

Important Notices

Cautious welcome to the Relaxation

In their latest guide, The Catholic bishops in England & Wales emphasis that what is important now after the easing of the lockdown, is the corporate endeavour of all involved in our church life to maintain the exemplary good practice that has been exhibited over the past 15 months in our churches whilst moving into a freer expression of our church life, worship and mission. Though circumstances may now vary from parish to parish.

Here at St Elizabeth's, unfortunately, due to the ongoing rise of infections in our area, and to safeguard the health and wellbeing of worshippers; we shall cautiously relax only some parts of the restrictions and keep the essentials during all our services:

What is Kept? Masks/face covering, 1 metre +plus social distancing, one-way system movements, hands sanitising, and cleaning after Mass.

What is allowed? Communal singing with masks on, Bidding prayers, Kneeling, and Holy Communion back to normal times at Mass. Those without masks due to medical conditions are strongly encouraged to continue to sit at Lady Chapel. These will be review regularly.

Changes to Venue check-in regulation: Although it is not a legal requirement to ask the parishioners "Check-In" with their contact details to attend the church, you are strongly encouraged to keep providing your details or scan the **NHS QR code poster** at the church's entrance, so that we can maintain our "logbook" with attendees' contact details. By doing these, you are helping the NHS and the nation to fight the virus, and also alerting those who might have attended to church with you on same day or time about the virus. This can also give us security and peace of mind here 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 is Sunday 25th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

Job Opportunity: Lunchtime Supervisor – Good Shepherd School. Closing date: Wednesday 1st September 2021. <https://romeromac.com/vacancy/lunchtime-supervisor-good-shepherd-catholic-primary-school/>

Pray for the Sick: Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Mary Kean, Mary Gallagher, Rohith De Silva, Mr/Mrs Peters, Julian and Martine. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Patrick O'Shea, John F. Coen, Michael Dolan, Martin O'Gorman, Hugh J Kelly, Denise Harket, Ann M Fogarty and Terence D Bochno. **May they rest in eternal Peace.**

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. 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

New Parish Hall Project: Update.

We had a fruitful meeting last Wednesday 21st July. It is great news the project is progressing well. The design team actions that came out of the meeting is listed below: **Programme** task– The design team to confirm the Technical Design period is achievable with their resourcing. Key dates for the Church / funders - Date of cost plan for approval - 20/12/2021 Date tenders will go out - 14/02/2022 Date contractor will be appointed - 02/05/2022 Date contractor will start - 30/05/2022 Date of practical completion - 19/12/2022 **Revisit the cost plan** – the design team will revisit the cost plan to review inflation and what the cost would be to make the building watertight in case we need to wait for further funding for the fitout.

Western Power - the process for a new supply of power into the site commences ASP after the faculty approval by the Archdiocese.

Old Hall Demolition - The attached programme includes an indicative programme for the demolition of the hall. Greenwoods to prepare the tender information, manage the process, and administrate the contract. Demolition could possibly take place before Advent 2021. The re-allocation of the crucifixion statues is not included in the cost, so the parish must re-allocate them before the demolition of the hall.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 17 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 25th July	9:15am	Mary-Special Intentions	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B
	11:15am	Peggy Miller R.I.P.	
Mon. 26th	9:15am	Bronislaw Srodon R.I.P. Patrick & Nora O'Donnell R.I.P.	Public Mass Ss Joachim & Anne
Weds. 28th	9:15am	Oscar Owen R.I.P.	Public Mass
Thur. 29th	9:15am	M. Stronach-Special Intention	Public Mass St. Martha Funeral Service
	12:Noon	Everad John R.I.P	
Friday 30th	6:30pm	Rose Ann - Birthday	Public Mass
Sat. 31st	9:15am	Patrick & Nora O'Donnell R.I.P.	Public Mass St. Ignatius
Sunday 1st August	9:15am	People of the Parish	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. B
	11:15am	People of the Parish	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £382.00 Non Gift Aid: £171.39
New Parish Hall (Donation, fund box & buy a brick): £110.00

“Buy a Brick”: The leaflets are at the back of church with the stewards, please take and support the initiative. There are also parish fundraising boxes available to put in your change. Collect one please if possible.

Sponsor a Bicycle-Ride: On the 31st July. Fr Moses on his birthday, will, together with a group of parishioners go on a bicycle ride from St Elizabeth's to Berkswell and back to parish garden for a BBQ. This is to restart our fundraising drive for the New Parish Hall. All donations, sponsorships, and birthday gifts for the new hall. The sponsorship's forms are available in church or get one from the sisters.

St Elizabeth's Statue: We are so delighted to let all the parishioners know that at last we have succeeded to purchase a Statue of St Elizabeth of Hungary. We have been looking for her statue since the celebration of the centenary in 2012. This statue will be bless before 9:15am Mass.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ps. 144; Eph. 4:1-6; Jn. 6:1-15

Look at the world with the eyes of Christ's Kingdom!

There was a family who had a little trouble with their 13-year-old girl, going through a particular defiant and rebellious stage. She was not happy with the vegetables her mother served at dinner and so she refused to eat them. The uneaten vegetables became the staging ground for an adolescent conflict. Trying to coax the girl into eating, her mother calmly said, “*Wasting food is a sin*” and “*There are starving people in the world who would be grateful for what you don't want.*” With that the girl jumped up and left the dining room. A few minutes later she returned with an oversized envelope and a marker pen. She began to stuff the food into the envelope and, as she did, she angrily asked, “*What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?*” “Who said being a parent was easy? Celibacy had never looked better!

In today's gospel reading, after the five thousand have been fed, Jesus says, “*Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.*” Perhaps some people have never been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful we are in the UK. People who lived through the depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most people in the UK, especially a 13-year-old middle-class kid, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity. Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more.

But this gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share, will be sent away empty. There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do in bringing about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for over thirty thousand people to die each day because of lack of food and water, makes us all guilty of not answering their cry for help. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decided to change our priorities and call for similar changes in the priorities of our country, which spends more on weapons and wars than on starving people. Britain recently reduced their humanitarian aid to the minimum. *Why?* The wealthy nations sometimes thought that their aid to the poorest nations are diverted by unauthentically elected leaders of these nations to their personal accounts or used the money to buy powerful weapons for war. But even in the face of this complex issues, we could find the way to feed the hungry, who might one day be empowered to become in charge of their own nations. “*What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?*” the 13-year-old girl asked. To which you might reply, “*Put your own name on the envelope because your own level of comfort makes you the neediest person in the world.*”

May the Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together, and nothing is wasted.