

Dates for your Dairy

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 22nd September: For Father Hudson's Society. Envelops available in church
A contactless machine: available at the back of the church for your offertory donations with Debit/Credit card or mobile apps.

Pabbo Children's Home Water Project: Thank you to the Zimbabwean's Catholic Chaplaincy for raising £1000 to support the Water Project for the Orphans and destitute children in need of lifesaving water at their St Josephine Bakhita's Home. Your donations still needed.

Saturday 28th September: Sponsored Walk for our Community Hall from St. Chad's Cathedral to Lichfield Cathedral. Sponsor forms at the Back of Church. Any Petitions please give to Fr. Moses or Sister Joan.

Invitation to St Mary and Benedict on Sunday 29th Sept @ 3pm: 29th Sept, to all the Ministers of the Word – clergy and lay in the Coventry 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, which will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1 December. It will be helpful for all the Church's Readers to explore and become familiar with what is 'new' in this edition. Rev. Fr Allen Morris, former Secretary to the Bishops' Conference will facilitate the training session. All welcome.

Youth Mass Last Sunday of each Month: starting from this September at 11:15am Mass. The year 5 and year 6 of parish schools are invited to join. The parish Youth volunteer leaders will prepare the young people for this liturgy.

Saturday 5th October St Stephen's Guild Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:00pm: The Archdiocese of Birmingham invites all Altar Servers with their parents to a Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral. Coach leaves St Elizabeth's at 10:00am.

Knights of St Columba membership appeal: This will take place on Sunday 6th October at all masses. You are welcome to join this fantastic organisation.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

Sunday 29th September: For the New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 6th October: CAFOD. Second Harvest Fast.

Sunday 13th October: For the New Parish Hall Building Fund.

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

Death Anniversaries this Week: Thomas Reilly. **Rest in Eternal Peace.**

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

Update - New Parish Hall!

Father Moses had a fruitful meeting on Wednesday 18th with Integra our nominated constructor and Exi our consultants on site to run through the design details and location. A revised plans and elevations "phase one" designs which serves to agree the geometry and elevations of the building in terms of footprint, spatial areas and window and door sizes, colours, and positions. Given the condensed programme this allows the Integra, upon contract award, to start procurement of longer lead time items. The changes we discussed are as below and now reflected in the plans and copies on the notice board at the back of the Church: Emergency exit door in hall has changed to 2035x2100mm fully glazed double door. HL window on hall gable wall has changed to 1800x2100mm double fixed window. HL window to the left of the main entrance doors has changed to a 1800x2100mm double fixed window. Single external door in lobby area removed. Cleaners' cupboard relocated. WC off the welcome area has moved next to other WC's. WC Acc. off the welcome area has changed to a breakout room. This room will be plastering skim finish. 900x1800mm single TOV window added to breakout room to offer natural light and ventilation. Internal door to store changed to a single door. Addition of a wall mounted air con unit to the newly formed breakout room. The parish Finance and New Hall committees need to review and agree on these designs ASAP to enable the best chance of us achieving 20th December completion target. We will then need to have formal agreement to the costs and phase 1 designs by latest Friday 27th Sept to maintain programme. There will be further detailed drawings for electric sockets etc., but for now this is just about agreeing the layout.

Rejoice and be glad: Five sessions of shared prayer and reflection on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, 'Gaudete Exsultate' "Rejoice and be glad!" is what Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount. The five sessions will take place at St Osburg's Church, Barras Lane CV1 4AQ, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, starting on Monday 7th October, 14th & 21st, November 4th & 11th. Participants will receive a free copy of 'Gaudete et Exsultate', for use between sessions. If you are interested please contact Barbara McGowan: 07528644617 or Paschal Somers: 07403625292 before Friday 27th Sept.

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 Milescki

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 25 th in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 22nd September	9:15am Simon & Mandeep-Thanksgiving Gerald Breslin-Sick	25th Sunday Ordinary Time
11:15am Joseph Yapi R.I.P and Josephine Chawa R.I.P.		
Mon 23rd	9:15am Immaculate & Moses-Family Sp.Int	St. Pius (Padre Pio)
Wed 25th	9:15am Giuseppe Darrigo R.I.P.	
Thu. 26th	9:15am Ceyani - Sp. Intention	
Fri. 27th	6:30pm Giron Villa - Thanksgiving	St. Vincent De Paul
Sat 28th	8:00am Holy Hour of Adoration 9:15am Deceased Family of Ngalula & Lyochi	
Sunday 29th September	9:15am Ashby Family Past and Present Oscar Owen R.I.P.	26th Sunday Ordinary Time
11:15am Immaculate & Moses-Family Sp. Int		

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£429** Non Gift Aid: **£230** and

Catholic Evangelization: **£118.91.00.** Dona Machine : **£31**

August Standing Order Total **£124.** 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.

