

## Dates for your Dairy



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Saturday from 8:00am –9:10am before Mass. Opportunity for a private confession also available during this time. Priest available in the Lady Chapel for Confessions.

**Praying the Rosary together:** Every Sunday at **8:45am** in preparation for the Holy Mass at 9:15am. Please come early to join if you can.



### **Summary of Government directives.**

**Face Coverings:** HM Government has made the wearing of face covering mandatory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December 2021. However, there will be exemptions for those leading worship, public proclamation of scriptural readings or prayers, and those who are unable to wear face coverings and are exempt.

**Singing in Church:** The current Church guidance states that congregational singing should take place with masks or face coverings. The Archdiocese of Birmingham strongly recommends all the faithful that singing within church buildings must be with the face covering or masks on.

From Wednesday 15th December, certain venues and events are by law told to check that all visitors aged 18 years or over are fully vaccinated, have proof of a negative test in the last 48 hours or have an exemption.

**The requirements for NHS Covid passes:** This will not apply to places of worship and the acts of worship associated with them.

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

**Death Anniversaries this Week:** Patrick Phelan, Shay-Don Donnelly, Edith Malpass, Mary Philomena T. Swords, George Columba Harkin, Peter Croft, Patrick Maquire, Thomas B Igoe, Brendan McGrath, George Conroy, Dorothy Pratt, James Swords and Patrick Hayden. **R.I.P**

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 R.C Church**

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## **Parish Notices**

### **Grants' Funding Application**

We are still waiting for the responses from these two

- ◆The Cadbury Family Trusts and
- ◆Laing Family Trusts.

### **Fundraising Events.**

#### **The Parish Calendar for the Year 2022.**

This is to remind all that there are still more of these Parish Calendar remaining at the back of the Church. It is a very good Souvenir for any member who loves St Elizabeth's parish. Only **£5** each. If you need one, please, See Sisters, Tony, Stan or call 02476688536—email: [stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk)

**Demolition of the old parish Hall:** This will take place in January 2022. The start date will be communicated later. What is important now is to continue emptying it. Thanks to all those who have been helping to save some valuable items for future use. Please you are most welcome to help with emptying the hall any day of the week. So far there are no updates as to when the process of demolition will start. As soon as we receive any information will communicate. Thank you.

**Fr Moses:** He arrived safely to Juba South Sudan for his holiday. He sent his regards to all and wishes you well. Let us keep him and the people South Sudan in our prayers for peace, health and safety.

**Updates for 200 Club:** Monthly membership is only £2 (Or £24 a year). Remember only adults are registered. Next draw is Sunday 30th after Mass. Contact. **Sr. Joan or Tony.**

### **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 Aloysa Embate

#### **CAFOD/SVP**

Mr Kevin Vaughan

**Justice and Peace:** Maria

**Red Boxes**

Mr Bob Ayliffe

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 1 Ordinary Time Year C

<b>Sunday 9th Jan.</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Ashby Family Past and present	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Noel Whelan R.I.P.-Anniversary Dominic McCarthy –Anniversary	
Mon. 10th		<b>No Mass</b>	
Weds. 12th	<b>9:15am</b>	Lena, George and John Harkin R.I.P	
Thur. 13th	<b>9:15am</b>	Mrs Doyle R.I.P	
Friday 14th	<b>6:30pm</b>	Joseph Donoghue R.I.P.	
<b>Sat. 15th.</b>	<b>9:15am</b>		
<b>Sunday 16th Jan.</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Edwin and Christine Boden R.I.P.	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	People of the Parish	

## Weekly Offertory and Donations.

Gift Aid Scheme **£461** Non Gift Aid **£198**

New Parish Hall Gift Aid Donation: **£1000**

NPH Fund Box: **£29.65**

**January 2022 Mass on Monday:** There will be **NO Mass** on Monday in the month of January, until Fr Moses is back. But there will be at St Osburg's at **12:10pm** for those who go to Monday Mass. Thank you.

**Coventry Open Christmas:** Thank you for those who have been able to help with some food and donations.

**Sunday 16th January Annual Mission Appeal:** There will be a mission appeal next Sunday at both Masses for the Society of African Missions of Africa (S.M.A). For more information please see their post at the Church Notice Board. Please let us support them. Thank you.

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps. 103, Titus. 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3: 15-16,21-22**

### This is my Beloved Son

One of the things I like best about baptism is that it is our most ecumenical sacrament. It unites all Christians from all various denominations together ... Lutheran, Catholic, Greek Orthodox community, Church of England, Baptist, Methodist etc. Most of the baptism from these Churches are accepted. Unfortunately, some Christian denominations, who take selected parts of the scriptures literally, rebaptise other Christians because they worry about the volume of water that was used on the first occasion.

Generally, the sacrament of baptism unites almost all the world's Christians in Christ Jesus. And this is just as it should be because the baptism of the Lord tells us that all Christ's followers should be united in celebrating baptism that no one can take away the Christian dignity bestowed upon them by these saving waters. The thing I like best about our Catholic rite of baptism is how it underlines the dignity of the adult or child being initiated into the life of Christ. Let's think about infant baptism for a moment. Using actions and words that extend back to the birth of our faith, and in some instances beyond it, we begin by asking the parents what name they have chosen for their child. What does the name of the child mean? or signify? It is often a revelation as to the child's personality.

Then the parents and sponsors or godparents, declare they understand what they are doing and are prepared to be Christian role models for this child. In the early church, there was not much preparation for the sacrament of baptism. In those days anyone who professed the faith and was prepared to risk his or her life because of it was thought to be ready. A lengthy period of instruction in "the way" of the Christian life came immediately after baptism. Then, as a way to confirm the declarations just made, the child is claimed for Christ by the sign of his cross. In most places, this ritual is done at the back door of the church, since this is the first formal time, the church has received the child into the place where the assembly gathers. It also allows the people to process to the front, especially if its at the front of the church, which in turn prefigures all the processions the child may make in his or her life, for confirmation, eucharist, penance, marriage, holy orders, and anointing of the sick. It also reminds us of that day when this new Christian will recess out of the church for the final time at his or her funeral.

After the liturgy of the Word, we remember that this child has patron saints who are praying with all of us right now in heaven, and we call on them by name. We ask that all that is evil be kept far from this child and, as we anoint the chest, we ask that the child's heart be united in love for God, self, and neighbour. We bless the font, profess our common faith, and then immerse the child into the life-giving and saving bath of baptism. These days we ask the parents not to bring the child already dressed in their baptism robe so that after baptism, in line with the more ancient custom, they can be vested in it, as a physical reminder that they have just put on the life of Christ. We also anoint them with the church's holiest oil (Chrism) and welcome them into the royal family of Christ, his school of prophets, and the priesthood of all believers. We then present their parents and godparents with the light of Christ.

The reason we have such an elaborate ritual around this child is because we know that through the baptism of the Lord, all people who want to be Christians have to come to see their true identity in God, that they are beloved by him, and are very pleasing in God's sight. Let us pray that we keep claiming our Christian dignity by how we choose to spend our lives.