

Important Notices

Booking for the Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions will remain with us beyond Easter Sunday 4th April. Because of that it is highly likely that we shall be asked to book for Good Friday and Easter Sunday Masses like what we did at last Christmas. I will let you know when we are officially asked to do so.

CAFOD Family Fast: CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or use envelopes provided and put it in the collection plates positioned in church. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

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.

Death Anniversaries this Week: Sarah Jane Bowen, Bridget Matchley, Scott Alan Edwards, Conal Bryne, Richard Brady, Elizabeth Flynn, Thomas Alan Burgess, Antoni Raczkowski, Mary Doherty, Wilfred Rielly, Bernard Askew, Mary Platt, John Hadyn, Maria Anna Darrigan, Bronislaw Rauza, Fredrick Berry, Norah Potter, Mary Catherine Carroll, Thomas O'Sullivan, Thomas Anthony Quinn, Thomas Norcross, Thomas Leo Pask, Gwendoline Middleton, Anthony O'Leary, Donald Costello, Helen Barlow, James Fox, Emma Joanna Zlibinas, Margaret Raftery, Bridget Murray, James McDonald, Philip Morris, Susan Garvey and Kathleen Dun. **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. 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/Liturg

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:

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.

Confessions

Available every Saturday after 9:15am Mass, and also on Wednesday during LENT after 9:15am Mass.

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 2 Year B

Sunday 28th February	9:15am	Oscar Owen R.I.P.	Public Mass 2nd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Frances Wright R.I.P.	
Mon. 1st March	9:15am	Susan Nahar-Birthday	Virtual only St. David
Weds. 3rd	9:15am	Annette Amu - Special Intention	Public Mass
Thur. 4th	9:15am	Ann - Special Intention	Virtual Only
Fri. 5th	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross & Mass Frances Wright R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sat. 6th	9:15am	Winifred Adams R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 7th March.	9:15am	Susan Nahar-Sp. Int. and Thanks giving	Public Mass 3rd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Patricia O'Neill R.I.P.	

Friday Stations of the Cross and Mass from 6:30pm: Please you are most welcome to join us on Friday in Church for the Station and Mass.

Walk With Me Booklets & Calendars: available at the back of the Church for you. Put donation to cover the cost, in any offertory collection plates in church.

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**.

Weekly Offertory and Collections:

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 308.70** Non Gift Aid: **£ 284.81**

New Parish Hall: **£150.00**

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps.115; Sec. Reading: Romans

8:31-34 Gospel Mark 9:2-10 **Holy in the Ordinary**

Have you ever had to make a very difficult decision in life? Then at the very last minute someone tells you to change your decision; would you not be a bit annoyed? Would you not just want to go ahead with your choice and be done with it? That is just a bit of what Abraham went through as narrated in today's first reading. Abraham displayed great faith by unquestioningly following God's irrational command to slaughter his son Isaac. The back story here could be that Abraham thought the way to serve God was to show the Lord how serious he was about his devotion. In a world where other religions practiced human sacrifice, may be Abraham thought that this might please God. Imagine the moment – a boy looks up into the face of his father and wonders why, in the name of God, is he about to kill him? And then as Abraham raises his knife, he freezes. Maybe Isaac saying, "Why are you doing this, Dad? Don't go through with it. Let me live!" Whatever happened at that moment, one of the most important religious events in our world took place. A transfiguration of a great man occurred. Abraham couldn't do it, because he saw very clearly that God didn't want it. Soren Kierkegaard, a 19th century Philosopher & Theologian points out that Abraham's true obedience was shown in that last moment when God called out to him to stop. At that moment, Abraham obeyed just as unreservedly and immediately as he had done at the first command. Without hesitation, Abraham obeyed quickly and willingly. Kierkegaard says that Abraham was able to do this only through an intimate relationship with God. Abraham saw that God wants nothing to do with violence and death, that he wants us to cradle our children, not kill them. By the time of Jesus, Christians came to see that God does not want ritual sacrifices either – no sheep, no goats, no bulls.

During Lent, we are called to strengthen our intimate relationship with God through acts of penance so that we can have this kind of unreserved faith. To deepen this relationship, we must commit to a penitential lifestyle, nourish with more intense disciplines. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1435-37, gives us practices we can do daily to live this penitential lifestyle: "gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defence of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day" (1435).* We also turn more readily to God when we celebrate the Eucharist, read Scripture, pray the Liturgy of the Hours and the Lord's Prayer, do spiritual exercises and pilgrimages, and make sacrifices. As we pray for our own religious transfiguration, may the Eucharist give us hope that no matter what situation we are in, God will save us. Because Lent is all about mercy and love.

**Forty days
of Lent**
prayer • penance • pilgrimage

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.**