

## Dates for your Dairy

### Second Collection this Weekend.

**Sunday 5th January:** NO SECOND Collection.

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

**Commissioning of Lectors/Readers:** Our remaining parish readers will be commissioned this Sunday feast of the Epiphany in both Masses. Once commissioned, they will join others already commissioned to be our official parish readers at St Elizabeth's.

**Saturday 18th January Renewal Mass at 11:00am and Party:** All the Altar servers will renew their commitment and be vested. To be followed by Christmas party and New Party - their parents siblings are welcome to join in the school hall. Sr Joan and Senior Altar Servers will prepare for the event.

**Parking and Safety at School Park:** Please be considerate and careful when driving on school playground. Please be aware of other pedestrians as well as the properties of school on the playground including the poles and sports' facilities. And please remember that you are parking there at your own risk – St Elizabeth's School is not responsible of any damage.

Please **remember NO PARKING** at the back of the Church on Sundays - It is reserved only for the Disables and Elderly. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Hand Shake during Eucharistic Celebrations:** Since Corona Virus has been controlled, we need to get back to our normal system of doing things here at St Elizabeth's. From now on - we are allowed to greet and shake hands during Sign of Peace.

### Deanery Events.

**Retreat Days for Readers:** Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January 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 2025 Diary.

**Sunday 12th January:** NO SECOND Collection.

**Sunday 19th January:** For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping.

**Sunday 26th January:** For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping.

### 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:** Shay-Don Donnelly, Edith Malpass, Mary Philomena T. Swords, Elizabeth Boyce, Patrick Maquire, Thomas B Igoe, Brendan McGrath, George Columba Harkin and Peter Croft. **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 Waitera

**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

### **DONA QR Code.**



**Thank you very much: The year 2024**

has been special year for our parish. We had Four Church's weddings, two within and two overseas. Several adults and infants Baptisms. 39 First Holy Communion and 42 Confirmation. As a parish, we

are truly grateful to God because it was in 2024 that we were able to achieve the implementation of our two main parish projects, namely: 'Alteration of Lady Chapel to a community Hub, and construction of a long-awaited new parish hall'.

These were key plans in our parish mission, and I am grateful to every member of this parish community. Each and everyone of you contributed in one way or another into these projects. Congratulations to you all.

I am also grateful to all those who are doing specific volunteering jobs in the parish including altar servers, parish youth group, church's cleaners, flowers' team, stewards, readers, eucharistic ministers, women of faith, choirs and musicians, hospitality team particularly those serving tea/coffee after Sunday masses, gardener, parish Finance committee, the Nuns, Mgr. Tom Farrell and his parishioners of Christ the King, and the Archdiocese who gave us £150K grant for the new hall and for supporting the process to its completion. Big thank you to everyone for this amazing support. Pray that this year be truly a 'Year of Hope' as Pope Francis has declared it for us. Happy New Year. *Fr Moses.*

**Thank you for supporting the 200 Club:** We

have raised **£685** in 2024 Since we are back to church and no more restriction after the pandemic, we are hoping to double that amount in 2025 if more people join the scheme and the members pay their monthly contribution. Monthly membership is only £2. (Or £24 a year). Remember all are welcome and you can have more than one number. For more information please Contact Sister Joan or Tony Ashby. The draw is every last Sunday of each Month after Mass. Thank you very much.

*Rejoice in the Glory*  
OF CHRISTMAS

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

<b>Sunday 5th Jan</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Special Intentions	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	Dominic McCarthy R.I.P Peggy & Jim Miller R.I.P	
Mon 6th	9:15am	MCESM-Special Intention	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
<b>Wed 8th</b>	9:15am	Mary Beasley Special Intention	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
Thu. 9th	9:15am	MCESM-Special Intention	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
Fri. 10th	6:30pm	Colette Darragh R.I.P.	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
Sat 11th	8:00am 9:15am	<b>Holy Hour of Adoration</b> George, Lena and John Harkin R.I.P.	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
<b>Sunday 12th Jan.</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Jayden and Camaran- Thanksgiving Edwin and Christine Boden R.I.P.	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	The Nevin Family Marie Whelan R.I.P. Bridle McDermot R.I.P.	

## Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£353** Non Gift Aid: **£229**. **QR code**

Dona Offerings: **£35**

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 **26th January** 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: [sg.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stelizabeth.covty@rcaob.org.uk) or Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year C

**Readings:** Is. 60:1-6; Ps. 72(71); Eph. 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt. 2:1-12

### The Epiphany Challenge!

From the dawn of creation God had been revealing himself by casting aside veil after veil and showing humanity truth after truth, until one day he unveiled his very face in his Son Jesus Christ. Isaiah foretold (Is 60:1-6) what would happen on that day. "Your light shall come," he said. Yes, it did come, and it is still shining. Even on a day of deep and endless sorrows with darkness in its face, a true believer can feel Christ's light shooting through the marrow of his bones. "The riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you (Is 60:5), he said. Is it not true? Who among us came to Christ and did not experience the riches of God's love, a love that can build a heaven in hell's despair, a love that is unfathomed and deathless, flowing like heaven's life-stream full and sweet? "Your heart shall throb and overflow with joy" (Is 60:5), he said. Yes.

Every child brings down Something of heaven into the midst of our rough earthiness; but the child Jesus brought down heaven itself and that heaven is for all. That is why the Church of Christ is neither Latin nor Greek but Catholic. "In Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and sharers of the promise" (Eph. 3:6). We celebrate this weekend the Feast of the Epiphany shortly after Christmas, because at Christmas Christ came into the world and at Epiphany, his coming is announced to all the world. It is in order to convey the image that the Church of Christ is universal, that all nations are at home in her, and that the arms of her crucified Lord are stretched above all races, God drew the Gentile Wise Men from the East to the crib where his Son was born. God excludes none from salvation, if they don't exclude themselves. Hence, we Christians have a mandate to reach out with Christ's saving mission to all people; missions are a must, not a maybe.

But our mission would not be effective if we ourselves have not really found Christ for ourselves – though we may call ourselves Christians. If we have found him as the Magi did, then we would daily offer Christ our gift of 'gold' to his royalty, namely our loyalty and fidelity to him; our gift of 'frankincense' to his divinity, namely our prayer and worship; and our gift of 'myrrh' to his humanity, namely our human sufferings and sorrows. On the other hand, if we have not yet found Christ, we should ask: why? Perhaps our faith is not deep enough to keep us searching for Christ in prayer, in the scriptures, in service and in joys and sorrows of this life. Perhaps we are distracted by the myriads of little stars such as money and power, comfort and security, offered by the world as the way to happiness. If so, our faith in eternal life with Christ has to be shaken.

Therefore, Epiphany offers us both a welcome and a challenge. It welcomes us to renew our faith and continue our search for fullness of Christ. It also challenges us to continue the manifestation of Christ to the world. It challenges us to share the light of Christ we have received with others who still grope their way from dark behind, because we believe that in Christ night is day; it challenges us to offer Christ to those who are still searching for the meaning in their lives, because we know that the Lord is the joy of every heart and his is the answer to its yearnings. It challenges us to become channels of God's grace, because grace that cannot be seen is no grace at all. The question is: are you going to accept this Challenge of Epiphany?

