

Important Notices

New Parish Hall Donation: Thank you to Fr Jimmy and his parishioners of SS Mary's & Benedict's, for their generous donation of **£2,000** to support our ongoing project for a New Hall. Fr Jimmy was also very kind to loan us **£5,000** to help complete the remaining stages Three and Four of the project, before actual construction of the building. I have a zoom meeting next week with Steve and with all those involved in applying for grants. Will let you know the outcome. We are moving on well.

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 24th January after Mass. For more information Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

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, anytime.**

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.

Death Anniversaries this Week: P. Doherty, M. Phillis, C. Kennedy, H. ohnson, G. Sheridan, J. Hall, E. Hart, J. Ryan, Joe Hynes, D. Mudd, T. Nyamazana, M. Derrick, A. Markey, E. McTavish, Fr. E. Leicester, T. Burns, J. Bradshaw, H. Raftery, R. Strong, B. McEneaney, J. Killoran, M. O'Toole, B. McEneaney, A. Bailey, R. O'Brien, A. Towey, P. Flaherty, A. Peacey, J. Shaw, F. Hannon, W. Carey, J. Queally, J. Thompson, J. Larkin, K. Nulty J. Bowen, and D. Greer. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.**

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

Church's Live-streaming

Web: 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

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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 Wafula

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:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

Covid-19 National lockdown-(Advice)

Leaving home - Individuals can leave their home:

◆ **To attend communal worship (Holy Mass) and life events in Church** – individuals can leave their homes to attend or visit a Church for Mass, a funeral or events related to a death, or a wedding Places of worship and individuals must follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must **avoid mingling with anyone outside of their household or support bubble when attending a place of worship.**

◆ To shop for necessities, for themselves, their family or for a vulnerable person

◆ To go to work if they cannot work from home or provide voluntary or charitable services.

◆ To exercise with their household, limited to once per day only, and they should not travel outside their local area.

◆ To meet their support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if they are legally permitted to form one seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness, or risk of harm

◆ To attend education or childcare - for those eligible [for] animal welfare reason – individuals can leave their homes for animal welfare reasons, such as to attend veterinary services for advice or treatment.

◆ **Meeting others:** Individuals cannot leave their home to meet socially with anyone they do not live with. Individuals can continue to exercise on their own, with one other person, or with their household or support bubble. Individuals should not meet other people you do not live with, unless for a permitted reason. The reasonable areas include: to fulfil legal obligations or to carry out activities related to buying, selling, letting, or renting a residential property, or where it is reasonably necessary.

◆ If an individual is designated as clinically extremely vulnerable, must stay home and should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or any essentials.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions Week 2 Year B

Sunday 17th Jan.	9:15am	Family Sp. Int. & Thanksgiving for Cammillus A. Ndonga Shangara & Preeto Nahar R.I.P.	Public Mass 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Consolata's Family - Sp. Int	
Mon. 18th	9:15am	Deceased Members of McEaney family	Virtual only
Wed. 20th	9:15am	Ashby family Past and Present	Public Mass
Thur. 21st	9:15am	G. Hobbs - Sick	Virtual only
Fri. 22nd	6:30pm	For Scientists - Sp. Intention	Virtual only
Sat. 23rd	9:15am	G. Hobbs - Sick	Public Mass
Sunday 24th Jan.	9:15am	Staff members of our Parish schools and their families	Public Mass 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	People of the Parish	

Friday Evening Mass 6:30pm: Please note, this will now be Virtual only from next week 22nd January until the end of the LOCKDOWN.

Weekly Offertory and Collections:

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 326.50** Non Gift Aid: **£128.13**
New Parish Hall (From St. Mary's & Benedict's Parish: **£2,000** Donation and **£5,000** as a loan).

Symptoms of Covid-19: You need a test if you have any of the following:

A high temperature: any new high temperature where the person feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).

A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

You **DO NOT** need a test if you have a runny nose, sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of taste, or change in sense of smell. Why? because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

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



2nd Sunday Year B

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Ps.39, Sec. Reading: 1 Cor. 6:13-5, 17-20
Gospel John 1:35-42*

Call and Response!

To be God is to be a caller, inviter, initiator, father, and lover. For human beings, to be is to be called, to have a vocation. Our response makes us to be. Responding befits humans. Response is a radical decision, a fundamental choice. If calling is proper to God, response is proper to man. The counterpart of the calling God is the responding person. What happens, when a person is willing to listen to another, disposed to respond positively to the invitation of another? A relationship starts, a relationship of dialogue. And for better or worse, their lives will not be the same again, both here on earth and beyond.

The readings from the First Book of Samuel (**3:3-10**), and the Gospel of John (**1:35-42**), all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation. What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches, and pursue that which intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful, and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about this gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer. In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life and invite him to come and make a home with us, in our hearts. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew, and Simon Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint-hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are we are listening to wrong voices that call us to follow other ways other than God.

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.**