

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. 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: Hilda Ayres, Margarita McDonald, Patrick Carey, Robert Keane, Florence M.B. Glead, Margaret Bradshaw, Robert Drummond-Hay, James Darragh, Raymond Louis Malpass, Katleigh L O'Dowd, Josephine Kathleen Brown, Fiona McHugh, Veronica Cooper, James Thompson, Eamon Joseph Judge, Scott Culley, James Venables, Frances Maria Perrin, Ermelinda Sonells, Margaret Patricia Judge, Antony Scullion, Mary Waldron, Agnes Smith, George Geraghty, Margaret Bradshaw, Philip Williamson, Jane Kinnie, Patrick Joseph O'Connor, Winifred Emma Derrick, Lawrence O'Connor, Veronica Mary Gallivan, Francis Edward Green, Patrick McVeigh, Patrick Maher, Anne Hall, Mary Burns, Clarence Keeling, Charles Harold Thompson, Kathleen McVeigh, Michael Seery, Eugene Dradvnas, Rachel Elizabeth Hill, Winifred Kavanagh, Veronica Moreton, Madge McHardy, Joseph Shodimu, Michael Frain and Swarni Salotra.

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



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St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

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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

Ash Wednesday on 17th February.

We begin season of Lent this week with the Mass on Ash Wednesday. There will be two public Masses, the first Mass is in the morning **9:15am** and second Mass at **6:30pm** evening. Sunday Masses will remain at 9:15am and 11:15am. There will be a public mass every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:15am.

Just to inform you that on Ash Wednesday, the Ashes will have to be safely administered by sprinkling the Ashes to avoid unnecessary contact. Please try and make an effort to join at this and at all other public masses especially during this time of Lent.



Friday: Way of the Cross.

This year Way of the Cross will be Virtual at 6:30pm followed by Mass, perhaps until the end of February.

Walk With Me Booklets & Calendars: These are now available at the back of the Church with the stewards. Please take and use it for your daily prayer and meditation during Lent. If you have any donation to cover the cost, please leave it in offertory collection plate in church.

CAFOD Family Fast and Collections:

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 26th. This Lent, Cafod invites you to join the Big Walk for Water virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5-mile route on Saturday 20/02/21. Could you walk for water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days? Find out more at:

cafod.org.uk/walk.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions Week 6 Year B

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	
Mon. 15th	9:15am	Special Intentions	Virtual only
Weds. 17th	9:15am	Ash Wednesday	Public Mass
	12:00pm	Michael P. Hayden R.I.P	Funeral
	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday	Public Mass
Thur. 18th	9:30am	Mrs. Frances Wright R.I.P	Virtual Only
Fri. 19th	6:30pm	Rosemary N.-Sp. Intention	Virtual only
Sat. 20th	9:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 21st February.	9:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	Public Mass 1st Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Mary P.T. Swords and James Swords R.I.P.	

Friday Stations of the Cross and Mass from 6:30pm: Please note that, this will now be Virtual until the end of February, and see if the situation will be better then we shall have it public.

Weekly Offertory and Collections:

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 548.50** Non Gift Aid: **£ 251.86**

New Parish Hall (French Community) £ 160.00

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 ,and other sicknesses and illness - for their healing and wellbeing.

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



6th Sunday Year B

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps.31; Sec. Reading: 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1

Gospel Mark 1:40-45. 'Be Healed'

A dangerous and contagious disease is always a concern of everybody, and a rigid observance of rules is particularly important. Contagious disease like the Coronavirus calls for quarantine in order to curb and hopefully cure or eliminate it, and more especially, to protect the rest of the community. Leprosy has, for much of the world's history, been an incurable disease. The only treatment was to isolate the sufferer and so protect the community. This procedure brought relief to the people but was a double blow to the victims. Not only did they have a disease, but they were now excluded from everything. They had lost their place in the society. They became outcasts. But Jesus, the healer of people, had the power to cross the divide that illness and disease had brought into human life. Knowing this, when the leper approached and fell on his knees to plead with him, Jesus reached out to touch him. That touch of Christ restored the man's health and restored his human life, bringing him back into the fold. In every generation many people find themselves cast out. Refugees from famine and war; the poor and the sick, unable to care for themselves; the addicted, caught in a vicious circle. The list is long, and the problems are very real. Very often the problems of poverty and addiction are compounded by problems of crime: as when addicts rob and steal to fund their addiction. Sometimes we feel so angry about the crimes, we talk of "*locking them up and throwing away the key.*" In all our dealings with outcasts our first problem is usually "*fear.*" Fear of what damage they might do to us, simply by human contact. This is our problem and one that we must address. Fear of one another is what drives people and nations to war. The outcast is looking for someone to touch him/her, to give him/her a sign of better things. When the leper approached Jesus, he already knew that Jesus was on his side. It gave him hope to ask. Jesus' response is full of affirmation and encouragement. "*of course, I want to; Be cured.*" And he touched him.

This gospel has an important message for us too. If leprosy is a symbol of sin, we need healing and we cry out to Christ, "If you will, you can cure me." And you know what he does! This is what happens in the sacrament of reconciliation and in a Lenten Season. Perhaps, as we prepare to enter a Lenten Season, we ask ourselves: who are the lepers in our lives? Who are those we try to isolate and discriminate in our lives? How do we feel about them? Are we willing to reach out to them and extend a hand of reconciliation and friendship?

Finally, do we ourselves feel alienated and unwanted because of personal sins or physical appearance or a low opinion of ourselves? The answer to all these questions is Jesus Christ. It is to him we go and cry out, "*If you want to, you can cure me.*" It might be a good idea to make our next confession with that thought in mind and especially as we begin the holy season of Lent next Week. Jesus is aware of all our problems, our worries, our weaknesses, our inability, or unwillingness to love and forgive, our bitterness, our lack of hope, our waning faith. But he is ready to effect a cure in us, to give us grace to change our lives and restore us to full, happy membership in the people of 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.**