

## 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. Church is open for Mass but people are not allowed to socialise with anyone outside our households or support bubbles. Please make sure after receiving Holy Communion do not congregate outside the church, unless you remained in church to help in cleaning.

**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. For information about the Fundraising Box, please speak to the sisters.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Bernard Rewhorn, Patrick J Breslin, Stuart Baker, Michael Banaban, Patrick McKenna, Evelyn M Haughney, Robert Dronney, Elizabeth M Carroll, William J McCann, Maria Edith Garrity, John Tranter, Thomas Lenehan, Bernard Brady, Ellen Hanly, William O'Toole, Ethel L Kettlewell, Gladys Rooney, Joseph Dumphy, Lena McNamara, Mary Dolan, Edmond J Waters, Janice M Hiron, Mary Hill, Annie Bourne, James T Pratt, Martin Roddy, Julia R Clarke, Carmel M McGrath, Patrick M Cassidy, Joan Fitzsimons and Mary B Lyons. **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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Website: [WWW.stelizabethcoventry.org.uk](http://WWW.stelizabethcoventry.org.uk)

### 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 or through the Sisters, and Fr Moses at the Presbytery.
- ◆ **Thank you.**

SPREAD THE WORD

**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.

**Walk with Me Booklets & Calendars for Advent:** Are now available in Church for us to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Please take a copy.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions 3rd Week of Advent Year B

### Sunday 13th Dec.

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

**11:15am** Quintino L Biki R.I.P. (1st Anniv)  
Parish Stewards Special Int.

Mon. 14th **9:15am** Family of Brian — Special Intention

Wed. 16th **9:15am** Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P.  
Parish Stewards - Special Int.

Thur. 17th **9:30am** Family of Lorna – Special Intention

Fri. 18th **9:30am** Christmas Mass Good Shepherd  
**6:30pm** James Dean R.I.P.

Sat. 19th **9:15am** Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P

### Sunday 20th Dec.

**9:15am** Patrick Flaherty R.I.P  
Bronislaw & Mary Srodon R.I.P.

**11:15am** Adrian & Violeta-Family Sp. Int.

### Public Mass 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B



St. John of Cross

Public Mass

With Schools

Sch. Children  
Public Mass

Public Mass

### Public Mass 4th Sunday of Advent Year B



**Christmas Cards and Envelopes:** These are now available in church. The stewards will give them out at each Mass this Sunday & as well as next Sunday. Within the card are Christmas Mass times and best wishes to all at Christmas from the Sisters and Fr Moses.

### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 1082.60**

Non Gift Aid: **£261.41**

**Updates for 200 Club:** Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Winning numbers for last month draw **Nos. 91. £35; 33. £15 and 96. £10 . Parish fund £60.** Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw Sunday 27th after Mass. For more information Contact Sr. Joan or Tony.

**Meeting with Stewards:** This is to inform all our Church stewards that there will be face-face meeting in church next Saturday to prepare Christmas Masses.

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



## Third Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; LK1:46-50,

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:16-24; Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Rejoice in the Lord!



The two prominent themes of Advent are penance and joy. Joy and penance are not only perfectly matched, but they are closely related too: one leads to the other. One is the cause; the other is the effect. Christian joy comes from God, from the right relationship of man with God. The Church wants her children to be happy and experience the joy that comes from right relationship with God. The sacraments of the Church then appear as paths that lead us to God. Of course, they are primarily God's ways of encountering man and establishing relationship with him. Hence, we can understand the maternal solitude of Mother Church to have her children baptised as early as possible. Born with original sin, we cannot have a happy relationship with God unless we are cleansed of our sins. The purpose of the sacrament of penance is to help us sweep out original sin. It clears all these cobwebs of sin and makes us sensitive and responsive to God's Word. Thus, the sacrament of penance is called the sacrament of peace, of joy. It is the concrete God-given means to reconcile ourselves with God and put our relationship right with him. Anyone who has made a good confession knows well what a powerful source of joy it can be.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called the Sunday of Joy. In today's readings, both Isaiah and St Paul exhort us to rejoice, to rejoice in the Lord always. This joy must be something spontaneous, the natural result of having done penance during the previous two weeks of Advent. The readings of the last two weeks, especially the words of St John the Baptist, had strongly urged us to do penance. The cost of Christmas joy is Advent penance. "Happiness is an inside job," all spiritual masters and psychologists agree. Happiness is a matter of wanting to be happy. One can be happy if one wants to be happy, no matter how bad the external circumstances are. It is a matter of one's own choice. We know this fundamental truth very well. But we are mistaken if we hold that happiness is merely the result of just wanting to be happy, or making a firm resolve to be happy. Is it not true that, at times, even the best of our resolutions crumble? For us Christians, happiness is the result of letting God, the source of real happiness, take possession of our lives. It is the result of the constant struggle of letting Christ be the light that shines through everything we do.

It is the continued presence of Christ in us and among us that gladdens our hearts, even amidst our suffering and sadness. The hallmark of a Christian is not faith, nor even love, but joy, because we are all strings in the concert of his joy. That is why St Paul asks us to "Rejoice always" (1Thess 5:16) and Isaiah shouts aloud, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God" (Is 61:10). Joy is never within our power without the presence of Christ in us. Only Christ can fill us with the fulness of joy.

### 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.**

