

Dates for your Dairy

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 15th December: Flowers - for Church Christmas Decorations.

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

Commissioning of Lectors/Readers: Our parish readers will be commissioned next Sunday 22nd December and also on Sunday 5th January in both Masses. Once commissioned, they will become our official readers in the parish. If you are one please make sure don't miss it.

Altar Servers Training 20th Dec: There will be training for all the Altar Servers on Friday at **5:30pm with Fr Moses** in Church to prepare for Christmas.

Advent Penance Service & Confessions on Friday 20th at 6:30pm: This is in preparation for our Christmas celebration.

Christmas Bazaar Appeal & Christmas Carol Service. Thank you for your support to these two events. A good amount of fund has been raised through the events. Thank you very much to the organisers. Wish you all Merry Christmas.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Saturday 24th-30th May 2025: Pilgrimage bookings are now open Official Diocesan Pilgrims To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish, you can book your flight or coach, plus preferred hotel via our tour operator Tangney Tours. Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage by Air 6 nights from £1,027pp including flights, accommodation and meals. Birmingham Lourdes Pilgrimage by Coach 5 nights from £776pp, including transport, accommodation and meals. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

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Retreat Days for Readers: Sat 25th January 2025 at 9:30am – 1pm .St Osburg's.

Retreat Day for Eucharistic Ministers: Sat March 22nd at 9:30am – 1Pm St Thomas More

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024 Diary.

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Sunday 29th December: NO SECOND Collection.

The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 16th March 2025 both Masses.

First Communion: Good Shepherd School Saturday 10th May 2025 @9:30am

First Holy Communion: St Elizabeth's Sunday 22nd June 2025 @11:15am

First Confessions Yr.3: Thursday 13th March @ 6:30pm Church.

Pray for the Sick: Mary Kean, Rohith De Silva, Joe Peters, Tony Ashby, Susan Nahar, Richard Fernandes, Eddy Ryan & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Gladys Rooney, James T Pratt, Julia Rosemary Clarke, William Joseph Donohue and Patrick Flaherty. **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. We are still waiting for National Grid to connect for us the electricity to the new hall. We hope that will be done soon, otherwise, completion target by 20th December is still in place. However, we shall have a lot to do after the keys are handed to us – in

DONA QR Code. our agreement with the builders several things were removed to reduce the cost and to allowed us to begin building the hall. Such as: landscaping, car park, garden, security fence – plus interior items. We have discussed these with parish finance committee and New Hall Committee will meet on Sunday 15th December to look through it again and recommend for us the way forward.

Parish Christmas Cards: The cards are now available at the back of the Church as well as Christmas's Offertory Envelopes. All the Mass times for Christmas and New Year are included. Please take a copy and one for your friends or neighbour who might wish to celebrate Christmas with us at St Elizabeth's. Thank you.

New Papal Encyclical: Dilexit nos – He Loved Us – is Pope Francis' fourth encyclical and comes at a time of profound global challenges. In welcoming the publication of Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has emphasised that the Letter is for everyone and that the Sacred Heart of Jesus is "the source of living water that moves us and enables us to reach out to others, to offer forgiveness, to make amends for our failings, to seek to build healing relationships of faithfulness and service." The focus of the encyclical is on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Third Week of Advent Year C

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| Sunday 15th Dec. | 9:15am Walter Fredrick Ashby R.I.P. Special Intention | 3rd Sunday Advent Yr. C  |
| | 11:15am Gladys Rooney R.I.P. | |
| Mon 16th | 9:15am Gerald Cassidy R.I.P. | Advent |
| Wed 18th | 9:15am | Advent |
| Thu. 19th | 9:15am Robert Droney R.I.P. | Advent |
| Fri. 20th | 9:15am Holy Souls | Advent |
| | 6:30pm <i>Parish Penance Service & Confessions</i> | Confessions |
| Sat 21st | 8:00am Holy Hour of Adoration | Advent |
| | 9:15am Veronica Dixon R.I.P. | |
| Sunday 22nd Dec. | 9:15am Bronislaw, Mary, Paul Srodon R.I.P. Happy & Jasmine Sp. Intention | 4th Sunday Advent Yr. C  |
| | 11:15am Aijack & Nicholas - Thanksgiving Farayi & Tendoyi - Birthday | |

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£364** Non Gift Aid: **£159**. **DONA QR code**

Poor Parishes 2nd collection **£114**. Dona Offerings: **£52**

November Standing Order Total **£342**. 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 **29th December** at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention December: For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year may strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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 C. Violeta

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.

Third Sunday of Advent Year C



Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Ps.126; Philippians 1:3-6,8-11; Lk. 3:1-6



Cheer Up

It might happen to you that when you are in deep desolation, a friend would tell you, "Cheer up!", but sometime this word might just disappear in a deeper depression. God does the same to us before Christmas, by telling us to cheer up. "Cheer up, shout for joy, be glad and exult," we actually tend to cheer up, for God's commands. At creation, the Lord says "Let there be light" and instantly there was light. In fact, God created us, to be people always spilling over with joy, and hence he not only asks us to rejoice but wants himself "to sing joyfully because of us. Can you imagine anything crazier than this, that the Lord himself is coming to lead us in our merry dance? So, we'd better all be on the floor to sing and rejoice, especially when we come for the solemn Sunday liturgies during Advent; let us not come with long-faced solemnity.

We must rejoice because "The Lord your God is already in your midst" (Zeph.3:17). When the Lord took human flesh, he did not become just one individual; in a sense, he became every individual, dwelling closer to each of us than our thoughts and desires. Yes, as men/women, we were born broken, but our life is mending, for God is acting in us as glue. Besides, the Lord intends to come into our lives more intimately during this Christmas season, in order to "renew us in his love" (Zeph.3.17). is there any force more healing than that of love? Love always arrives with healing in its wings. It is the arrival of this Lord of love, in ever new ways, that we now anticipate. The delight of children going to see Santa Claus, the buying and wrapping of Christmas gifts, the decorating of Christmas trees, all these Advent activities express this great anticipation of something wonderful about to happen.

The wonderful things is, of course, about the "Joy in the Lord"; a joy that comes not from any particular position in life but from the disposition of our hearts; a joy of the chainless mind and blameless heart; a joy born of conviction of faith and consciousness of God's love. Because this is a joy in the Lord, this joy is possible even to those who may find the Christmas season itself the most distressing, only because the demands it makes and the tension it creates. Such a joy is possible even in the most trying of circumstances, and even as we contemplate our present world which was once threatened by a cold war but now by a cold peace. This is why St Paul, although living in prison under the shadow of impending death, could encourage the early Christians, who themselves were under constant threat from political and military powers, saying, "Rejoice in the Lord, I say again rejoice" (Phil 4.4). this means, if my joy is in the Lord, I will smile even when I am chasing my best hat down the street on a windy day. Shall we then beg the Lord that this Christmas may fill us with joy in him"

But whatever we beg of God, we must also work for it; our future will be different if we make our present different, but how? "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none, the man who has food should do the same" (Lk3:11). What does this mean? We are beautiful people, loveable people, but we are also vulnerable people, especially to selfishness. If in our selfishness we are all the time receiving and not giving, we will be like the Dead Sea which is dead, because it is all the time receiving, never giving anything out and the salt content of the water keeps building up. To make way for the joy in the Lord also calls us to surrender ourselves to God in prayer. "Have no anxiety about anything but if there is anything you need, pray" (Phil 4:6).



Hence, let us cheer up and charm it with a smile; one smile in public is worth ten before your mirrors, for it keeps joy in circulation.

