

Important Notices

Welcome to a public Mass as advertised in this newsletter:

Masses in time of COVID -19. Some guidelines as follows.

Holy Communion.

◆ **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.

Cleaners needed after each Mass

◆ Please return to your seat after communion if you want to help with cleaning

◆ Please return to your seat after communion if you want to light a candle

Please note that: ...

◆ You **must** wear face covering or a mask while in church.

◆ Sanitise your hands on entering & exiting. We use one-way system only.

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.**

Thank you - From the family: Frances Wright's family would like to thank the whole parish for your continued support. It is a comfort to us to know that mum had friends caring for and visiting her in these difficult times. Thanks to Fr Moses for a beautiful and uplifting celebration of mum's life. **From Helen and Mary**

CAFOD Family Fast and Collections: CAFOD Family Fast Day is on **Friday 26th**. Abdalla lives in an extremely remote & mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water & to provide other vital support.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Patrick Mahan, William McCormack, Marjorie Rowley, Elizabeth A McGourty, Julia O'Keefe, Thomas Matthews, Elizabeth Lawler, Thomas Hanlon, Arthur Hughes, Catherine Braid, Angelica Bochno, Jane Williamson, Patrick Joseph Ryan, Alice Wilkinson, Angela Mullally, Bridgett Griffin, Ellen Bryant, and Mary Margaret Hughes. **May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.**

Important Notice: Our list of anniversaries of death is now too long and no enough space to list them all. In the next two weeks, I will be updating and reducing it to include only people who died not more than 5 Years ago. Please let me know if you know what the name (s) of your deceased relatives to remain in the anniversary list other than those who died within the last 5 yrs. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any query.
Fr Moses

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

Church's Live-streaming: www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry



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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 Alysya Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace: Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion

This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered by saying the following prayer:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that He continually shows us.

This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for His children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again.

An Act of Contrition

"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."

Mass Times and Mass Intentions Lent Week 1 Year B

Sunday 21st February	9:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	Public Mass 1st Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Mary and James Swords R.I.P.	
Mon. 22nd	9:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	Virtual only Chair of St. Peter
Tues. 23rd	12:30am	Mary P.T. Swords and James Swords R.I.P.	Funeral Mass
Weds. 24th	9:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	Public Mass
Thur. 25th	9:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	Virtual Only
Fri. 26th	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross & Mass Frances Wright R.I.P.	Virtual only
Sat. 27th	9:15am	Patricia O'Neill R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 28th February.	9:15am	Oscar Owen R.I.P.	Public Mass 2nd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	

Friday Stations of the Cross and Mass from 6:30pm: Please note this is only Virtual until end of February. We shall perhaps have it together Next Friday, 5th March in Church.

Walk With Me Booklets & Calendars: These are now available at the back of the Church for your use in personal prayer during this Lenten journey. If you have any donation to cover the cost, please leave it in any offertory collection plates in church.

Weekly Offertory and Collections:
Gift Aid Scheme: £ 259.50 Non Gift Aid: £ 221.36

Prayer for our sick parishioners: Please remember Mary Gallagher, Mick Breslin, Joe Peters and those who are nursing their illness privately.

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

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15, Ps.24; Sec. Reading: 1 Peter. 3:18-22
Gospel Mark 1:12-15



Twofold characters of Lent

It is clear, that Lent is a penitential season. However, that is just half the story. Lent has a twofold character. First, it is a time to recall or prepare for baptism. That is why we celebrate so many of the rites from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults during Lent. All the baptised assist those preparing to be initiated by 'joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion' (RCIA 4).

In Lent, we renew our conversion to Christ, particularly through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Recollecting our baptism leads us to the second character of the season. As members of the baptised, we realise that we have not always lived up to our baptismal promises. Our actions and attitudes do not always reflect our faith in the Father, in Jesus, or in the Holy Spirit. Those preparing for baptism may have their moments of doubts as well. For them and for all the baptised, acts of penance - especially through more attentive listening to the word of God and fervent prayer, helps us reorient our lives to Christ and dispose us to celebrate his death and resurrection.

The gospel of this first Sunday invites us to consider the human condition from the viewpoint of Christ who overcame temptation. And with the power of Christ we pray that we may overcome the temptation to see the value of our lives with the eyes of faith that human relationships are good in and of themselves. Knowing that bonds formed in this way last through life eternal.

Pope Francis tells us that every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us - as communities and as individuals - to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father. May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter. Wishing you a very happy and fruitful Lent. Fr. Moses



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.**