

## Dates for your Dairy

### Second Collection this Weekend.

**Sunday 1st September:** 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. Education Sunday on 8th Sept. and beginning of 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. The year 6 pupils from our parish schools 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 during this Mass.

**Big Thank You:** We have received a very generous donation from a parishioner an amount of **£10,000** for our New Parish Hall. As we have been notified earlier that we need an extra £50,000 for the hall. This money will help greatly to cover the gap. We expect the work to begin end of September.

**Youth Mass Last Sunday of each Month:** We are re-starting this Mass with young people from September 2024. The Mass to be officiated by young people will be at 11:15am Mass. The year 5 and year 6 of Good Shepherd & St Elizabeth's schools are specially invited to take part this youth Mass. The parish Youth volunteer leaders are asked to prepare the young people for this liturgy.

**St Mary and Benedict,** invites all the Ministers of the Word – clergy and lay in the Coventry -Nuneaton deanery to undertake a refresher training on the new edition of the Lectionary of the English Standard Version-Catholic Edition & the Abbey Psalms and Canticles. This new edition 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. Rev. Fr Allen Morris, former Secretary to the Bishops' Conference department for Christian Life and Worship, will be at St Mary and St Benedict Church, Coventry, on Sunday **29th Sept.** to facilitate the training session, starting **at 3pm**. This is a unique opportunity for all including clergy and lay - all welcome.

### The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

**Sunday 8th September:** For Catholic Education Service

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

**Sunday 22th 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:** Mgr. Canon Leonard Emery, Maria Teresa Franczek and Hilda Hanlon. **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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St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

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**<https://donatemydona.com/st-elizabeth-church-coventry>**.

### **Parish Schools (Heads)**

#### **St. Elizabeth's**

Mr Michael Doyle

#### **Good Shepherd**

Mr Andy McConville

### **Parish Church**

### **Co-ordinators:**

#### **Parish Office**

Sr Joan Wafala

#### **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

### **Water Project - Pabbo Orphans.**

Fr Moses will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee, the 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination in October this year 2024. To celebrate this occasion with him, We, the Zimbabwe Catholic community chaplaincy based at St Elizabeth's parish, would like to take a lead to raise funds in support of Fr Moses chosen Charity which is an orphanage. We are starting this fundraising from Saturday 7 September 2024 with BBQ in the Parish Garden from 1pm. Money raised will be in aid of the orphans & refugees' children who have been supported by Fr Moses and are now settled in Pabbo-Uganda, about 23 Miles from Uganda - South Sudan border of Nimule. At the moment, these children have no water at their St Josephine Bakhita' Home in Pabbo. They have to travel quite a distance to fetch water for daily use, and that is having a huge negative impact in their performances in education. Fr Moses is planning for a Water well (*drill borehole*) with water engineers in the town to bring water into children's home this year to mark his Silver Jubilee. So, we invite everyone in the parish and communities to support this very important charity and to celebrate with Fr Moses the gift of his priesthood. As regards to this Saturday BBQ, we are therefore looking for donations in cash or kind or pledge. You can contribute drinks, meat, cash etc. Cash donations can be made into our centre account. Please indicate (*reference Fr Moses 25<sup>th</sup>*). Bank details: **ACC Name: VaRoma Coventry. SORT CODE: 309950 ACC no. 24722762. Alternatively,** can donate directly, into Fr Moses' account name: *Rev Moses P David/Orphans. Royal Bank of Scotland. Account No: 10945878. Sort/ Code 16-17-26.* Or write a cheque payable to: St Elizabeth's Parish. Please copy the proof of payment to Mr Davison Makurumidze-Chair, Tete Chitate-Secretary, or Mai Mazarura– Treasurer. Thanks.

