

Important Notices

Proximity: On **Saturday 2nd October 2021**, we are holding **Proximity**.

The aim is to form servers in faith as those who come close to Jesus at the altar, so that they may grow closer to him in their lives. This year, our day is based around the life and witness of recently-beatified teenager **Blessed Carlo Acutis**. Hosted in **St. Mary's College, Oscott**, our diocesan seminary, the day involves: an exploration of the life of Blessed Carlo, led by Mgr. Mark Crisp, Mass with the seminary community, testimonies from those for whom altar serving has been part of their vocational journey, age-appropriate workshops for junior, senior and adult servers, concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other servers from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham and find out about other opportunities to grow in faith.

National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen: The weekend before, the Archdiocese of Birmingham is privileged to have been asked to host the National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen, on behalf of the Archconfraternity in Westminster. **Archbishop Bernard Longley** will be principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass, on **Saturday 25 September 2021 at 12noon**, at the parish of Ss. Mary & John, Wolverhampton. After Mass, there will be refreshments in parish centre. Other servers from across the country are invited too. It is completely **FREE** to attend only booking at www.vocations.org.uk/guild-national

City of Culture: As you know, Coventry is the City of Culture for this year. The organising committee have wanted to include an element recognising the importance of faith as part of culture. To this end they are having a "Faith Weekend" from Friday 10th September to Sunday 12th September. The Royal Shakespeare Company will be involved in organising some events around the city and there will be a central event at Swanswell Park and Millenium Point. Details of these events will be soon available. Part of the weekend will be asking churches to remain open for visitors under the banner of "Open Doors". The Diocese would like us to fully participate and asked that on Saturday 11th September, our Catholic churches in the city could remain open for visitors from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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: Margaret Phelan, John Hughes, Ann Philomena Evans, Kathleen Vaughan, Timothy Foley, Frances Evelyn Poole.
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



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 Alysya Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

New Parish Hall Project: Update.

Key provisional dates as follows:

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

Old Hall Demolition - Earmarked to possibly take place before Advent 2021.

Applying for more grants: Application has been submitted to **Allchurches Trust** following their visit to the parish two weeks ago. Now waiting for their reply.

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 29th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

March for Life in London: This year's March for Life in London is on Saturday 4th September. Fr Stephen Fawcett and Vivien McDonald are going there via National Express coach, leaving Coventry centre bus station at 7.30am and returning on the 5pm coach. It costs £5.80 return. If you would like to travel with them, please buy your ticket from www.nationalexpress.com, and also let Vivien know on viv_mcdonald@hotmail.com



Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 20 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 15th August	9:15am Holy Souls	Solemnity of Assumption of the B.V.M
	11:15am Mary Pickineton R.I.P. Eugene McNamara R.I.P.	
Mon. 16th	9:15am Lena, George & John Harkin Holy Souls	
Weds. 18th	9:15am Oscar Owen R.I.P. Holy Souls	
Thur. 19th	9:15am Holy Souls	
Friday 20th	6:30pm Daisy Williams R.I.P. Holy Souls	St. Bernard
Sat. 21st	9:15am Zenaida Cacho R.I.P. Holy Souls	St. Pius X
Sunday 22nd August	9:15am People of the Parish	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am Holy Souls	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £475.00 Non Gift Aid: £172.49
NPH-Bike Ride: £953.67; Fund Boxes: £21.56

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.

Old parish hall: Is now open for our common use after each Mass on Sunday for tea & coffee. Please remember all Covid-19 regulations as used in Church are operational in the hall too: Wearing mask when you one is not eating or drinking or taking tea/coffee, and sanitising your hands.

Sponsor a Bicycle-Ride: Thank you very much to everyone. The amount raised is already **£953.67** - we hope to get even more with donations still coming in, with final report next weekend.

Second Collection for New Hall: This will be taken this weekend at all Masses in aid of our New Hall. Thank you very much for your support. **Fr Moses**

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Apocalypse 11:19;12:1-6, 10; Ps. 44; 1 Cor.15:20-26;
Luke.1:439-56

The Almighty has done great things for me!



God loved Blessed Virgin Mary, so deeply that he could not bear her death and demonstrated his undying love for her by raising her from the dead and taking her into heaven, body, and soul. Referring to this extraordinary glorification of Mary, Scripture describes her as a woman "adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with twelve stars on her head for a crown" (Rev 12:1). Mary herself had an intuition into what God would do to her at her death which she expressed in her Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my Saviour ... from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me" (Lk 1:46). It was fitting that Mary should share in this manner her Son's complete triumph over sin and death, because it is not possible to tell the story of Jesus without acknowledging her presence. If we tell of his birth, for instance, we can hardly forget about Mary. If we speak of the cross, she stands beside it. Nor can we talk about the story of our own salvation without her. We think of her at Calvary and call her, 'the mother of sorrows.' We remember her words at Cana and ask her to intercede for us. Her presence in the midst of the disciples at Pentecost brings to mind her title, 'the mother of the Church'; and especially at Christmas time, we think of her oldest title, 'the mother of God'. Therefore, it is fitting that the Lord whom she received when he entered the village of this world should on this day receive her into the city. Yes, on earth, there was a no more worthy place for Mary to receive the Son of God than the temple of her virginal womb; nor in heaven is there a more worthy place for her than the royal throne to which her Son has today exalted her.

Mary assumed into heaven reminds us of our own destiny. Christ our Lord is like a good salesman or an artist. Good salespeople carry with them the best sample of their products. Artist showing their works hang their finest painting. So, too, Jesus attracts all of us to the destiny that awaits us by setting before us. Mary as the most sublime expression of his redemptive work, because of which all of us believers will rise one day body and soul glorified like Mary. "Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again" (1 Cor. 15:22). Mary not only reminds us of the destiny but, while on earth, she also showed us how to reach our destiny. The way she showed was one of faith and saying always 'Yes' to God's will, accepting his plan that he has marked for each of us. By always doing the will of the Father, she allowed him to overshadow her ordinariness and do great things in her. If we follow the same way, God will do mighty works in and through us also.

Once a priest said in his homily: "Death is not something that happens to us, but something we do." What he meant was that we are faced daily with opportunities to let go and let God be God. Again, and again we are offered the challenge to surrender in trust to God's way, to God's timings, and his mystery and love. When God asks for the 'yes' can flow more easily from our trained lips and hearts. But we need to take note of this: Mary was able to live a life of faith and absolute surrender because she was also aided by the grace of God.

