

## 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.

### 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 socialise with anyone outside a households or support bubbles. Funerals allowed but only with 30 people in church's service.

**Coventry Pioneer Association:** The Memorial Mass of Fr McKiernan will be on Friday 11th December at Christ the King at 7.00pm. This will be his 50th Anniversary Mass. If you wish to attend, please contact Deacon Gerry O'Reilly on 024 76 333881. For those unable to attend you can join us on the webcam.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Andrew Thomas Kinnie, William McNamara, James Ivers, Christina Mary Hogan, Maurice Peter Sheridan, Ishar Dass Sahunta, Christopher Masterson, Alexander Gentles, Frances Ward, Johanna Johnson, Patrick Howe, Dorothy Green, Margaret Kerr, Joan Stewart, Margaret Hudson, Patrick Joseph Keenan, Christopher Torley, James Andrew Howard, Eugene McSweeney, Mary Shaw, Lena Harkin, Patrick Delahunty, Eric Clarke, John Lucas, Richard Costello, Anna Cutts, John Jones, Edward Sheehy (Ted), Hannah Livesey, Timothy Carey, Joseph Francis (Joe), Gerard William Ryde, Ann Manning, Thomas Terence, William King, Patrick O'Hanlon and Mary F Hannon.

**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.

### 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 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 Alysya Embate

#### CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

#### Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

## Parish Notices

### Planning for Christmas 2020.

Please book one of these Masses for Christmas. Booking by email, text or call the Sisters or Fr Moses to book. Please could you also share the information in your social media accounts as well as with your friends and neighbours, who normally attend Christmas with us!

### Christmas Mass Times:

**6:30pm - Vigil Mass (Children & Families Mass)**

**9:15am - Christmas Day**

**11:15am - Christmas Day**

- ◆ If you have pre-booked, please collect your booking tickets today.
- ◆ If you have not yet booked you must book in advance to attend Christmas Mass this year. Everyone, adult and child must have a seat.
- ◆ Seats can be booked at all Masses during Weekday and Sunday, or through the Sisters, or Fr Moses in the office at the Presbytery.
- ◆ **Thank you.**

**The SOWER Magazine:** This Diocesan Magazine - Advent edition, is now available in Church. There are some lovely articles and special information about the events in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It is **Free** of charge.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions 2nd Week of Advent Year B

### Sunday 6th Dec.

9:15am Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P  
Louiza Snaggs R.I.P.

Public Mass  
2nd Sunday  
of Advent  
Year B



11:15am Natividad Bauzon R.I.P (1st Anniversary)

Mon. 7th 9:15am Family of Michael & Deama Sp. Int

Virtual St.  
Ambrose

Wed. 9th 9:15am W.F Ashby R.I.P

Public Mass

12:45pm Kerry Davidson R.I.P.

Requiem Mass

Thur. 10th 9:30am Lena, George & John Harkin R.I.P.

With Schools

Fri. 11th 6:30pm

Public Mass

Sat. 12th 9:15am Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P

Public Mass

### Sunday 13th Dec.

9:15am Patrick & Kathleen Breslin R.I.P  
Louiza Snaggs R.I.P.

Public Mass  
3rd Sunday  
of Advent  
Year B



11:15am Quintino L Biki R.I.P. (1st Anniv)

**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 us 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 after Mass. For more information Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 000.00** Non Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 000.00**

**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.

## Second Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm: 84;  
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14; Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



### The Way of Humility

Humility and Love are inseparable. The less of self, the more there is of Christ in our soul.

The search for a better life is everyone's desire, but often, in the wrong places. Here is an Indian story: A neighbour found Nasuruiddin on his knees. "What are you searching for, Mullah?" "My key." Both men got on their knees to search. After a while, the neighbour says, "Where did you lose it?" "At home." "Good Lord! Then why are you searching here?" "Because it is brighter here!" We must search for a better life where we lost it and we lost it where God is; and where God is, there is "new heaven and new earth" (2Pet 3:13).

When shall we enter this new heaven and new earth? Is it only after death? No. God is present here and now. When the Lord was made flesh, God in the person of Jesus literally entered this material world, into a human body experiencing all the sufferings and death we experience, but dramatically rising again from the dead. Therefore, this God is with us in the midst of our sins and sufferings, giving us an experience of his presence and raising us to better life. Hence Isaiah proclaims, "Here is your God; he comes with power; he comes like a shepherd feeding his flock" (Is 40:10-11).

To experience God who is with us, we need to go for a symbolic "desert Experience" like St John Baptist, who was a voice in the desert heralding the Lord's coming (Mk 1:3). John the Baptist was courageous in his commitment to what is right and in revealing the Messiah to the world. In the baptismal call to become prophets of the God who comes, we are to do the work of transforming the wastelands around us into harvest of justice and forgiveness, to create highways for our God to enter and recreate our world in charity and peace. To be a prophet of justice, one must embrace God's vision of what the world can and should become, and by giving one's self totally to the work of realising that vision.

These days of Advent are a microcosm of our lives: we work to become, we struggle to change, we adjust to the new. The completion of a 'straightened path' leads to new directions to travel; the discovery of God reveals new possibilities for our lives; the waters of baptism recreate us in the Spirit of God's compassion and grace. Our own baptisms call us to take up the Advent work of John the Baptist: to straighten the crooked roads of our lives, to transform 'deserts' barren of love into places of welcome and reconciliation, to gather up the lost and forgotten, to proclaim the coming of God's Christ in our midst. "Make a straight highway for our God across the desert!"

### 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.**