

Dates for your Dairy

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 18th August & 25th August: For the New Parish Hall Building Fund.

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

Celebrating Education Sunday, 8 September: An opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment. There are 245 schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham with almost 90,000 pupils. Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (8 September, in 2024) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. Also, year 6 pupils from our parish schools The Good Shepherd and St Elizabeth's, will be enrolled to the sacramental programme of Confirmation. They will begin their preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

New Parish Hall Stakeholder's Meeting: We had a very successful meeting last Wednesday with all the stakeholders of our new parish hall. The Archdiocese, Agent (EXI), Parish Finance Committee, New Hall Committee, and the Leaders of various communities. **Next meeting is scheduled for Friday 23rd August at 2.00pm** in Lady Chapel. All are Welcome.

Recycling Box: It's ongoing and it's there at the back of the Church. So, if anyone has any **old stamps, postcards, mobile phones, games consoles, Old and worn-out jewellery, foreign currency** - then please place them in the box at the back of the church. The money we receive will go towards the church's Fund. God bless. **Parish Justice & Peace Group.**

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

Sunday 25th August: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 1st September: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 8th September: For Catholic Education Service.

Sunday 15th September: For Catholic Evangelisation (Home Mission).

Sunday 22nd September: For Father Hudson's Society.

Sunday 29th September: For St. Elizabeth's New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 6th October: CAFOD. Second Harvest Fast.

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: 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

Mr Michael Doyle

Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

Parish Church

Co-ordinators:

Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafula

Parish Maintenance

Gerald Ani

First Communion.

Mrs S Moran

Health & Safety, RCIA & Sacristan

Miss Ann Harkin

Church Flowers

Mr Richard Swift

Safeguarding Officer & Church Music/Liturgy

Miss Laura Srodon

(Solicitor)

Women of Faith Chair & Secretary.

Annette Ndikoum and

Bancy Waithera

Chair of Parish Finance and Gift Aid Scheme

Mr Stan Mileswki

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Preparing for the new edition Lectionary this Advent.

Booking now opens for online refresher programme for Ministers of the Word

A new edition of the Lectionary will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of *Advent, 1 December*. To prepare for Advent, it will be helpful for ministers to explore and become familiar with what is 'new' in the new edition - for example, the translation and layout, and also consider some of the Lectionary's less familiar resources that can help with the more effective ministry of the Word in our parishes, schools and other communities. A (free!) refresher programme for ministers is being offered online in two sessions from 3-4pm on Sunday 13 and Sunday 20 October. It is limited to 40 participants.

The first session focuses on ministry and the Word and the second focuses on the Lectionary itself and strategies to promote Scripture in parish life.

Details on Diocesan website.

Adoremus in My Parish. Sunday 15 September.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales - bishops, priests and people from all dioceses - will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14 September for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. St Mary's College was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation.

Unlike Adoremus in Liverpool in 2018, this is not a public event, although each diocese will send pilgrims.

On Sunday 15 September, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes across our countries to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

This can be a Holy Hour or a period of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 20th in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 18th August	9:15am Rosemary — Sp. Intention Holy Souls	20th Sunday Ordinary Time
	11:15am Immaculate and Family Sp. Int Joan – Thanksgiving	
Mon 19th	9:15am Charlie, Daisy, Angela and Sandra R.I.P. Ann Geraldine Harkin R.I.P. Rosemary Sp. in	
Wed 21st	9:15am Zenaida Cacho R.I.P. Mary Gannon	St. Pius X, Pope
Thu. 22nd	9:15am Eamonn Gannon R.I.P. 5:00pm Michael Edward Harrington RIP	BVM Mother & Queen Funeral Reception
Fri. 23rd	9:30am Michael Edward Harrington RIP 6:30pm Rosemary – Sp. Int	Requiem Mass
Sat 24th	8:00am Holy Hour of Adoration 9:15am Lena, George & John Harkin RIP	St. Bartholomew
Sunday 25th August	9:15am Samuel Ndu'ngu - Birthday. 11:15am Immaculate & Family Sp. Int Joan – Thanksgiving	21st Sunday Ordinary

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 386** Non Gift Aid: **£234** and
New Parish Hall: **£.353.91** Dona Machine July: **£186**
July Standing Order Total **£ 165 Thank You.**

Church Cleaning Team: Every Friday afternoon from 4:30pm. This is an open group for anyone interested in offering her/his time to cleaning of the Church. Thank you very much for your time.

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.

20th Sunday Year B

Readings: Prov.9:1-6; Ps. 33; Eph. 5:15-20; Jn. 6:51-58

Hunger.

There are various kinds of hunger in human beings: for example;

Hunger for bodily nourishment

Hunger for truth

Hunger for love

Hunger for life and meaning of life

Hunger for God.

And there are various kinds of nourishment: the food and drinks we take at our meals, the love we receive from loved ones and friend, the wisdom and knowledge that come from education and literature, the beauty of nature, music, poetry etc.

We need all these kinds of nourishment, but the one we need most is the kind Jesus speaks about: "I myself am the living bread"

Last Sunday we said that John chapter 6 is not only a preparation for the Eucharist but a special revelation of God: the truth that the idea, the notion and the reality of God is best manifested in Jesus Christ. Jesus is infinite wisdom, the bread of understanding, the way, the truth, the life. This idea is continued in Reading one of today. "Wisdom has built her house ... she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine ... come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed"

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." The food and wine that Lady Wisdom speaks about points to the Eucharist, but also to the nourishment of truth, beauty, and all that a person needs for wholeness of life. We need not fear getting drunk on this kind of wine, rather, we are filled with the desire to "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name our Lord Jesus Christ" (2nd Reading). The special nourishment that Jesus promises is "my flesh, for the life of the world." *This Bread of life is the fullest possible meaning of nourishment. "The man who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him."*

We need to remind ourselves often of the relationship between the Body and Blood of Christ which we receive in the Eucharist, and the body of Christ which is the Church – you and me. Receiving Holy communion is important – but it is equally important for Christians to build that unity and relationship of love with others.

We hunger for God, and Jesus satisfies that hunger in the eucharist. But there exists an even deeper hunger – that's God hunger for us, for our love, our total commitment to Jesus Christ. It is only in becoming one body with Jesus and with one another that we can share his blessings with our sisters and brothers who do not know him and experience the lasting joy of his presence.

When we eat our daily meals, the food and drink we consume become us, they add to our being, we grow up and sometimes grow out! When we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, he takes us into himself. This means that we share in him, in his presence in the world. We share in his thinking, his emotions, his attitudes of compassion toward those who are poor, sick, homeless, or oppressed. We share in his redeeming work of reconciling humankind to the Lord, of building the Church. Above all, we share in the hunger of Christ for humans, his hunger for love and for a wholehearted response to his self-giving.

Please God we will soon come to realise and appreciate the full meaning of the Eucharist that is so available to us. And for that grateful appreciation we pray: "God of mercy, by this sacrament you make us one with Christ. By becoming more like him on earth, may we come to share his glory in heaven. **Amen**".