**
New Hall Fund Box: **£ 295.60**

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD: Huge congratulations to the parish, to our J&P group, and to Maria in particular for achieving this award. "This is a really small community with limited resources that truly live out its mission to look outwards and serve the wider community. For such a small congregation they achieve a huge amount. We were truly inspired by all that the parish does to live simply sustainably and in solidarity with the wider world. We have every faith that the joy and enthusiasm with which the parish serves others will continue to bear fruit."

Solemnity of All Saints

First Reading: Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14; Psalm: 23;

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

They Just Shine

It is better to live a saintly life than to talk about the saints. However, as we celebrate the Feast of All saints, we can't help talking about saints and their holiness. Some saints in heaven are canonised by the Church. She does in admiration of their heroism in being holy and to serve us as ideals in practising some Christian virtues. Many of the canonised saints whom we venerate today are remembered for their extraordinary mystic speculations, miracle-working or uncommon austerities. Among them are those who went into the desert to live alone in prayer and penance. They went to the desert because they sought after loving union with God with all their heart undisturbed by human society around them. Also, we are celebrating uncanonised saints who are now in heaven. These were ordinary men and women like us, who lived and loved, worked and played, struggled, succeeded and failed in their daily works; but they are now in heaven because they made every effort while on earth to be holy by following the teachings of Christ to which they had made baptismal commitment. Among them, let us not forget, could be members of our own families. In this respect, today, we also venerate those who are still living on earth but making every effort to love out their Christian faith to become holy. If these are the saints whom we venerate because they were holy or becoming holy, one is tempted to ask. "What is the essence of holiness common to all of them?" The essence is their life according to the Beatitudes as taught by Christ: "To be poor in spirit, to be pure of heart, to be humble, to thirst after justice, to show mercy, to make peace, to accept sufferings and sorrows for the name of Christ" (Mt 5:1-12). In other words, their holiness consists in thinking as God thinks, willing as God wills; it has love for its essence, humility for its clothing, the good of others as its employments, and honour of God as its end. It goes without saying that such a life of holiness has to pass through trials and tribulations, even daily martyrdom. But those who persevered in living out the Beatitudes are in heaven now as saints. They are those, as the Book of Revelation puts it, "who survived the great period of trials and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev 7:1).

We all have a calling to become saints. While celebrating the Feast of All Saints, we remind ourselves about our own call to become saints. The destiny of a Christian is not happiness, nor health, but holiness. Perhaps some of us recoil from the thought of becoming saints because of our experience as sinners. But there is something wonderful that God does for us: he makes saints out of sinners. Each of us can achieve holiness by practicing the virtues described by the Beatitudes and achieve it where we are in our own lives. But we must know that to live our baptismal commitment day after day could be a living martyrdom; to practice in every detail the Beatitudes could be a daily cross. However, here is no detour to holiness; Jesus came to resurrection through the cross, not around it. Our faith tells us that in all our difficulties we are never alone: a host of God's saints are ever with us. The ritual of incensing at Mass is carried out on the altar where the relics of the saints, rest. This incensing is a symbol of our trust that the saints will take our prayers before the throne of God.

Therefore, as we resolutely set ourselves on the way towards saintliness, let us keep praying for this saintliness and keep our hearts always open to receive God's grace.

Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

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