### **Dates for your Dairy**

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 29th December: NO SECOND Collection.

<u>Contactless machine</u>: available at the back of the church for offertory & donations.

**Thank You**: Sister Joan and Fr Moses would like to say a big thank you for Christmas wishes, cards, gifts, donations cash & food and prayers. Thank you to all who made our church looks so beautiful: the flower team, the cleaners, lovely crib & beautiful Christmas trees. Thank you to our stewards, alter servers, choirs & musicians and those who did their work privately prior to the Christmas

Commissioning of Lectors/Readers: Our remaining parish readers will be commissioned on the solemnity of the Epiphany 5th January in both Masses. Once commissioned, they will join others already commissioned to be our official parish readers at St Elizabeth's. If you are among those to be commissioned please make sure to attend next Sunday Mass.

Youth Mass Sunday 29th December: Our last Parish Youth Mass for 2024.

Altar Servers: Thank you for your dedicated service at Christmas. Hopefully you had a joyful Christmas with your families and friends. We hope to have Altar Servers Christmas and New Year Party in the afternoon of Saturday 18th January 2025. Sr Joan and Senior Altar Servers will prepare for the event.

**Coventry Open Christmas:** Thank you for the food and other items for the homeless. Maria delivered the food to COC on 24th December. Fantastic. Thank you very much for all your donations and prayers. Greatly appreciated.

### **Deanery Events.**

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

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

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2024 Diary.
Sunday 29th December 2024: NO SECOND Collection.

Sunday 5th January 2025: NO SECOND Collection.

### The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**. will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 both Masses. **First Communion**: Good Shepherd School Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 @9:30am **First Holy Communion**: St Elizabeth's Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 @11:15am **First Confessions Yr.3**: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** Sister Rita Gibbs LSA, Rose Mary Dixon, Michael Hanrahan and Patrick Phelan. **Rest in Eternal Peace.** 

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My Donation to the Parish Online follow link here: https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/giving/ Livestreaming:https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry









**Apostles of Jesus Serves:** 

St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

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### Parish Schools (Heads) St. Elizabeth's Mr Michael Doyle Good Shepherd

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

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**Altar Servers** 

Sr Joan and Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace CAFOD/SVP Maria Paseka

**Red Boxes** 

Mr Bob Ayliffe

#### **DONA QR Code.**



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.

The Jubilee Year 2025. 'Pilgrims of Hope' The Jubilee of Hope is fast approaching, The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24 December 2024 by Pope Francis offering the world's 1.3 billion Catholics the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces. Archbishop Bernard is set to celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year, at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 29 December 2024. The Jubilee of Hope will end on the Feast of Epiphany in 2026. the concept of Jubilee or Holy Year has been used by the Church to proclaim special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. Booklets are available in church.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.



### Mass Times and Mass Intentions: First Sunday after Christmas Year C

Sunday 29th Dec.	9:15am	Happy & Family-Thanksgiving Special Intention.	Holy Family
	11:15am	Tracy Miller R.I.P. Munashe Motsi-Thanksgiving	i aiiiiy
Mon 30th	9:15am	Mick Breslin R.I.P	Christmas Octave
Tues 31st	9:15am 11:00pm	Mick Breslin R.I.P Consolata - Family Thanksgiving.	Christmas Octave
Wed 1st Year 2025	10:30am	Mick Alton R.I.P Oscar Owen R.I.P	New Year Day Holy Motherhood
Thu. 2nd	9:15am	Ozogwu Family ( <b>9</b> Days Novena) Special intentions.	<b>Basil the great</b> Gregory Nazianzen
Fri. 3rd	6:30pm	Mary Beasley Sp. Intentions	Christmas Feria
Sat 4th	8:00am 9:15am	Holy Hour of Adoration Ozogwu Family Sp. Intentions Novena	Christmas Feria
Sunday 5th Dec.	9:15am	Special Intentions	2nd Sunday Christmas
	11:15am	Dominic McCarthy R.I.P Peggy & Jim Miller R.I.P	

## **Weekly Offertory and online Donations!**

Gift Aid Scheme: £436 Non Gift Aid: £234. QR code Church Flowers £116.59. Dona Offerings:£49 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 A. Sr Joan & Altar Servers Group

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: <a href="mailto:sg.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk">sg.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk</a> or Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240/ <a href="mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk">safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk</a> if you have any concern.

## **Holy Family Sunday Year C**

**Readings:** 1st Sam.1:20-22, 24-28; Ps.84; 1Jn. 3:1-2,21-24; Lk. 2:41-52 **Pastoral Letter.** 

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this Feast of the Holy Family, I send you my prayerful greetings as we continue to celebrate the Octave of Christmas. On Christmas Eve Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. This was the Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year which will continue throughout 2025. During this Holy Year we are invited to become Pilgrims of Hope.

Since the year 1300 when the people of Rome asked the Holy Father to declare a special year of jubilee, the Church has regularly offered us this opportunity – another chance to make a fresh start on our pilgrimage of faith towards Christ. The Holy Door in each of Rome's four basilicas is a sign of the welcome that the Church offers us in the name of Jesus Christ for our sins to be forgiven and our way ahead to be cleared of obstacles.

Pope Francis has called upon every diocesan bishop to celebrate the Solemn Opening of the Holy Year in his own cathedral this weekend. I shall therefore be celebrating Mass at St Chad's Cathedral and offering it for your intentions, that the Jubilee Year will bring many blessings to the life and mission of our Archdiocese. I invite all our parishes, schools, religious communities and organisations to become pilgrims of hope throughout the coming year.

The surest way to be a faithful pilgrim of hope is to share in the mission of Jesus Christ himself. He has told us that he was anointed to proclaim good news to the poor...to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind. In our world there are many kinds of poverty, captivity and blindness – spiritual as well as material and physical – and this Jubilee Year invites us to share and celebrate hope with those around us who have yet to hear the good news. In a unique gesture for this Jubilee Year Pope Francis opened a Holy Door on the day after Christmas in Rome's Rebibbia Prison. This bronze door is hidden behind the walls of the Roman prison – but it symbolises prisons throughout world.

Pope Francis wrote that "In the Jubilee Year, we are called to be signs of hope for many brothers and sisters in hardship—especially prisoners who endure both the harshness of confinement and emotional emptiness." The Holy Father's visit to a prison is a profound sign of hope for the thirteen prisons that lie within our own Archdiocese. I thank all our Prison Chaplains and volunteer visitors for their intention during the Jubilee Year to carry this message of hope through their ministry and their regular visits.

We can all find a way to push open the door of hope during this Jubilee Year – both for ourselves and for all the people we shall meet during the coming year. In order to equip us to become pilgrims of hope, do remember that there are many helpful resources for the Jubilee Year available on the diocesan website.

I hope that you will have an opportunity to visit one of our diocesan pilgrim churches in the course of this year – to pray there for all who suffer the hardships that we can help to relieve – and also to pray for the Church and the Holy Father. As pilgrims of hope we can be grateful for the love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. May the Holy Family of Nazareth help us all, this Jubilee Year, to grow closer to Christ the Prince of Peace and to serve our brothers and sisters with kindness and generosity. With my prayers for you and your family this Christmastide.

Yours devotedly in Christ.

+Bernard Longley. Archbishop of Birmingham.

