

Dates for your Dairy

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 5th July: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund

A contactless machine: available at the back of the church. Use it anytime for your donations if you have Debit/Credit card or other contactless app.

Infant Baptism - Next Session: Parents for the baptism of Infants will have their baptism session next Saturday at 2pm in Church. Please come with your God's parents. You will be able to choose a date for baptism after this session.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 2024/2025: The annual Parish catechetical programme for adults mainly ages from 12 -70 & above will begin in September 2024. Adult wanting baptism or full Reception into catholic church, or Confirmation - needs to register now. This year sessions will be together as Clustered parishes of AJs. This centre will be at St Osburg's - First session will be on 12th September at 7.00pm.

West Indian Chaplaincy 50th Anniversary Celebration: Our Lady of the Caribbean West Indian Chaplaincy will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Saturday 27 July. Founded in 1974 to cater to the needs of Catholics arriving from the Caribbean and their families it has been a home for several generations of people of Caribbean heritage and others and has made a vibrant contribution to the life of the archdiocese. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the chief celebrant at the Mass at 12noon at the Chaplaincy Centre, which is in the grounds of the Sacred Heart School, Bayswater Road, Birchfield, Birmingham B20. This will be followed by a refreshment. All our welcome to join our celebration.

Invocation@Adoremus: Young people (aged 16-30) who are discerning their vocation are invited to Invocation@Adoremus at St. Mary's College, Oscott on Sunday 15 September 2024, as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. This is an UNMISSABLE opportunity to reflect on how we follow Jesus and respond to the universal call to Holiness. As well as the celebration of Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, there will be talks and workshops to help explore God's call alongside other like-minded young people. The event is FREE OF CHARGE, but participants will need to register their attendance. Invocation@Adoremus.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

Sunday 14 July: For The Apostleship of the Sea.

Pray for the Sick: Caroline Dickinson, Mary Kean, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Tony Ashby, Susan Nahar and Julian: **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Anne Margaret Chatterley, Noel Whelan and Mary Philomena Srodon. **Rest in Eternal Peace.**

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: **Registered Charity No: 234216**

My Donation to the Parish Online follow link here: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>. Or <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/giving/>
Livestreaming: <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry>



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Parish Schools (Heads)

St. Elizabeth's

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Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafula

Parish Maintenance

Gerald Ani

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New Parish Hall Project Update!



The Planning permission was granted by the Council on 23rd April. The tender was submitted to four contractors on 22nd April. All contractors prior to the issue of the tender confirmed that they were interested in taking part in the exercise. The return date of 20th May 2024 was agreed. During the process we received the usual tender queries, and one contractor undertook a site visit. On the return date we received one tender from Integra Buildings at £785K. The other three tenders later confirmed that they were not submitting a tender all sating that they could not achieve a budget of below £500K. However, last week, The Paragon Space another tender submitted their quote at £679K. Nevertheless, our hope is that we shall be able to bring the figure down to around £600K, which we believe is achievable without any significant effect to the size and specification" of the design of a new hall. Having come this far, we are very keen to see this project through to completion. On the basis that the building can be delivered for a total cost of £600k, we have managed to secure these grants: Bernard Sunley Foundation £50k (*Secured*), Joseph Rank Trust £50k (*secured*), Poor Mission Fund £100k (*request archdiocese for additional £50K*), Albert Gubay Foundation £300k (*£50K Request - Granted totally their grant to £350K*). *Shortfall of £50K. I will keep you updated with development.*