Pope's prayer Intention for September: for the cry of the earth- we pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Church Cleaning Teams: Church cleaning will be done as it was before Covid. There will be 4 (groups) of cleaners. Suggested days for cleaning: Friday evening before or after Mass and Saturday morning at 10am. But a group can choose any convenient day. If all groups are taken, then you can clean only once a month.

1. Group A. Sister Joan & Altar Servers team
2. Group B. Teresa/Philippa and Women of Faith Group
3. Group C. Violeta !
4. Group D.? Any community or group can take this...?

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 Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

25th Sunday Year B

Readings: Wisdom . 2:12, 17-20; Ps. 53; James. 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Pastoral Letter. Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

'They had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.'

In today's Gospel the apostles show how human they are - yet there is something to be admired in aspiring to greatness. Every human being is called to be great. But Jesus describes greatness as God sees it. It is in service, sacrifice, welcoming the most vulnerable. It is reminiscent of St Paul writing to the Corinthians and telling them to be *ambitious*. Paul is urging the people of Corinth (and us) to aspire to greatness - but he warns that this doesn't come with the eloquence of angels or even with a faith that can move mountains but rather in love. He uses a particular word for love. In Latin it is Caritas - and Agape in Greek. It is the love that we show in service, in putting others before ourselves. That's why it is the very word used to describe the Church's work with those in need - Caritas. All over the Archdiocese there are individuals and parishes who express this Caritas - sacrificial love - by welcoming the vulnerable - opening their doors to people who are lonely, bereaved, people with dementia, those with disabilities or special needs, others suffering with food poverty, by visiting the sick and prisoners and helping people with addictions. These are all signs of parishes living out that call to greatness, through service.

In his first letter to the faithful, Pope Benedict chose to write about Caritas. Here he describes the Church's rich history of care for those in need: *The exercise of charity became established as one of her essential activities, along with the administration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the word: love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word.* Pope Benedict also wrote: *As a community, the Church must practise love. Love thus needs to be organized if it is to be an ordered service to the community.* In the Archdiocese we are blessed to have an agency that does precisely that. All its resources are dedicated to the service of people who are homeless, asylum seekers and refugees, people with disabilities and special needs, care of the elderly and vulnerable young people. We see this work going on in projects all over the archdiocese. I am, of course, referring to Father Hudson's Care, which is always looking for ways to do more. But this can only be done with the prayers and support of every parish. Father Hudson's is a key agency of Caritas but every Christian and every parish is co-responsible for this. Every parish church is surrounded by people crying out for this love. Sometimes it is hard to respond - maybe we don't know how or we feel we don't have the resources. This partly explains why the Archdiocese and Father Hudson's have decided to entrust the development of Caritas to the care of Father Hudson's. Father Hudson's has the experience and networks to help every parish to develop this ministry as part of our diocesan vision. We have been blessed with generous financial support from our schools to fund a post which will focus on supporting parishes. This work will involve sharing ideas and good practise, helping to recruit parish volunteers and offer training, while working in partnership with other churches and charities - so that we can develop our care for those in need.

So, from now on, Father Hudson's name will reflect all this as Father Hudson's Caritas. Changing a name and employing a worker will only bear fruit when our parishes respond to the words of the Gospel. I am grateful that in many parishes there are already SVP, Justice and Peace and other social action groups undertaking this work.

But with the Jubilee Year approaching - with its focus on Luke chapter 4 where Jesus says he has come to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free - I invite every parish to look towards developing one new project to help people in need. Today, please help Father Hudson's Caritas with your prayers and through your generous financial support. Pray especially that all our parishes will see how we can meet the needs of disadvantaged people in our communities.

"It is the Lord's call to service - but also his call to greatness." May he bless you as you reach out with his love. Yours devotedly in Christ. **+Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham**