

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.

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: Margarita Tatlor, Wilhelmina Wake, Patrick McDade, Elsie Kathleen Ashby, William Morrison, Amy Elizabeth Conroy, Sister Rita Gibbs LSA, Mary Davis, Alexander Gray, William Doherty, Dante Abri, Carol Beasley, Bridget Graven, Annie Z Campbell, Rose Mary Dixon, Michael Hanrahan, Maria Joanna Veronica Hills, Julia Ainsbury, Margaret Dougan, James Fullarton, Finbarr Fanning, John O'Riordan, Patrick O'Halloran, Joseph German, Elizabeth Jane Brown-Lundie, John Jude Langar, Debra Griffin, Mary Treanor, James O'Shea, Ernest Edward Larkin, Elizabeth Darron, Patrick Delahunty, Mary Buckley, Eileen Evans, James Finbar Galvin, Mary McNamara, Michael Quinn, Ross Allan Edwards, Joan Butler, John William Conroy, Thomas Kennedy, Peter Hnatuskta, Joseph Higgins, John Hunt, Mavis Hunt, June Wilson, Margaret Dougan, Mark A Quigley, Anna Maria Ryan, James Harvey, Rosanna Lalor, Mary Bridget McSweeney, Kathleen Mabel Woollam and Kathleen 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

<http://www.mcnmedia.tv/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/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:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

New Year Eve: There will be a public Mass in Church on New Year's Eve at **6:30pm** for all those who would like to thank God for ending year 2020 are welcomed. **No booking, Just come and join. No MIDNIGHT Mass.**

New Year Day Mass: The New year Day 2021 Mass will be at **10:30am**, and all are welcome to attend. **No booking, Just come and join.** Wishing you all very happy and Blessed New Year 2021.

Thank you very much: It has been a quiet but lovely and peaceful Christmas for us in the parish, the Nuns and Fr Moses. We say Big thank you to all for your prayers, your encouraging words, your Christmas Cards, foods and all your Christmas presents - greatly appreciated. Wishing you good health and blessing on the Feast Day of the Holy Family and for the new year 2021.



The 2020, has been a challenging year to all of us due to Covid-19. We hope that the 2021 will come with abundant blessings. We hope with the discovering of the vaccine for Covid-19, and a launch of a massive vaccinations in our City of Coventry early this month, is a source of hope for better days ahead of us. Just as for now let us continue to keep the basic rules for Covid-19: Hand washing, Social Distancing, and Face-covering.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions Octave of Christmas Year B

**Sunday
27th Dec.**

9:15am Zdzichna Zielinska - Sp. Int
Family- Special Intention

11:15am Oscar Michael Owen R.I.P.
Tracy and Gerald Miller R.I.P.
Juliana Ndung'u-Sp. Intention

Mon. 28th **9:15am** Lena, George & John Harkin
R.I.P.

Wed. 30th **9:15am** Jim & May Harvey R.I.P.

Thur. 31st **9:15am** Zdzichna Zielinska - Sp.Intention

New Year Eve **6:30pm** Family of Wilma – Sp.Intention

**Fri. 1st Jan.
New Year 2021** **10:30am** Siboo & Rattan Daniel, Paramjit
& Diwan R.I.P.

Sat. 2nd **9:15am** Mick Alton R.I.P.

Sunday **9:15am** Anetta & Jon Lycen R.I.P.

3rd Jan. **11:15am** Parish Stewards- Special Int.

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £ 508.00 Non Gift Aid: £219.56

Updates for 200 Club: Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw Sunday 27th after Mass. For more information Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

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



Feast of the Holy Family



Virtual
Holy Innocents

Public Mass

New Year Eve
Mass

New Year Day
Mass

Mary The
Mother of God
Solemnity

Feast of the Holy Family

First Reading: Ecc. 3:2-6; Ps.127, Sec. Reading: Col3:12-21;Gosp:Lk 2:22-40

Pastoral letter of the Archbishop Bernard Longley.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, *'this child is destined to be a sign...so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare'*

May I first of all wish you and all those close to you a blessed and happy Christmas. Every day of the Christmas Octave - in the week leading up to New Year's Day - is a continuation of the celebration of Christmas. But I know that this year - because of the coronavirus restrictions - it will be much more difficult for us to maintain the Christmas spirit across the traditional twelve days. Today's Feast of the Holy Family is particularly poignant in a year when it has been impossible for our families to gather together as they usually would. Perhaps this serves to emphasise some of the things that we can easily take for granted about family life and the value of our relationships. The family is part of the natural world that God has created and entrusted to us. All living creatures exist in some sort of kinship, guaranteeing their continuity and sustaining the quality of their lives. Pope Francis has said that *we need education in the care of the common home to help people understand that environmental problems are linked to human needs*. From the very outset of our lives the human needs on which we depend for life itself find their natural setting in the family. From the gift of life itself to the loving provision of food, shelter and all the benefits of human contact, the family is the gift that keeps on giving. A new-born baby becomes the focus of love and attention on the part of parents and family not because of anything it can do, but simply on account of its being. With the birth of his Son, the Father has revealed his unconditional love for us, irrespective of our ability to achieve anything in life or to merit God's love. St Paul has put it this way: ***It is proof of God's love for us, that Christ died for us while we were still sinners...While we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.*** We see this unconditional love in the Holy Family - even when its demands caused some perplexity. *St Luke's Gospel indicates something of this where it describes the journey of Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem, taking the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord.* The evangelist says ***the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him.*** Looking back on the closing year, with all its extraordinary ups and downs, we may not always have seen the sense of what was happening to us or our families - we may often have felt anxious or perplexed about events unfolding around us, locally or nationally. At times of crisis, we tend to fall back on those things that are fundamental to our lives and our beliefs. Hence, the need for our family and for our faith have been central to surviving 2020. This year we have missed those very special expressions of family life that continue to make Christmas an important season for believer and non-believer alike. Our parish communities have done their utmost - through the continued opening of our churches, alongside the live-streaming of Mass - to sustain the life of faith within our families. The familiar saying: ***absence makes the heart grow fonder can never have been truer than it is for 2020. Family life and Catholic faith teach us to hope that the things we have glimpsed, or experienced in part, will one day find their fulfilment in the Kingdom of God.*** *The Holy Family of Nazareth shows us that we are called through Christ to the eternal communion of love and life in God.* As the New Year approaches, we ask the holy child - ***destined to be a sign...*** so that ***the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare*** - to give us the courage to bring our secret thoughts to God. A beautiful prayer from the Iona Community can help us prepare for 2021: ***'You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time Want us to wait for the right time in which to discover Who we are, where we must go Who will be with us, and what we must do'***. May the Holy Family of Nazareth help us all, this New Year. With my prayers for you and my kindest wishes this Christmastide. Yours devotedly in Christ. **Archbishop Bernard Longley. Birmingham.**

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.**