

Important Notices

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

Masses in time of COVID 19. Some guidelines as follows.

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.

Planning for Christmas 2020: Please book one of these Masses for Christmas, by email, text or call the Sisters or Fr Moses to book. Would you also pass on this information to your friends and neighbours, who normally attend Christmas with us! Thank you.

6:30pm - Vigil Mass (Children and Families Mass)

9:15am - Christmas Day

11:15am - Christmas Day

COVID-19 Pandemic Tier System: Coventry in **Tier 3** (High alert level).

No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Bar and Restaurants closed, except sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery. Church is open for communal prayer (Mass), but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble. Funerals allowed but only with 30 people in church's service.

Death Anniversaries this Week: George Francis, Philip Anthony Joseph Poole, Phino Ram, Peter Terence Browne, Dennis Molloy, Clyndwr George Clark, Jeanette Leonie Barriball, Joseph Carolan, Alexander McCullagh, Michael McKale, Sarah Ann Cleaver, Anna Cramp, Mary Ellen Smith, May McCarthy, Gary Patrick Douglas, Annie Lizzie Claw, Michael Raggett, Thomas William Bingham, Adrian Philip Poole, Patrick Andrew Rooney, Thomas Gilmartin, Babs Rann, Herbert Henry Kelsey, Michael Jordan, Peter Thomas Maher, Stephen Collins, John Anthony Quigley, John Hastings, Joseph Smith, Lydia Hastings, William Hughes, Martin Thomas Tynan, Mary KellGeorge Patrick Coombes, Mark Pratt, Eugene Williamson, William Sheppard, Mary Elizabeth Sheils, Martin Nagle and Nancy Anne King.

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.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeth-church-coventry.](https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeth-church-coventry)



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.

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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/Liturg

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



Dear Parishioners, This year has been difficult because of the impact of Covid-19. Some of you will have unfortunately lost loved ones, leaving many grieving families, some of you will have had the illness yourselves, and then there has been the terrible economic impact too. Despite these challenges we keep living our lives as best as we can and rely on the hope that the light of Christ brings to each of us. We look forward to welcoming you to church over Christmas. Please remember that Christmas masses will also be livestreamed, so if you feel it is safer to watch mass over the internet, this will be a sensible option for you and one approved by the church. We are sure you will appreciate that things will be different this year and we have to keep people safe and follow the Government guidelines. It is important that you make yourself aware of the mass times over Christmas at your local church and we ask that you attend mass at the parish nearest your home.

Each Church in Coventry will have some form of booking system and it is important that you are aware of what to do. We are not allowed just to have people turning up over Christmas as we have to have accurate numbers to make sure the churches are not over-crowded. If you come to church, you will need to wear a mask and will have to adhere to track and trace requirements. There will be people in church to guide you and to explain the arrangements. This Christmas there will not be any communal singing of carols. Details of how to book will be on your parish newsletter and website and on the Deanery website: <https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk/new/>. Please pass on this information to others, especially those who may not come to church regularly, but will expect to attend over Christmas. All our parishes and schools in Coventry Deanery will circulate this information. As we begin our Advent preparations for Christmas, let us pray for each other that we can celebrate Christmas with great joy and mindful of each other's safety.

With prayers and best wishes.

The Priests and Deacons of the Coventry Deanery

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 1st Week of Advent Year B

Sunday 29th Nov.	10:30am	Seebo Masih R.I.P. Louiza Snaggs R.I.P. Wesley Simmons (Sick)	1st Sunday of Advent Year B Virtual Mass 
Mon. 30th	9:30am	Lena, George, John Harkin R.I.P	Virtual
Tuesday 1st.	5:30pm	Reception of body Oscar Owen	R.I.P
Wed.2nd Dec.	9:30am	Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P	Funeral Mass
Thur. 3rd	9:15am	Rita Portlock- Sp. Int.	With Schools St. Francis Xavier
Fri. 4th	6:30pm	Mick Breslin - Special Intention	Public Mass
Sat. 5th	9:15am	Rita Portlock - Special Intention	Public Mass St. Birinus
	9:15am	Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P Louiza Snaggs R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 6th Dec.	11:15am	Natividad Bauzon R.I.P 1st Anniversary	2nd Sunday of Advent Year B 

Virtual Rosary Devotion: By the Sisters every Wednesday at **7:00pm**. Please join the sisters in praying the rosary.



Walk with Me Booklets and Calendars for Advent: Are now available in Church for our use to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Please take a copy

Updates for 200 Club: Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Next draw is on Sunday 6th after Mass. For more information Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 675.00** Non Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 123.47**

New Hall Fund Box: These fundraising Boxes for the new parish hall are still available. Please return the one you have already filled whenever possible and collect anew one from the sisters. If you are not aware about this fundraising Box scheme, please see the sample display on the Altar rail in the Church and ask for more information from the sisters or Fr. Moses.

First Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Psalm: 79;
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



Active Waiting

Maria was housebound and rejoiced to receive holy communion at home. She was delighted by the changes in the Church that allowed a minister to bring her communion home every Sunday. She loved to receive the Lord, felt much closer to the parish community where she used to worship and knew that they were praying for her. She prayed daily. Her legs were painful because of ulcers and she found many days difficult to endure. Visits by the nurse helped to relieve the length of days but she found that she continually questioned God about his faithfulness and love. Why should she suffer and endure such pain? Answers to such questions can sound facile. Yet in trying to cope with suffering, we face the fact that God allowed his own Son to suffer the pain of the cross. The Bible shows that in the mystery of the cross it is possible to find hope and meaning.

For people who are sick, waiting is a daily part of life. It may be waiting for an appointment at the hospital with the consultant for whom there is a long waiting list. It may be waiting for the result of the test. Healing from sickness takes time and waiting is part of that trial. The signs of recovery are longed for and small improvements in health are noticed and give hope. In a busy and rapidly changing world, it is difficult to be patient. Waiting is an important aspect of human life because the Bible shows how people have to wait for God's time to act.

The theme of waiting is found in each of the readings for this first Sunday of advent. The readings urge us to be alert as we wait for the coming of the Lord. It is true that we are waiting for the coming of the Lord at Christmas and at the end of our lives. But as we wait, we have been advised to develop a greater sense of interior silence and be alert, so that, we will be able to welcome the Lord joyfully. Because if we are watchful, we will find the Lord coming into our lives in thousands of ordinary activities and responsibilities of life.

For the sick, waiting for the medical appointment or the healing of illness can lead to despair. The season of Advent offers us a message of hope that waiting is not in vain. God will sustain those who wait and trust in him. God is close although sometimes we may feel he is distant away from us. Jesus cried from the cross, *"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me."* Yet God the Father did not abandon his Son. How else can we watch and pray? Watching and praying primarily is the awareness of the heart. Amidst the strain and stress of daily life, the heart remains awake and alert, fixed and focused on the Beloved.

Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

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