

Dates for your Dairy

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 3rd November: For Johnson Association (For Retired and infirm Diocesan Clergy) This Association provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

A contactless machine: available at the back of the church for offertory & donations.

Memorial Mass for Bishop Paride Taban: Many of you will remember Bishop Paride from South Sudan, who was here at the parish for over a month when he was undertaking his medical treatment in London. He died a year ago on 09/11/2023. You are all invited to join the Sudanese community for his memorial Mass on Saturday at **2pm** at St Elizabeth's

Families Harvest Day 24th November: We are excited to invite all the parishioners to our youth and family Harvest Thanksgiving Mass at 9:15am & 11:15am! This special event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in gratitude for the blessings we have received from God throughout the year. Please join us as we celebrate with joyful hearts our parish thanksgiving. It's a perfect occasion to strengthen our bonds and show appreciation for one another. We encourage all families to participate and invite your friends and loved ones. Let's make this day a memorable gathering filled with love and gratitude. All the proceeds from the thanksgiving would go towards the construction of our New Hall.

Tuesday 5th November: Tea and Chat From 2-4pm at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Christmas Bazaar Appeal: As we approach the Christmas, we are excited to announce our upcoming Christmas Bazaar with Good Shepherd Catholic Primary school on Tuesday 10th December starting 1pm at Good Shepherd school premises. This event aims to bring our community together and raise funds for the parish too. We are reaching out to request your support in the form of gift items that can be donated for our bazaar. These items will not only enhance the festive spirit but also help us raise much-needed funds for our new hall. Donations include - *Bottle Stall, handmade crafts, gift baskets, handbags, toys, and many more.* Your generous contribution will make a significant impact and help us achieve our fundraising goals. Thank you for your support.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025: Register now for this Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025. Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The pilgrimage dates have been announced: Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025. You can now register your interest in joining the Pilgrimage or by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024.

Sunday 10th November: For the New Parish Hall Building Fund.

Sunday 24th November: For Catholic Youth Service.

Sunday 1st December: Apostles of Jesus Missionaries - 2nd Appeal 2024.

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: Margaret Rita Odowd, Johnny Dunne and Stella Marie Ann Hayes. **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://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>.

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

Update New Parish Hall: Very pleased that our parish hall project has started as planned and might even be completed before 20th December 2024. Unfortunately, the hall will be empty without chairs, table, kitchen items etc. Our next project is now to look for these items.

The New Lectionary: There are 4 copies of this Lectionary plus the *Book of the Gospels* costing the parish **£973**. I have ordered the Lectionaries, but if anyone or family wants to sponsor or make a contribution to buy for the parish, is highly welcomed.

Christmas Carol Event/ Raffle draw 14th December:

Time 6pm at St Elizabeth's Church. We are thrilled to announce our annual Christmas Carol event! Join us for an evening filled with festive cheer, music, and community spirit. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring your family and friends! If you would like to participate in the carolling or help with organizing, please contact Theresa or Yoyo.

Month of the Holy Souls (November): Holy Souls envelopes are available at the back of the church, please make use of them as we usually do by placing the names of your beloved deceased family or friend in it so that we can remember them at all Masses in the month of November. Use the same envelope for any donation for the Masses and also for other Holy Souls Masses to be sent out to priests of Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in Mission Lands.

Formation of Parish Pastoral Council: The purpose of this council is to help bring about the mission and vision of the parish. The parish council is established to honestly and prudently advise the priest, the finance committee, to bring new ideas, experiences and knowledge to decision-making in the parish and so to shape existing parish ministries, develop new ones and provide continuing formation for the ministers who undertake them, so that the parish is strengthened by the unity of effort achieved in reverence and charity. Please think of potential candidates according to these areas:

1. *Evangelization.*
2. *Formation.*
3. *Liturgy/Participation and*
4. *Social Outreach.*

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 31st in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 3rd Nov.	9:15am Christine and Edwin Boden R.I.P. Special Intention	31st Sunday Ordinary
	11:15am Bridie Hetherton - Sick Deceased Priests of St Elizabeth's	
Mon 4th	9:15am Steven Tarsam R.I.P.	
Wed 6th	9:15am Vincent Osinjolu - Birthday	
Thu. 7th	9:15am Mike & Daisy - Sp. Intention	
Fri. 8th	6:30pm Sean Farry & Robert Waters R.I.P.	
	8:00am Holy Hour of Adoration	
Sat 9th	9:15am Holy Souls	
	2.00pm Bishop Paride Taban R.I.P	Memorial Mass
Sunday 10th Nov.	9:15am Sandra & Bob 62nd Wedding Anv.	32nd Sunday Ordinary
	11:15am David Loku - Anniversary R.I.P. Victoria Osinjolu-Birthday	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£546** Non Gift Aid: **£235**. **NPH:£144.89**

Online Dona Offerings: **£52**.

October Standing Order Total **£281**. 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.

Youth Mass: Every Last Sunday of each Month. On **24th November** at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention October: For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Church Cleaning Groups: Church cleaning Teams of 4 cleaners.

Group A Sr Joan & Alter Servers/Parents. Group B Women of Faith, Teresia & Philippa. Group C Violeta. Group D Punjabi Rosary Group.

Church's Cleaners this Week: Group A. Altar Servers & Parents

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.

31st Sunday Year B

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Ps. 17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

What it takes to be a Saint.

We celebrated the feast of all the Saints last week. There are some known saints, canonised with identified feast days. Yet there are many more unknown, part of the multitude, of which John says they were impossible to count: John could not count their number.

The saints support us by their prayers, we are filled with joy at their victory. They inspire us with strength by their examples. Those who have been canonised are offered to us as examples in life. We can all be inspired by the example of the saints. The saints constitute a rich diversity in terms of lifestyle, profession, age, history, geographical location, racial backgrounds, etc. Looking at the lives of these many saints, we can ask the question as to what it takes to be a saint. Some of the answers could be because of toughness, simplicity, courage, prayer, heroism, insistence, love, sacrifices and mortification, obedience, surrender, letting go, intelligence, missionary work, monastic life, contemplation, persecution, rejection, poverty, wealth, being a visionary, consistency, devotions – Mary, to Sacred Heart, to Divine Mercy, to the Saints, parental support, discipline, focus, etc.

Do some of these sound contradictory? Certainly, we do not expect that the experiences of all the saints would be the same, do we? Each saint had his or her unique experiences, through which he or she became a saint. You and I can never be St Paul, Mother Theresa, St Elizabeth etc. What it takes to be a saint is to be you, not to try to live someone else's life. God invites you and me to be saints here and now. Each of us in our unique way is an image of God. St John says to us in the second reading: we are God's children now. We know that we shall be like him. We are like him because of his image in us.

Becoming a saint takes being ourselves, not partially but fully. In that sense, being a saint takes everything of what we are. And yet at the same time, in celebrating the feast of the saints, we celebrate the triumph of the grace of God. For each saint, known or unknown, responded in his or her unique situation to the grace that God gave him or her in life and bore the fruit of holiness. We cannot be holy on our own. Christ Jesus merited for us all the graces we need for holiness by the power of his death and resurrection. Hence his blood poured out for us cleanse our robes that we may be able to join the multitude.

It is through the Christian community that we become members of Christ's body, called to share in his holiness in our unique circumstances. Each saint, in his or her own way, gives us an example of what it means to follow Christ; what it means to be like Christ, what it means to be part of Christ's body. We cannot be saints in isolation – we become saints in communion with our brothers and sisters, members of Christ's body. Are we ready to do what it takes to become a saint?

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