

## Dates for your Diary

### Second Collection this Weekend.

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

**Contactless machine:** available at the back of the church for your offerings.

**Hosting Deanery Meeting:** Our parish will welcome all the Deanery Priests and Deacons from Coventry & Nuneaton parishes this Tuesday from 10:30am. The parish will provide them with tea/coffee and Dinner. It's a great opportunity for us to show our hospitality. The meeting will be in the Lady Chapel. Food & drinks in Presbytery.

**Sunday 16th March Sacrament of Confirmation.** Will take place in both Masses. Great time for the parish to celebrate the Confirmation with the school children and Bishop Richard Walker. Please note that First Mass will be earlier at **9:00am** instead of 9:15am. Looking forward to welcoming Bishop Walker to our parish.

**Sunday 16th March:** Lent Fast CAFOD Second Collections at both Masses. Envelopes are available in church please take and return them with your donation next Sunday.

**First Confessions Yr.3** children from The Good Shepherd & St Elizabeth's schools this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm Church, in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

**The Legion of Mary:** is hoping to get a group started in St Elizabeth's to do active work for the parish: E.G visiting the sick/elderly & housebound. A member of Legion will be giving talk at Sunday Masses on **30th March**. Please consider joining and help the parish.

**Thank you for supporting the 200 Club:** Monthly membership is **only £2**. (Or **£24 a year**). Remember all adults are welcome. Winning numbers for February were No.130: **£30**, No.:50: **£15** and No.10: **£10**, Parish received **£55**. For more information please Contact Sister Joan or Tony Ashby. Next draw will be on **Sunday 30th** after Mass. Thanks

### Deanery Events.

**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 23rd March:** For Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham.

**Sunday 30th March:** For the Apostles of Jesus Missionary's Priest Training 1st col '25

**Sunday 6th April:** For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

**Sunday 13th April:** For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping.

**Good Friday 18th April:** For Holy Places - Retiring collections

**Sunday 20th April:** For the Parish Clergy/Priests

**Sunday 27th April:** For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

**Sunday 4th May:** For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

**Sunday 11th May:** For Clergy Training Fund

### The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

**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

**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:** Charles Victor DeSouza, Teri Rosalia McKendry and Agnes Mary Gallagher, **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>



Apostles of Jesus Serves:

St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

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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 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 Waitheira

#### **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

### **Pope Francis' Message for Lent.**

The Holy See's Bulletin has published Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025, entitled '**Let us journey together in hope**'. You can find the message on the website of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the following link: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2025/quaresima-2025-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html>.

**Friday Stations of the Cross:** This will be every Friday at **5:30pm** in Church throughout Lenten season with Mass at 6:30pm. This year being the '**The Jubilee**', we would like to involve many people as possible to participate. The choir and Women of Faith group have been asked to invite groups from different communities and associations to take active part. **Leaders:** Friday **14th** - Altar Servers and Youth Group; Friday **21st** March - Punjabi Chaplaincy Group, and so on ...

**Walk with Me Booklets:** still available at the back of the Church. Please take; this will help you journey through Lent. Your donation towards the cost would highly be appreciated.

**Fundraising Photograph Exhibition:** £400 raised to Support St Josephine Bakhita children's home in Pabo. Thank you.

**Lenten sessions on 'Pilgrims of hope on the synodal pathway':** Pope Francis said, "It is precisely the path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium". This Lent, you are invited to explore with others what it means to be a pilgrim of hope making this synodal journey and what significance the current Jubilee Year has in deepening our understanding of the working of the Holy Spirit at this time in our history. This faith exploration will take place over four Monday evening sessions at St Osburg's Parish Hall on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 2025. Sessions will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please register by contacting Barbara McGowan – 07528644617 Paschal Somers – 07403625292

## Mass Times and Mass Intentions: First Week of Lent Year C

<b>Sunday 9th March</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Oscar Owen R.I.P. Charles Victor & Brenda Mavis R.I.P. . Bridget Clement R.I.P. Special Intention	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	George Ssemukaaya R.I.P.	
Mon 10th	9.15am	Ann Cassidy R.I.P.	
Tues 11th		<b>Priest's Deanery Meeting</b>	
Wed 12th	9:15am	Totenda Mumurayi- Birthday	
Thu. 13th	9:15am	Nand Lal Sahunta R.I.P.	
<b>Fri. 14th</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
	6:30pm	Holy Souls	
Sat 15th	8:00am	<b>Holy Hour of Adoration</b>	
	9:15am	Dannie O'Donnell R.I.P.	
<b>Sunday 16th March</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	Good Shepherd Confirmation Peter & Catherine Ryan R.I.P.	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>
	<b>11:15am</b>	George Ssemukaaya R.I.P.	

### Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£350** Non Gift Aid: **£421** **QR code**  
Cathedral Maintenance: **£113.42**; Dona Offerings: **£44**  
February Standing Order Total **£287. 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 **30th March** at 11:15am Mass

**Pope's prayer Intention March** For Families in Crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**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](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.

## First Sunday of Lent Year C

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Ps. 91; Rom. 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

### We are in Lent.

**Lent is preparation.** The celebration of the most sublime paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ needs solemn spiritual preparation. Israel prepared for forty years before entering into the promised land; Jesus prepared for forty days (Lk4:1-2), to enter into his public ministry, which led him to death of the cross; so too we prepare during Lent in order to enter into the depth of Christ's Passion and then into Easter joy. We prepare by intensive prayer. To us, prayer ought not to be what dolls are to children, just comforting. We must take prayer seriously, at least during Lent, and find time to be alone with God in solitude for solitude is the audience chamber of God. We prepare through frequent attendance at Mass and the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Particularly we prepare through daily meditation of God's word. This is a favourable time...

**Lent is Purification.** If we want to be friends with God, as in all friendships we have to keep it in constant repair. We have to get rid of those spiritual obstacles which hinder us from responding fully to God's love. We must try to remove even our small faults, for men stumble on stones not on mountains. Our actions need purification. In our action, if we give priority to the physical rather than to the spiritual, we deny, that "man does not live by bread alone" (Lk 4:4) not only the end of our actions but the means we use to obtain them have to be also good. Jesus refused to cast himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple (Lk 4:12), for that was not God's way to make his mission a success. Life is not a football game, where you may be careful about the goal, but indifferent to the ball.

**Lent is Participation.** We will fast in Lent. Many of us would deny ourselves some of our cherished pleasures as a penance, for wanting in the past more than our fair share of the good things in life, even though millions of the children in the world die of hunger in days. Some of us will give up part of our comforts to the homeless. We will do all these and many other sacrifices not out of duty, but as our loving participation in the Passion and death of our Lord. Yes, if we are to be remade, reborn and turned around, we need to be first broken to pieces. Those who suffer in union with Christ on the cross suffer to end all suffering.

**Lent is Proclamation.** In Lent, we proclaim that "God who brought our forefathers out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arms" (Deut. 26:8) will bring us also to freedom through the cross of his Son, for it was on the cross that freedom's battle against evil was won. Throughout Lent we profess our faith that "Jesus is the Lord who died and rose from the dead" (Rom 10:9), not only to break our chains here and now but also finally to lead us into the land of free and the home of the brave. Without this faith, penance will be preposterous. Hence during Lent, we have to cling not just to the forms of faith, but to faith itself. Faith is not a feeling but a conviction. With an active faith and fire within, Lent can offer us a new beginning and it is never too late to begin. It is better to begin in the evening, than not at all.

*Have a Blessed and Fruitful Lent!!*

