

Important Notices

Diocesan Second Collections in September & October 2021

Sunday 19th September (Home Mission Day): There will be a second collection taken at all Masses today for the work of Catholic Evangelisation.

Sunday 26th September: There will be a second collection taken at all Masses next week for the work of Fr Hudson's Society.

Sunday 3rd October (CAFOD Harvest FAST): There will be a second collection taken at all Masses for the CAFOD.

Sunday 24th October (World Mission. APF): There will be a second collection taken at all Masses for APF.

Become a Catholic (RCIA): The Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Birmingham welcome all people to come and visit or worship with us. You needn't be a baptised Catholic to walk through the doors of our Church or to stay and pray during Mass. We are very happy that you have come to visit us. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith, then speak to the parish priest or the Nuns. There is a period of instruction prior to being received into the Church that people go through so that they may better understand Catholic beliefs and why we do the things that we do. This is called the Rite of Christian Initiation or commonly known as RCIA. This is offered to small groups or may be delivered on a one-to-one basis. Registration is ongoing now. If you are already a Catholic but have been away from the Church for any amount of time, please know that you are most welcome to return. You may wish to speak to your priest about Confession. Be assured that it is always a great source of joy when someone returns to the Church after being away.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM: Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions.

Annual Intercultural Mass and Social gathering. Saturday 16th October at 12:30pm - **St Osburg's Church, Upper Hill Street, Coventry CV1 4AQ.** Celebrant: **Bishop David Evans** and Concelebrants. Marking **One World Week** and **World Mission Sunday**

All are Welcome. Please bring Food from your Country of Origin to Share. A representative of each Chaplaincy, Eparchy and Mission is invited to a preparatory meeting in the Foyer of the Church Hall of St Osburg's on Thursday 7 October at **6pm**. In advance, please let Mgr. McHugh have sight of the contribution you can make hymn, music, dance, reading, intercession/Bidding Prayer. The celebration will be live streamed for those unable to attend, and a record of the Mass and different contributions will be on the Diocesan and Chaplaincy Websites.

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 Curley, Gerald Fay, Anne Carrol, Patrick Cronin, Patrick Flaherty, Martin O'Dowd, John Verney. **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 Alaysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Maria

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Parish Notices

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 26th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

The Day for Catechists: Saturday 25 September 10am-4pm at St Ambrose Barlow Church, Hall Green, Birmingham. Please note bookings are requested. An opportunity for present Catechists to be updated on the new Catechetical Directory and for new Catechists to be inducted before further training.

The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan.
Diocesan Vision's Prayer.

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

Written by the Liturgy and Worship group.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 25 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 19th September	9:15am	Special Intentions. Paithurupillai Gregory R.I.P.	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am	Kamtochi – Birthday Sp. Int.	
Mon. 20th	9:15am	Eucharistic Ministers - Sp. Int	St. Andrew Kim & Companions
Weds. 22nd	9:15am	Oscar Owen R.I.P.	
Thur. 23rd	9:15am		St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Friday 24th	6:30pm	Hezekiah Facey R.I.P.	Our Lady of Walsingham
Sat. 25th	9:15am		
Sunday 26th September	9:15am	Eucharistic Ministers - Sp. Int.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am	Luiza Snaggs R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £342.00. Non Gift Aid: £330.57

New Parish Hall Project: 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- Advent 2021.

Buy a Brick: The leaflets are available in church, please take and support the initiative. There are also parish fundraising boxes available. Collect one please if possible.

Supporting your parish: You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic. Parishes still greatly need your support, even more so without their weekly congregations and visitors. We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so. You can donate via standing order or single donation.

Life in the Spirit course 22nd. September: The Charismatic Diocesan Renewal group would like to invite you to an online series of Life in the Spirit, through the seminar series, which starts on Wednesday 22 September at 7.30pm. This is part of the journey towards the Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan. Sign up from <http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Ps. 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mark. 9:30-37

Greatness Vs. Smallness

Last Sunday we touched on man's proneness to softness. Today's gospel gives evidence of our desire for greatness. Almost all of us are ambitious to be great somehow, somewhere. The disciples of Jesus, drawn from the common people, were no exception. And they wanted to know who would be the greatest among them. In itself it was something silly, but the context in which their discussion took place makes it all the more ridiculous.

On the one hand, Jesus has just predicted the impending persecution, rejection and crucifixion awaiting him. In the other hand, his disciples, illiterate fishermen, are discussing who is the greatest among them. The message of Jesus to them was to be patient. He calls them to him and asks: "What were you discussing on the way?" realising their foolishness, they remained silent. So, Jesus arranges a superb demonstration, a compelling, convincing study in contrast. Jesus brings a child in their midst, takes it in his arms and says: "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

No more arguments, no more discussion about greatness. A child resting in the arms of a parent knows the source of its security and safety. A child by definition is one who depends on another for everything. Whatever greatness he has is derived from someone greater. And that greater one is God who is the Father of all. So, we are all his children. That is our greatness. And, if anyone wants to distinguish himself/herself, Jesus tells us he/she has to be last of all and servant of all. Any other way to greatness leads to jealousy, selfish ambition, disorder and every vile practice (second reading). "What were you discussing", should be a checkpoint for all who, in the exercise of authority, represent Christ, who came to serve and not to be served.

What motivates my decisions, shapes the style of my functioning? In the exercise of authority, what is my primary unexpressed, gut-level concern? To serve or to be served? To win popularity, to ingratiate myself, to be able to cling to the seat of power? Or is it an attitude of humble service? "If anyone would be first, he must be the last, and servant of all." The number one crisis in the Church at all levels, is the crisis in authority. Starting with the wrong question, we end up in a sorry mess. The wrong question is: Who is the greatest among us? The right question is: How can I be a humble servant?

Incalculable is the harm done to the cause of Christ, humanly irreparable the damage caused to brothers and sisters, the little ones of Jesus, by power-conscious persons occupying the chair of Moses. When a parent punishes a child, what is at stake: the good of the child and/or the prestige and pride of the parent? In appointments, promotions, transfers (both giving and accepting), in short, in every area of our daily life, what is at work: the cause of Christ of self-advancement? Whose agenda are we acting out? Scratch the skin a bit and see what lies hidden.