

## Important Notices

### Diocesan Second Collections: September & October 2021

**Sunday 26th September :** There will be a second collection taken today at all Masses today for the work of Fr. Hudson Society

**Sunday 3rd October ( CAFOD Harvest FAST):** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses next week for CAFOD. Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

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

**MacMillan Nurses:** The Macmillan Charity provide nurses who are specially trained to support patients and family of Cancer patients as well as research into Cancer cures. Annually the Macmillan charity asks for supporters to have a coffee morning to raise funds .Unfortunately, its not possible for a coffee morning now, instead we shall take a retiring collection after each Mass on Sunday 10th October 2021.

**Tuesday 5th October:** Tea and Chat in the Parish Centre from 2-4pm. All are welcome.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham: Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions.** Annual Intercultural Mass and Social gathering. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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:** Kathleen Breslin, Mary M Readings, Teresa Christiana Doyle, Louiza M.C S. J Snuggs, Rev Laurence Daly, Thomas A Considine, Mary Pritchard, Joseph J McHardy and Edmon O'Brien. **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](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:

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.**

**Proximity Event for the Altar Servers Saturday 4th October:** It's our real excitement as we look forward to some of our young people and adults – the altar servers – visiting the national Seminary where priests and deacons are trained. The link for UNDER 18s: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4914234> The link those aged 18+: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4914232> . The event is at: St. Mary's College, Oscott. Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield. B73 5AA. From 10:30am-4:30pm. Please bring a packed lunch and a donation of £5:00 to 'Clergy Training Fund'.

**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*

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 26 Ordinary Time Year B

<b>Sunday 26th September</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Tony Walsh R.I.P.	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>
Mon. 27th	<b>9:15am</b>	Luiza Snaggs R.I.P.	
Weds. 29th	<b>9:15am</b>	Laura-Special Intention	St. Vincent de Paul
Thur. 30th	<b>9:15am</b>	Mary Breslin & Family-Sp.Int Ann Harkin-Sp. Int.	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
<b>Friday 1st Oct.</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	St. Jerome
Sat. 2nd	<b>6:30pm</b>	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
<b>Sunday 3rd October</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Josefina Manuzon R.I.P.	Guardian Angels
	<b>9:15am</b>	Oscar Owen R.I.P.	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Antoinette Doreen Williams & Norman William R.I.P. Rosemary Thornhill R.I.P.	

## Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £670.44. Non Gift Aid: £301.64

Catholic Evangelization: £108.49

**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 21.

**Allchurches Trust:** I am delighted to be able to inform our parishioners that Allchurches Trust who visited our parish represented by Mr Paul Playford has approved our application and awarded us an amount of £16,000 towards the St Elizabeth's "New Hall". The payment is being processed and should be with us, together with a letter formally confirming that grant, within the next few days.

**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:** Parishes still greatly need your support. 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.

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; Ps. 18; James 5: 1-6; Mk. 9:38-43,45,47-48

### Let the Flower Flourish!

Where do you think great Mahatma Gandhi is now, in heaven, or in hell, or at least in purgatory? He was not a Catholic and Catholics until a few decades ago believed that outside the Catholic Church there is everything except salvation. He was not a Christian: from the day he was refused admission to worship in a Christian church in South Africa, just because he was coloured, he turned his back on Christianity. But even as a Hindu he believed in the unique power of Christ's teachings so much that he said to Winston Churchill that the only way for world peace is that all nations abide by the Beatitudes. He even practiced one of the hardest sayings of Christ: "*Love your enemies.*" Sometimes we are too proud and claim to be the best and ignore everyone else. This is dangerous!

The gospel reminds us about Jesus's reply to some of his disciples who complained that some people not belonging to their circle were working miracles. Jesus asked them not to stop the good others were doing, for "*anyone who is not against us is with us*" (Mk 9:40). What did he mean? He meant that anyone who is attached to God and struggles against the self-centred forces of evil is on the side of Christ, that one does not necessarily have to be part of the visible group following Christ in order to partake of the power of God and that it is wrong to assume that only those who have consciously accepted Christ as personal saviour will be saved and will be able to do the works of God. Thus, Jesus broke through the exclusiveness of all those small groups of believers who think that they have exclusive rights, special access to the full truth. We sometimes become jealous of the achievements of other people or other religious groups, like the disciples of Moses did. When they complained out of jealousy that Eldad and Medad who were not of their circle were also prophesying, Moses rebuked them for their envy which at times can be as cruel as grave, asked them to let the flower flourish where it will, and only wished, "Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" (Numb 11:29). Hence, Catholics, Protestants and non-Christians are not against one another but for each other.

This is not about tolerating everything, for if we do, we will teach nothing. Nor as Catholics, are we suggesting that God's grace is distributed denominationally; we still believe that Jesus is the unique reflection of God, the fullness of divine revelation, and the church he founded is the Catholic Church. But at the same time, we recognise that all religions share in divine truth and in the works of God. In order to belong to Christ, what really matters is to get rid of anything which leads us away from God and to give "*a cup of water to the needy*" (Mk 9:41), which is to love God and our neighbour, we will soon proceed to love our own sect or Church more than Christianity, and then, of course, we will end up as slaves to selfishness by which we will become our own executioners.