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 22nd in Ordinary Time Year B

<b>Sunday 1st September</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Oscar Owen R.I.P. Paul - Sp. Int-Thanksgiving
	<b>11:15am</b>	Immaculate & Family Sp. Int Theresa & John Osinjule. (16th wedding Anniversary).
Mon 2nd	9:15am	Mary Cassidy R.I.P Garnir Dragoqi - Sp. Intention
Wed 4th	9:15am	Mary Cassidy R.I.P.
Thu. 5th	9:15am	Ray Tipple R.I.P.
Fri. 6th	6:30pm	Chloe - Sp. Int.
Sat 7th	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Hour of Adoration</b>
	9:15am	Immaculate & Family Sp. Int

## 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

<b>Sunday 8th September</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	James' Family– Sp. Int. Thanksgiving Cecilia Fernandes
	<b>11:15am</b>	Bernadette Apie R.I.P Immaculate and Family Sp. Int

## 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

### Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£ 354** Non Gift Aid: **£224** and  
New Parish Hall: **£.134.37** Dona Machine July: **£186**  
July Standing Order Total **£ 165 Thank You.**

**Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Saturday from **8:00am**. Followed by Mass. Priest available for confessions.

**Prayer of Adoration and Blessing:** Every First Thursday of each Month in  
Church from **7-8pm**. Every one is welcome.

**Tuesday 3rd September:** Tea and Chat From 2-4pm at St. Elizabeth's Church.

**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 Safe-  
guarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at  
all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Laura Srodon. She can be  
contacted at: [sq.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sq.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan  
Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/  
[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## 22nd Sunday Year B

**Readings: Dt. 4:1-2,6-8; Ps. 14; James. 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

### Practicing True Religion.

It is back to school time and the store shelves are brimming with fresh new school supplies. Bright coloured pens and pencils and erasers, notebooks, computers and folders, new lunch boxes and backpacks, shoes and cloths. These supplies signal a new beginning.

You and I are now back to the school after the six weeks of meditations on *Bread of Life*. What is my shopping list? What do I need most to succeed at God's school? Today's readings are about law and love and how they can help us to practice the true religion. Many years ago, a youth group had a meeting. The structure of the meeting was a talk, followed by a sharing among the teens. The topic that week was parents. After the talk about the Fourth Commandment, the teen sharing started. Each teen talked about how unfair his or her parents were. "My girlfriend and I were studying for this test, and I got home fifteen minutes late, beyond my curfew. Now I can't go to the football game this Friday." etc. Then Margret spoke, "I don't have any curfew. I can come home anytime I want, even on school nights. I have no rules." Then she looked at everyone and burst into tears saying, "Why don't my parents love me?" For Margret, laws, or even rules for daily living in the home, showed they were loved. This is how the ancient Hebrews viewed the Law of God. It showed God's love for them.

Today's first reading embodies this. But as time went on, the people began to forget why they had the Law. And the regulations began to take a life of their own. This is exactly what Jesus is addressing in today's Gospel. The Pharisees complained that Jesus's disciples did not follow all of the legal customs of the Hebrew people. Jesus tells them that they are more concerned with human traditions than what is at the heart of God's commandments-*LOVE*. The school of Love is a life-long education. Our graduation is when we enter into heaven singing the song Marching united in Christ ,marching united to heaven" It is easier to follow external rules and rituals than to convert our hearts and our lifestyles to following Jesus Christ. In the Deuteronomy, Moses urges the Israelites to carefully observe the commandments of the Lord. The commandments are a clear guide for our actions. In the second reading ,James tells us to Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves. In the Gospel Jesus calls out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees through Isaiah's prophesy. This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Jesus shares a list of sins which come from within including evil thoughts, greed, envy and deceit.

Today's psalm invites us to live an active faith that does justice: Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; 'Who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue. Who harms not his fellow man, One who does justice, will live in the presence of the Lord'. Like the people mentioned in today's gospel, we know that it is much easier to deal with outer, visible things than with our interior life. That is what Pope Francis is reminding us and teaching us to follow our hearts and to be led by the Spirit of love. And so, like the people of Jesus' time, we tend to evaluate ourselves and others in purely external ways: Such as :- the number of prayers we recite, the amount of money we give, etc. There is nothing wrong with external things, but there is also an inner world that shapes and gives meaning to the external. It is difficult to retain a clear vision of the Gospel: that "God is Spirit, and those who worship him should worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). The spirit of faith is hard to keep in sight at all times, yet it is meant for all times. We are forever in danger of stepping into the shoes of the Pharisees. However, Jesus loves us the way we are and calls us to repentance.

What the Pharisees lacked in spectacular fashion was any kind of interiority or depth; their minds were turned outwards, to rules and vindication. What matters, Jesus said, is not what goes into a person from the outside, but what comes out from the inside. Religion is not about things, it is about us! It is about the kind of response we make to the world, to others, and to God.