

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 19th January: NO SECOND Collection.

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

Fr Moses Priestly Anniversary at St Elizabeth's: As a parish, we shall celebrate the 25 years of priesthood of Fr Moses on 17th May 2025. Please put this date in your diary.

Retreat Day for all Church's Readers Saturday 25th Jan 9:30am to 1pm:

Taking place at Osburg's. All readers of our parish are encouraged to participate. Speakers: Fr Allen Morris. Fr Stephen Fawcett.

Renewal Mass Altar Servers: Thank you to all our servers for their commitment and renewal last Saturday. Thank you for the food brought by the parents. Thank you for the support from their parents and siblings.



Coventry Deanery Young Adults Group: Meeting at St Osburg's on 18th February - Time 7pm.

Hand Shake during Eucharistic Celebrations: We are free to shake hands during sign of peace. There is no restriction anymore.

Annual Ecumenical Service: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at 2.00pm Sunday 19th January 2025 in the Chapel of Unity. at Coventry Cathedral. All are welcome. **Chapel of Unity is holding, also** daily Meditations by Zoom at 6.00pm on 18 & 20 to 25 January 2025 Zoom Meeting ID: 880 8086 4348 Passcode: 900236.

Deanery Events.

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

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

Sunday 26th January: NO SECOND Collection.

Sunday 2nd February: For Pro-Life work

Sunday 9th February: Mission Appeal by Missionary Society of St Paul.

Sunday 16th February: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 23rd February: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 2nd March: For Cathedral Maintenance St Chad's Cathedral.

Sunday 9th March: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

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 & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: Bernard John McEaney, Fr. Edward D. Leister, Patrick Flaherty, Stanley Carpenter and Terence F. Lawlor. **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 Mileswski

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

DONA QR Code.



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 elderly and disabled. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for supporting the 200 Club: . This is one of the ways of being part of the Parish and contribute towards Church maintenance. Monthly membership is only £2. (Or £24 a year). Remember all adults 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. Next draw will be on Sunday 26th. Thank you very much.

Fr Moses Silver Jubilee.

I will be going home this Monday 20th to celebrate my 25th anniversary as a Priest with my family and friends in Lokiliri Village, where I grew and went to school, until I decided to join the Seminary for the priesthood. The purpose of taking my anniversary celebration there is to promote vocations and encourage boys and young men to consider priesthood in their aspiration. Please remember me in your prayers. Fr Sunday will be celebrating Sunday Masses during my holiday. Different AJ priests will supply weekday masses. Thank you for your welcome and support to the priests.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Week 2 in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday 19th Jan	9:15am	Special Intention. Mandeep Sandhu and Naseeb Sandhu-10th Anniv. of Marriage	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	Fr Moses - Thanksgiving Priesthood	
	1:00pm	Zimbabwe Community Mass	
Mon 20th	9:00am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	
Wed 22nd	9:15am	Fr. Moses-Special Intention	
Thu. 23rd	9:15am		
Fri. 24th	6:30pm	Holy Souls	
Sat 25th	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration (No Mass)	
	9:15am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	
Sunday 26th Jan.	9:15am	Ashby Family Past and Present	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	11:15am	People of the Parish	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£440** Non Gift Aid: **£203.78**. **QR code**

December Standing Order Total **£342**.

Dona Offerings: **£67**. 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 January For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Readings: Is.62:1-5; Ps.96(95); 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Jn. 2:1-11

Wedding at Cana.

Church architecture often tells in stone the story of Theology. By the ninth century, as Christian churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God. God was "invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes." Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle, which over the centuries got farther and farther away from where the people stood or sat.

One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often halfway down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends, and all tears are wiped away. It is not accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs – his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, but she also understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So, for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate every Sunday. The eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care share in the kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again. Sometimes these actions can be very lonely, and the cost can be high.

Today's gospel and the traditions of the church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints, is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith, we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheering squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way, and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best.