

Important Notices

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: It has been an exceedingly difficult academic year 2020/2021 due to the pandemic. We have experienced and continue to go through many challenges in daily living. Our children who have been preparing to receive the sacraments of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been severely affected in their preparations. They were not able to have a chance of going to Church to experience Mass as required due to the closure of the churches. We thank God that Churches are now reopened, and we are now allowed to go to Mass regularly. I would like to invite all the children who are preparing for the Sacraments: First Holy Communion or Confirmation to return to Mass in the Church whenever possible. Mass times are Friday at **6.30pm**, Saturday **9.15 am**, and Sunday **9.15 am** or **11.15 am**. Wishing all the First communicants and Confirmandi, a happy preparation and I look forward to seeing them again at Mass soon.

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**-Good 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: Ian Campbell, Paul O'Leary, Catherine Costelloe

Recently Departed: Patrick McEaney, Michael Hayden, Mary & James Swords, Ian Connolly, Teri McKendry, Mick Breslin and Ann O'Donoghue.
May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace.

Important Notice: Please contact **Fr Moses** if you would like to add someone of your family in this anniversary list. Thank you.

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:

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

Every Saturday from **8:00am -9:00am** Holy Hour - Quiet moment in Prayer followed by Mass.

What you can do from 12th April

- community centres will be permitted to reopen,
- indoor children's activities will be permitted
- indoor leisure will be permitted for use individually or within household groups only (i.e. not for fitness classes or group sports)
- parent and child groups can meet indoors, with a limit of 15 people attending (children under 5 are not counted)
- wedding receptions or wakes for up to 15 people will be permitted **OUTDOORS ONLY**
- outdoor consumption of food will be permitted but table service will be required
- strict observance of social contact rules will be required, i.e. between household groups or individuals.



Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Easter Week 4 Year B

Sunday 25th April	9:15am	Paula and Gary (25th Wed. Anniv) Oscar Owen R.I.P. Ndate Marie Therese R.I.P	4th Easter (Vocation) Sunday Yr. B
	11:15am	Ruth Ndung'u - Birthday.	
Mon. 26th	9:15am	Margaret Luthiho and Lyochi Ngalula R.I.P.	Virtual only
Wed. 28th	9:15am	Ann - Special Intention	Public Mass
Thur. 29th	9:15am	Rosemary N - Thanksgiving - Birthday	Virtual only St. Catherine of Siena
Friday 30th	6:30pm	Mick Breslin R.I.P. Anthony Crooz R.I.P.	
Sat. 1st May	9:15am	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	Public Mass
Sunday 2nd May	9:15am	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	5th Easter Sunday Yr. B
	11:15am	Consolata Nyambura Thanksgiving Mass	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£337.50** Non Gift Aid: **£263.64**

“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.

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

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**.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1st John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

The Good Shepherd



In his book on the Holy Land, M. Thompson relates this tragic story. One day a young shepherd was tending his flock in the vicinity of Mt Tabor. Suddenly three Bedouin rustlers appeared. The young man knew what he was up against, but he did not run. He stood his ground and fought to keep his flock from falling into the hands of the outlaws. The fight ended with the young shepherd laying down his life for his sheep. *“I am the good Shepherd,”* declares Jesus, **“who lays down his life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11)**. We are the sheep. To take away our sins, he died on the cross. He did so out of sheer love for us. There was no selfish motive in his death. He was not like a hired shepherd who tends the sheep for money. Jesus was not merely doing his job. He was committed to love us. False teachers and false prophets do not have this commitment. Our Good Shepherd laid down his life for us, of his own free will.

Our Good Shepherd continues to care for us even after he has gone away from our physical sight. He gives himself in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. As Pope St Gregory said: The Lord laid down his life for his sheep that he might convert his Body and Blood in our sacrament and satisfy the sheep whom he had redeemed with the nourishment of his own flesh. Our Good Shepherd still heals the sick, a ministry which he had already begun with his apostles. It was in the Lord's name that St Peter cured a crippled man. *“In the power of the name of Jesus, that cripple stood perfectly sound” (Acts 4:10)*. The Lord Jesus literally lays down his life for his sheep through those servants of God who died as martyrs in our today's world. Yes, the love of the Good Shepherd for us is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Is our own love for our fellow human beings as determined as Christ's love for us? Can we say that we are truly followers of our Shepherd in our care, concern, and selfless service to others? Perhaps not many today can say “Yes”. A layman said to a priest after Sunday Mass, *“You preachers talk a lot about giving but when you get right down to it, it all comes to basin theology.”* The clergyman asked, “What is basin theology? The layman replied: *“Remember what Pilate did when he had the chance to acquit Jesus? He called for a basin and washed his hands of the whole thing. But Jesus, the night before his death, called for a basin and proceeded to wash the feet of his disciples.”* It all comes down to basin theology. Which one will you use? Our Good Shepherd expects all of us both clergy and laity to be good shepherds to one another according to each one's vocation in life. Husbands and wives by doing more than enough for each other; parents by making extra work to show they care for their children; teachers by spending extra hour to instruct weak students; doctors and nurses taking up work to show they care for their patients; Religious Communities by being kind to each other; and parishioners by generously supporting their parish community. In a word, all of us are called to be deeply concerned about each other and committed to each other's welfare. Perhaps, we need some strong motives for selfless service to others.

The first strong motive is the example of our Good Shepherd himself. He did not ask, *“How much?”* He gave himself, his all. He did not ask, *“How far to go?”* he went all the way. The love of God is the most amazing thing for us. His love has not only created us in his own image but generated us as his sons and daughters.