

Important Notices

“Buy a Brick”: The Parish Community Hall Fundraising Committee is Relaunching ‘buy-a-brick’ campaign which raised over £700 in 2020. This Easter we are relaunching the campaign with the aim of raising £2,500. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church where the stewards are and support the initiative.’ We have been receiving some donations the last few months and weeks from our various parish communities and individuals. The last being a £250 from anonymous donor. We are grateful for your generosity. Hopefully, as we get back to normal, the project of our new hall will also pick up the momentum.

Talk on Church Finances in a time of Pandemic. By Rev. David Palmer former Treasurer of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. 18th April 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Every organisation needs money including the Church. However, in recent years income to parishes has been steadily reducing and costs continue to increase. The pandemic has and will have a significant impact on that situation. So, what better time for us to understand our financial situation and the issues we face. To register for the Zoom Meeting, **Email:** actabham@gmail.com.

Sacraments in 2021: Parish Schools

Monday 28th June: Reconciliation at **6pm** for both schools.

Thursday 24th June : Confirmation at **7pm**-St. **Elizabeth’s**.

Thursday 1st July: Confirmation at **7pm**-Good **Shepherd**.

Sunday 4th July: Holy Communion at **11am**- **St. Elizabeth’s**.

Saturday 10th July: Holy Communion at **9:15am**-Gd. **Shepherd**.

Welcome to a public Mass

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

◆ **Holy Communion.** Received only by hands.

During Mass:

◆ **Put your offerings in a Basket provided at entrance, exit or in front of the Sanctuary, anytime.** No Offertory Collection baskets passing around

Cleaners needed after each Mass

◆ Please return to your seat after communion to help with cleaning or 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: Noel Dunne and James M Mullally.

Recently Departed: Frances Wright, Patrick McEaney, Michael Hayden, Mary Swords, James Swords Ian Connolly, Teri McKendry and Mick Breslin.
May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.

Important Notice: The anniversary list is now reduced to include only people who died not more than 5 Years ago. If there is any query please contact **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



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 Alaysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion

Please say this prayer whilst you watch Mass online or in Church if you are not receiving Communion:

“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.”

Confessions

Available every Saturday after 9:15am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Hour every Saturday from **8:00am – 9:00am** followed by Mass. A Good moment for a quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Big Thank You: I would like to thank you all for your prayers, Easter wishes and donations. My Special thank You, goes to our **amazing Stewards** without whom the Church would have remained closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. It was a lovely Easter. **Fr Moses.**

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 is Sunday 25th after Mass. Contact **Sr. Joan or Tony.**



Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Easter Week 2 Year B

Sunday 11th April	9:15am	Bridget Josephine Torley R.I.P	Divine Mercy 2nd Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	Gerald Miller R.I.P	
Mon. 12th	9:15am	Priests' special Intention.	Virtual only Funeral Service
	1:45pm	Teri Rosalia McKendry R.I.P	
Wed. 14th	9:15am	Patrick McEaney R.I.P Bernadette & Seamus Whelan	Public Mass Eastertide
Thur. 15th	9:15am	Srs. Teresa & Philomena.	Special Int.
Frida 16th	6:30pm	Brendon & Mary Sp. Intentions	Eastertide
Sat. 17th	9:15am	Mass of Special Thanksgiving	Public Mass
Sunday 18th April	9:15am	Diwan Chand & Paramjit Kaur	3rd Easter Sunday Yr. B
	11:15am	Vasquito Fernandes, Loiusa Snuggs, & Sara Caldeira R.I.P	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£397.11** Holy Places: **£152.42**

Believing is Not Seeing

If God were to tell me, "I want to deprive you of all your faculties except one; which do you want to keep?" I will tell him, "Leave me with my eyes." Our sight is the most perfect and most delightful of all our senses. Therefore, the hunger of the eye is not to be despised. It is no wonder that St Thomas was insisting that he must see the risen Christ with his eyes to believe. But strangely enough, Jesus chided him for his insistence and declared, "Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed" (Jn20:29). To think of it, many of us are not different from St Thomas. We may not be insisting that we should see God with our eyes; but we often put similar conditions for belief. Frankly, is it possible to believe in the risen Jesus without seeing him? Why not? Suppose I am blindfolded, and a water bucket is placed in front of me. Keeping my eyes closed, I can still know whether the bucket is empty or full. One way is through experiencing: to reach out into the bucket and feel or experience if there is water in it. continue reading next page}



Second Easter Sunday Year B

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 117; 1st John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

.....cont. A second way is through reasoning: to drop an object like a coin into it. If the object hits the bottom of the bucket with a loud sound, you know that it's empty. A third way is through trusting others: to ask someone you trust and if he says there is water, you believe it. Likewise, we can believe that Jesus is alive either by spiritually experiencing him in our hearts or believe in him through reasoning. One way of reasoning is as follows: *After the death of Jesus his disciples were completely distraught. But on Easter Sunday something changed them in an amazing way. Suddenly they exploded with joy and happiness: unless they had seen the risen Christ, such a transformation was not possible.* Or we can believe in the risen Lord by trusting the testimony of the Scripture: *therefore, believing without seeing is possible.*

Such a faith in the risen Lord has mighty power, precisely because it comes without seeing him. It has power even to conquer the world in the spiritual sense. Throughout history there have been men who have wanted to conquer the world, but they did not know what true conquest is. True conquest is to conquer one's own ego because every human being is one's own enemy, as it were one's executioner and when nature decides to destroy us in the struggle for life, it first cultivates the ego in us. What use is it for our world to have narrowed down to a neighbourhood before it has broadened to brotherhood? Therefore, when we curb our own selfishness' and begin to love our fellow human beings as the extension of ourselves, then only are we conquering the world. This conquest is made possible by faith, because it is through faith, we all become children of God and are able to love one another as brothers and sisters. "Everyone begotten of God conquers the world and the power that has conquered the world is this faith of ours" (1Jn5:4). Hence, to us believers, our faith is like the hair of Samson in virtue of which we can have great strength.

But in order to conquer the world for Christ, it is not enough for us believers to proclaim our faith in risen Christ through words alone.

If it is true that by faith we have become God's children, then our Christian communities have to be dedicated to the common good of all God's children, as early Christian communities were. "The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul. Everything they owned was held in common" (Acts4:32). It was not communism, for it was voluntary sharing; it did not involve all private property but only as much as was needed and it was not a membership requirement in order to be part of the Church.

Because of the unity brought about by the Holy Spirit, the believers were able to give and share freely and so eliminate the poverty that was among them. We pray that we too can emulate that spirit of the early Church.



Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Mary Kean, Mary Gallagher, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Julian and Martine. **Get Well Soon.**