

Important Notices

Racial Justice Sunday: The Church celebrates Racial Justice Day. This year Racial Justice Sunday (*Next Sunday 31st January*) is more important than ever. The effects of the pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in 'Fratelli Tutti' speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The official statement on this year's theme "**A Time to Act**", is available via the diocesan intranet. The Bishops' Conference has also commissioned a series of videos to share the thoughts of Black Catholics about the events of the past year, how we can build a better society and the important role that our Church can play. Available at: www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021.

Updates for 200 Club: Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Last year we managed to raise **£719** for church maintenance. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw Sunday 31st 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: John McEvoy, James Donaghue, Cyril Marshall, Eileen Ardill, Catherine Maher, Terence F. Lawlor, Barry J Savage, Dorothy Masterson, Jenny Gane, Thomas Bryne, Chris Delaney, Joanne Hughes, Stanley Carpenter, Lorne M Mapp, William P. McGowan, Ernest Blake, James Judge, John E Ashton, Catherine Rafferty, Terence Kelly, William O'Hara, Anita Lecyn, Michael Keating, Veronica Conroy, Helena Harris, Gerard Davies, Mary E George, Patrick McGrath, Frances M Thomas George Flanagan and Ronald Dunkley. **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. [htt://www.mcnmedia.tv/st-elizabeth-church-coventry](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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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

We Celebrate today Sunday of the Word of God

Whenever we celebrate the liturgy, the Scriptures are proclaimed. We listen to God speaking to us with the Church. In the Sacraments, the liturgy of the Hours and in our prayers, we encounter Christ; through our responses we deepen our participation which transforms our lives. In discovering and renewing a genuine love for the Word of God, we nurture our relationship with Christ. Through the Bible, we meet Christ who is alive in his Word. We can listen to him speaking to us and guiding us in our daily lives.

Living the Word of God: Scripture shapes our actions, our choices and how we relate to God, to ourselves, to our neighbours and to our world. It guides all our relationships and how we live our lives. Scripture teaches us how to live in society, to respect each human being and to work towards the common good. The Scriptures inspire us to put faith into action, living God's Word and doing God's Word. We live God's Word by Cherishing life at every stage - using and sharing our resources fairly - and protecting the weak, the poor and the marginalised.

Sharing the Word of God: Through the Bible we discover who God is. We are shown what it means to live in relation with God and each other through a relationship with Christ. God speaks to us today in a variety of ways. The Bible inspired, and continues to inspire, learning, culture, art, music and literature. It is enables science and faith to build up mutual understanding through dialogue. It challenges technology and social media to open up new ways to encounter Christ in the world.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions Week 3 Year B

Sunday 24th Jan.	9:15am	Staff members of our Parish schools and their families Mary Gallagher-Sick	Public Mass 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon. 25th	11:15am	Deceased members of Yoyo and Nestor Family R.I.P.	
Wed. 27th	9:15am	Deceased members of Yoyo & Nestor Family R.I.P.	Virtual only
Thur. 28th	9:15am	Lolita Cacho R.I.P. Deceased members of Yoyo & Nestor Family R.I.P.	Public Mass
Fri. 29th	9:15am	Kay Regan R.I.P. Deceased members of Yoyo & Nestor Family R.I.P.	Virtual only
Sat. 30th	6:30pm	Deceased members of Yoyo & Nestor Family R.I.P.	Virtual only
Sunday 31st Jan.	9:15am	Deceased members of Yoyo & Nestor Family R.I.P.	Public Mass
	11:15am	Daisy & Charlie Williams R.I.P. Deceased members of Yoyo & Nestor Family R.I.P.	Public Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday Evening Mass 6:30pm: Please note, this will now be Virtual until the end of the LOCKDOWN.

Weekly Offertory and Collections:

Gift Aid Scheme: £ 268.40 Non Gift Aid: £230.40

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 at 7:00pm
Please join the sisters in praying the rosary. Thank you.



3rd Sunday Year B

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps.24; Sec. Reading: 1 Cor. 7:29-31, Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Living Faith

One day, **three men** were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, "Please, God, give me the strength to cross this river." In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times. Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, "Please God, give me strength and resources to cross this river." In an instant, God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times. The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please, God, give me strength, resources, and the intelligence to cross this river." In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the man, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge! The **three men's prayers** were all about gaining something: strength, resources, and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul, and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it is at the centre of our life of faith. Christian conversion is not a once-in-lifetime movement. It can happen everyday in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversation. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion on mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James, and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion. These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It is sometimes called "**Me and God**" theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died "for me," or that "Here I am, Lord" or that "I will follow you." Individually these lines are all true; the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about "My" God, "My" prayers, "My" church, "my", "my"...? Then, we are still in need of conversion. We do not need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it is me-and-God-against-the-world and welcome the idea that it is us-and-God-in-the-world.

May we gain the strength, resource, and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again as we journey through this liturgical year.

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.**