

Important Notices

Diocesan Second Collections: October & November 2021

Sunday 10th October MacMillan Nurses: *There will be a retiring collection taken after each Mass this Sunday to support MacMillan Nurses. Tony and the stewards will coordinate the collections.*

Sunday 24th October (World Mission. APF): There will be a second collection taken at all Masses next week for APF. **Bob** who is responsible for the Red Boxes will say a word after each Mass.

St Elizabeth's Justice & Peace Team meeting: on Sunday 10th Oct at 10:15am in parish hall. Those who are interested in a social justice/climate change/peace activities are also welcome to join the membership.

Parent Representative - Local Academy Committee Good Shepherd Catholic School. The school currently has one vacancy for a parent representative. Please contact the school office for a nomination form and details of eligibility and how to apply. Nomination forms must be returned to the school addressed to Ann Harkin, Chair of LAC before 16th October.

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.

(CAFOD Collection): Thank you so much for your donations to CAFOD. Your generous gifts will help people like Ivanilde in the Amazon to protect our common home. You can add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, and find out more about how you can get involved, by visiting www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim.

The Synod 2021 - 2023: Pope Francis will formally open the Synod in Rome this weekend (9/10 October) with dioceses across the world following the weekend after (16/17 October). A Mass to mark the Opening of the Synodal Pathway in the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 17 October, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. All are welcome to join via the Cathedral live stream. His Grace will also be releasing a Pastoral Letter to mark the occasion and will use this opportunity to combine the work of the Synod with our work on the Diocesan Vision. The overall theme is 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

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

Death Anniversaries this Week: Denis Breslin, Thomas Hall, Bridget M O'Sullivan, William Kelly Bridie McCabe and Walter Magee. **May they rest in eternal Peace.**

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Church's Live-streaming: www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry



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St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

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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

Youth Ministry at St Elizabeth's Parish.

We are officially re-launching our parish youth ministry after pause due to Covid 19. We are pleased to invite you all to join us at Mass with young people next Sunday 24th Oct at 11:15am to Launch it. It will be a Mission Sunday too, a day to spread the good news.

Young Volunteers meeting & Training: In a parish hall on Monday 11th October at 7.00pm

A training with Maria (a diocesan youth worker) – earmarked for this same age group who wish to volunteer working with younger children or engage in Parish Activities.

Pope John Paul II Award: is a faith achievement award for young people 16+. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible, and voluntary. Young people achieve their Award by taking part in parish and social activities. There are 3 Award levels, Gold, Silver & Bronze. For those participating in activities, for at least an hour a week, over 8, 14, or 20 weeks. A further award, the Papal Cross Award, for those who complete the Gold Award.

St Elizabeth's Family Games Night: On Friday October 29th from 7:30pm in parish hall. Ten Games to include: Mini Skittles, Floor & Wall Quoits, Target golf, quiz, and many others. Teams of 4 adults £2, Children £1. Fundraise for New Hall. Tea and Coffee will be served free. Please bring your own wine or any other drinks. Come and enjoy our last social night before hall is demolished.

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 31st after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 28 Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 10th October	9:15am	Mary Srodon R.I.P. Zygmunt Zielionski -Sick	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Mon. 11th	11:15am	Pauline & Peter Fernandes RIP	
Mon. 11th	9:15am	Paula Kennedy R.I.P. Rosalia R.I.P.	
Weds. 13th	9:15am	Mary Francis Ashby R.I.P. Kim W - Sp. Int	
Thur. 14th	9:15am	Mary –Special Intention	
Friday 15th	6:30pm	Frank Brennan R.I.P.	
Sat. 16th	9:15am	Mary Stent R.I.P.	St. Teresa of Jesus
Sunday 17th October	9:15am	Paula Kennedy R.I.P. Mary Stent R.I.P.	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
	11:15am	Joan & Tony Doyle R.I.P Tracy Miller R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme: £355.00. Non Gift Aid: £356.89

