

Important Notices

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.

Updates for 200 Club.

Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Winning numbers last month were 89 **£30**; 68 **£15** and 31 **£10**. The Parish received **£55**. Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw Sunday 28th February after Mass. For more information Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony**.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Joseph Rooney, Mary J. Brady, Margaret Mary Oliver, Anne Sharkey, Peter Higgins, Stefano Vettese, Kathleen Jarvis, Mary Alice Lee, Sister Blanche LSA, Myles Joseph Breslin, Annie Hunt, James Francis O'Brien, Philomena, Fraser John Bolton, Ralph Cox, Bertha Healey, Patrick Carey, Monica Douglas, Edith Barbara Scrimshire, Teresa Marsden, Patrick McDonnell, Leslie Edmund Burke, Clifford Dunicliffe, Lilly Ruyssevelt, Maria Elizabeth Lovatt, Robert Anthony Healey, Timothy Shanahan, Martha McKale, Laurence Wilkinson, James Cannon, Teresa Doyle, Gillian Susan Farrell, Mary O'Sullivan and Francis Kevin Keogh.
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. www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeths-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 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 Aloysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

Ash Wednesday on 17th February.

There will be two public Masses in Church morning **9:15am** and evening **6:30pm**.

More information to follow about Lenten Season and Easter. Please if you still have blessed palm branches, could you bring it when you come to Mass or drop it anytime at doorstep of the Presbytery.

Friday: Satiations of the Cross.

This year Way of the Cross will be Virtual at 6:30pm followed by Mass.

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China:

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community. If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

<https://genocideresponse.org/>

Mass Times and Mass Intentions Week 5 Year B

Sunday 7th February	9:15am	Deusdedit M. Ngalula R.I.P	Public Mass 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Consolata's Family Sp. Intention Jadwiga Skora -R.I.P.	
Mon. 8th	9:15am	Walter Fredrick Ashby R.I.P.	Virtual only
Tue. 9th		Albert Wafula-R.I.P.	Private
Weds. 10th	9:15am	Oscar Owen-R.I.P.	Virtual Mass
Thur. 11th	9:30am	Mrs. Frances Wright R.I.P	Requiem Mass Virtual Only
Fri. 12th	6:30pm	Consolata's Family-Sp. Intention	Virtual only
Sat. 13th	9:15am	Kevin Moran R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 14th February.	9:15am	James Hobbs R.I.P. Sean McSheffery R.I.P.	Public Mass 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Consolata's Family-Sp. Intention	

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

Weekly Offertory and Collections:

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 616.00** Non Gift Aid: **£ 208.81**

Mrs Frances Wright R.I.P. Requiem Mass on Thursday **9:30am**. It will be only virtual. Please join us if possible online with Church's webcam. log-on: www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry

Please also pray for the repose of the souls of Mr Michael P Hayden R.I.P, and Mr James Swords & Mrs Mary Swords R.I.P who died in the past weeks. Their funerals in the weeks ahead.

Prayer for sick parishioners: Please remember Mary Gallagher, Mick Breslin, Joe Peters and those who were recently in the hospital, and those who are recovering from the COVID-19 virus - for their healing and strength.

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



5th Sunday Year B

First Reading: Job 7:1-4; Ps.146; Sec. Reading: 1 Cor. 9:16-19; 22-23, Gospel Mark 1:29-39

The Problem of Evil and Suffering!

The book of Job was written between the seventh and eighth centuries B.C, but it sounds like it might have been written yesterday or last year. We all know people who suffer personally without apparent hope, and perhaps we ourselves have felt that way from time to time. We have experienced moments when life seems more like an absurdity than a priceless gift from God. Covid-19 is our clear example today. Nobody is sure of the direction and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel. And we ask the question, but where is God? We pray, and even prayers seem to mock us.

Someone said: (God does not offer a bed of roses. He offers a world with ups and downs, but a world in progress. He will set us in a thousand disparate places, places where we are needed, and asks us to be true. He will not babysit us, shield us from pain. He will lead us through pain, loneliness, frustration, searching, to the strong, gentle wisdom he alone can create in us)

We Christians are often accused of being so preoccupied with life after death, that we seem not to know how to live this life. And we do not know how to tell others how to live it either. But Christianity is not, must not be, a life-negating religion. Jesus did not come to take the joy out of life. He brought good news. Life is a gift of God, who loves and cares for each of us. It makes little sense to worry about the life to come in another world if we are not serious about learning how to live in this world. (**My command is, love one another ...**) But how can we find meaning and self-fulfilment? Certainly not without some positive human relationships with others in our families, communities, parishes. Not without friendship, compassion, and concern for others, especially for the needy and lonely. No person's life is a failure if he or she has learned how to love and sacrifice for others.

In today's gospel, Jesus is our model, overflowing with pity and compassion, healing the sick, dispelling demons, proclaiming the good news of God's love for all. Apart from him and his example and never-ceasing grace, life can indeed be absurd and meaningless. Suffering is part of life. Someone has said that suffering is not a problem to be solved, but a mystery to be lived. Jesus alone can give insight into that mystery. But he wants us to have trust, faith, and confidence in him and in our loving.

Being a follower of Christ is risky because Christianity makes some frightening demands upon us. But then, is it possible to find any kind of meaning for life without risk and pain? The alternative is to be like Job: sitting on his manure pile, feeling sorry for himself, in self-pity situation. But Job persevered and came through in the end because he learned how to trust in God. We can do the same - even more effectively, because, unlike Job, we have Jesus who is our Love, our Way, our Life, and our Hope.

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.**