

## Important Notices

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Please continue to pray for our children who are preparing to receive the sacraments of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation this summer. We thank God that Churches are now open again to the public to Mass regularly. We hope to see them and their parents at any of these Masses: Friday **6.30pm**, Saturday **9.15am**, and Sunday **9.15 am** or **11.15 am**. They will receive their sacraments on following dates:

### 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**.

### 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.”**

### 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.

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Gemma Garland and Marjore Bowen. R.I.P

**Recently Departed:** Patrick McEaney, Michael Hayden, 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](http://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**

### **Ending Covid-19 Pandemic through Prayer.**

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic, and in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. During each day of May, guided by a calendar with specific intentions, all the Shrines around the world, united in a communion of supplication, will lift up their prayers, which, like the fragrance of incense, will rise up to heaven. Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day. Together with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, each day of the month is characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the plight of the pandemic: for those who have not been able to say goodbye to their loved ones, for all health care personnel, for the poor, the homeless and those in economic difficulty and for all the deceased. These are some of the intentions that will punctuate our prayer to Our Lady. The official channels of the Holy See will also broadcast the prayer said each day in each of these thirty Shrines at 6:00 p.m., according to time scheduled in Rome.

**Some of these shrines are:** Our Lady of Walsingham in England; Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary in Nigeria; Our Lady of Czestochowa in Poland; Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth; Blessed Virgin of the Rosary in South Korea; Our Lady Aparecida in Brazil; Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage in the Philippines; Our Lady of Lujan in Argentina; Holy House of Loreto in Italy; Our Lady of Knock in Ireland; Virgin of the Poor at Banneux in Belgium; Notre Dame d'Afrique in Algeria; Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima in Portugal; Our Lady of Health in India; Our Lady Queen of Peace at Medjugorje in Bosnia; St. Mary's Cathedral in Australia ..... **to be cont.**

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Easter Week 5 Year B

<b>Sunday 2nd May</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	<b>5th Easter Sunday Yr. B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Thanksgiving Mass for Consolata Nyambura and for Onubogu's Family Intentions	
Mon. 3rd	<b>9:15am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>Virtual only</b> Ss Philip & James
Wed. 5th	<b>9:15am</b>	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	<b>Public Mass</b>
Thur. 6th	<b>9:15am</b>		<b>School children</b>
Friday 7th	<b>6:30pm</b>		<b>Public Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 9th May</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Mary Baker-Special Intention	<b>6th Easter Sunday Yr. B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	

### Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: **£307.85** Non Gift Aid: **£264.46**

**“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. **Winners: No 83: £35, No 12: £20 & No 102: £10.** Parish **£65.** Thank you all for supporting this scheme. Next draw is this Sunday 30th 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.**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

**Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1st John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8**

### The Life-giving Vine



In using the imagery of the vine, Jesus in the fifth Sunday of Easter, helps us to understand more deeply the significance of the relationship we have with him, and with God the Father. St John tells us in his gospel that Jesus is the vine, and his Father is the vinedresser. This simple picture captures an important truth of the Christian message. Namely, that all Jesus was and is, all that he did and continue to do, are intimately related to the Father's will. Just as a gardener cares for a plant by ensuring its nourishment and shaping its growth, so the life and mission of Jesus are the expression and fulfilment of God's loving plan. We can be sure then that in our encounter with Jesus we experience the very presence and action of God.

More than this, the significance of the Father as the vinedresser and Jesus as the vine, extends further to include each one of us as branches of that vine. Jesus is a life-giving vine for the Christians. He offers them growth and fruit to the branches that are our lives of faith. Through baptism, and by our discipleship, we are grafted onto the true vine who is Christ. We are shoots that draw life from him; our spiritual growth is shaped and pruned by his word. Jesus as a tiny bud can only develop into a beautiful flower if it remains attached to the stem of the plants, so we too can only blossom with Christ's glory if we remain rooted in him as our source of life. Jesus urges us repeatedly to remain in him, to abide in him, to stay close to him. We know this happens through prayer, the sacraments, and reading of Holy Scriptures. But also, as the first letter of St John reminds us, that it happens as well, when we keep God's commandments. Put simply, this means believing in the power of the Name of Jesus, and sincerely loving one another, not just with lip service, but genuinely and practically.

Hence, it is so encouraging for us that Jesus used the image of a growing plant to describe our Christian life. Becoming fully matured and holy Christian is a process which requires a constant communication with Christ through prayers. Christ is the vine, and we are his shoots and branches. If we remain faithful to his word, each of us will grow at our own pace, may be gradually producing the fruit of faith and love. What is important is for us to remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing.



**SPREAD THE WORD**