Perhaps now we need to double our fundraising effort, because we have been asked to raise more funds to fill the gap. And I hope you will generously support our Summer Car Boot Sale and Fun Faire event coming up on Sunday July 21st starting 10:00am or so, till 3pm.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 14 in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 7th July	9:15am	Agnes & Leonard Pearson	14th Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Bob and Jean Ayliffe –52yrs Wedding Anniversary Maria Conway R.I.P.	
Mon 8th July	9:15am	Joan - Thanksgiving	
Wed 10th	9:15am	Mary Beesley - Sp. Intentio	
Thurs 11th	9:15am	Noel Whelan R.I.P.	
Friday 12th	6:30pm	Joan – Thanksgiving	
Sat 13th	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	Memorial of the B.V.M.
	9:15am	Roselyn - Sp. Intention	
Sunday 14th July	9:15am	Jason Odili - Sp. Intention	15th Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am	John & Kate McNamara R.I.P.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£401**. Non Gift Aid: **£233** and
Dona Machine: **£44.24**. Peter's Pence: **£99.59**
May Standing Order Total **£118**. **Thank You.**

Parish Car Boot Sale & Fun Faire on Sunday 21st July: This is a great fundraising event for the parish. I hope you will support it wholeheartedly. We are short of £50K at the moment to begin our new hall building. So, we need to intensify our fundraising effort to fill the gap. Thank you to the organisers of this forthcoming event.

The 200 Club: We are still recruiting New members, please join. Monthly membership is only £2.(Or £24 a year). Remember all adults are welcome. Next draw on Sunday 30th July after 9:15am Mass. Thank you.

Parish Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Laura Srodon. She can be contacted at: sg.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

14th Sunday Year B

Readings: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Ps. 122; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

"A Thorn in the Flesh"

The poet William Cowper wrote: "God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform." But God's mysterious way seems to be a 'scandalous' or paradoxical way, for he often chooses what is weak, ordinary and painful to make known his presence among men. Ezekiel was a frustrated prophet who in his frustration often scolded and attacked the exiles for their infidelities. But when he received word of the fall of Jerusalem, he offered the exiles a new message of hope. Because of God's presence in his painful frustration, he rose to the occasion despite his weakness.

Jesus was rejected by his own people in his hometown (Mk 6:2). And yet Jesus demonstrated 'od's strength in the very midst of denial and rejection unto Calvary. St Paul was at pained when he heard the unjust attacks of his opponents. In addition, he had to carry all his life "a thorn in his flesh" (2Cor 12:7). But he asserted that "When I am weak, then I am strong" (V.10). All these three great prophets proclaim one simple truth, namely whatever be the weakness or pain or thorn we have to carry in our lives, every thorn is the symbol of the powerful presence of the dynamic presence of God.

'A thorn in the flesh' could be a physical illness. We have many examples of people who have endured such 'thorn in the flesh' through a life changing injury. We know with help of many especially from the families and friends, they walked through it to the end, discovering the love of God through those who helped.

'Thorn in the flesh' could take the form of rejection by others. some are rejected because of colour, race, or nationality but when they keep on loving others, they soon see the dynamic presence of God in their rejected condition and win acceptance, love, even admiration. Some are rejected early in life as useless for the future. Bishop F Sheen, was a great preacher, but was told by his college debate coach, "You are absolutely the worse speaker I ever heard." And there are many others, like him, you know been rejected for various reasons, but went ahead to achieve more than expected, including St John Vianney. Such people were not disheartened by rejection, rather they continued to believe in their own worth and persevered in their efforts and God brought out of these rejected individuals the best they could offer to the world. Even our Genuine love will soon possess the supreme happiness of life which is the conviction that we are loved.

'Thorn in the flesh' could mean also the ordinary, routine, humdrum things in life. There is a human temptation in all of us to fail to see God in the ordinary things in life and instead to seek him in the unusual or exciting phenomenon. Often the longing to touch the presence of God sends us searching for visions and apparitions in faraway or near places, while his guaranteed presence is in the ordinary. Because we instinctively admire strength and expect to find it in our athletes, political leaders, and celebrities, because we live in a society that give great value to great deeds, weakness is something that we are less able to cope with and our being ordinary and fragile tends to leave us frustrated or depressed.

At such moments we must recall that the joy of life depends not so much on what we do, but on what God does through us. And God would never permit any evil if he could not bring good out of evil. He has in himself all power to protect us, all wisdom to direct us, all mercy to save us and all happiness to crown us.