CAFOD: £218.28 New Parish Hall (Donation): £100.00

Annual Intercultural Mass, 16 Oct at 12:30pm: The Annual Intercultural Mass is back with the Mass taking place in St Osburg's Church, Coventry, so linking to Coventry's designation as "**City of Culture**" this year and marking One World Week and World Mission Sunday. Bishop David Evans will celebrate the Mass at 12.30pm, followed by a social in a hall. Please bring cultural food to share. All are welcome

The Novena Prayer: Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....*

Right to Life: Call for Stories: Our friends at Right to Life are encouraging their supporters to submit compelling personal stories of the powerful benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, and of the dangers of assisted suicide. These will then be shared with peers as they consider the Bill this month. Any story, no matter how big or small it might seem, could be critical to the fight against assisted suicide in the Lord. These experiences will be very helpful to shaping the views of peers on this bill and convincing them to reject this extreme and dangerous proposal. You can submit your story here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory>.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Ps. 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30 (10:17-27)

Why Go Away Sad?

It is always wise to look ahead, but it is wiser to look further than we can see. Further than the material riches which we can see lies everlasting Life. Though poverty is not necessarily a recipe for contented life, wealth cannot be equated with happiness either. And yet, so many cling to material riches which have a funny way of making the rich greedy and selfish, so much so that such people insist in being happy at all costs, which is one of the surest ways of avoiding being happy. They don't seem to realise that at times the best way not to go mad may be that one does not mind too much when actually going mad. Jesus tells the rich man in the gospel (Mk 10:21) that if he wants to become a perfect Christian on the way to eternal life, he must surrender all his riches to the poor. But we feel sorry for this man, because when it had pleased his Father to give him his kingdom, he wanted only a little piece of toast and went away sad.

After all, in asking "*to give away all*", Jesus was not condemning material riches in themselves; neither did he call every one of us to give away everything we have to the poor, nor did he want to make us feel guilty about what we have. He himself had some reasonably well-off people among his disciples and he knew well that people have to think of their own needs and of their security. Hence, what Jesus was actually telling us was that because riches gives a false sense of security demanding the total loyalty of one's heart, it is dangerous to get attached to them; that the person who has most of the physical needs can become so self-reliant that he forgets eternal life, thus turning abundance itself into a deficiency; and that those who hang on to riches which are more than their need not only forget that they are only stewards of that which is God's, but also allow self-interest to blind them to the needs of others.

Therefore, the real problem here is not so much the possession of material wealth, but rather, our wrong attitudes to wealth. Wealth, as many would think, is not a sign of special favour from God, or a reward for being good; nor is poverty a sign of faithlessness and of God's displeasure. If we have a Christian like attitude towards wealth, some of us, who knows may give away everything to the poor in order to follow Christ, as many in the past have done and many are still doing even today; for there is so much material poverty in our world that if all the starving children of the world were lined up one behind another, starting from your front door, the end of the queue would be a million miles away. With a Christian attitude towards wealth, I am sure, most of us would continue our support of Relief Funds, Mission work, and Catholic Service Appeal – like CAFOD, Macmillan Nurses, and many of us keeping our effort to provide homes for the homeless and refugees.

Let us face it. The giving up of anything in any form, is going to hurt, as the second reading puts it: "*God's word is sharper than any two-edged sword*" (Heb. 4:12). But Jesus, the Wisdom of God, assures us that in return for what we give up, we will be repaid with eternal life and a hundredfold in this life, namely, an inner peace, a deep feeling of fulfilment and an interior joy which seem to escape those who frantically chase after cheap thrills. Hence, if we are really wise, we will "*prefer the Wisdom of God to sceptre and throne, for all good things comes to us in her company*" (Wis 7:8). Why, then, go away sad today, like the man in the gospel, because we won't let go the one thing more the Lord wants from us?

Let us remember in our prayers the Macmillan Nurses and also support their work financially as we take a retiring collection after each Mass this Sunday.