

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 23rd March: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping Please use the available envelopes you collected last Sunday for this collections.

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

Friday Stations of the Cross: This is every Friday at **5:30pm** in Church throughout this Lent followed with Mass immediately. This year being a **“Jubilee Year”**, we would like to involve many people as possible to participate. **Leaders:** for next Friday **28th March English** speaking group. Leaders **4th April** by Shona/ Ndebele Chaplaincy group and so on ... **Good Friday:** All group.

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.

Mothering Sunday Next Week: There will be a small get together (bring and share) after 11:15am Mass on 30th March for mother's day celebration in the church garden organised by women of faith.

Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation '24 Hours for the Lord'

The Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation '24 Hours for the Lord' takes place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which this year is from Friday 28 March to Saturday 29 March. The theme is dedicated to Hope. Information from the Dicastery for Evangelisation can be found here: <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/24ore/24-ore-per-il-signore-2025.html>.

Kenelm Youth Trust: are seeking committed Catholics for senior leadership positions at out retreat centres based in Alton, ST10 4TT. Please call on 01538 703 224 or visit our website to apply: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelmvacancies.html. for details

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

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 10th May 2025 @9:30am

First Holy Communion: St Elizabeth's Sunday 22nd 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: John Wesley Armstrong and Ben Unis. **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 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 Waitheera

Chair of Parish Finance

and Gift Aid Scheme

Mr Stan Mileswki

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Gift Aid & Parish Finance Appeal this Sunday

Mr Tony Ashby and Gift Aid helpers will do appeal this Sunday at both Masses to recruit more people to join the Scheme and raise more money to complete our new hall. You are most welcome to join the scheme if you pay any Tax to the Government.

Priestly Anniversary of Fr Moses at St Elizabeth's

17th May 2025: The parish and School Community of St Elizabeth's and Good Shepherd will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass in honour of Fr Moses' 25 years as a Priest. Mass at 12:00Pm.

Bishop Richard Walker: Just a note to thank you for your kind hospitality on Sunday and for your generous stipend. I thought the celebrations were lovely and prayerful occasions. Please pass on my thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare them, the schools, as well as the choir for their lovely singing. I was also delighted to meet the sisters and have the opportunity to spend time with you and with them over lunch. Please also thank the ladies who prepared that wonderful meal. I look forward to seeing you again soon. Thank you.

Apostles of Jesus Mission Appeal Sunday Next

Sunday: Mission appeal on behalf of the Apostles of Jesus will be carried out in support of their missions in the world and especially for the training of the priests. The archbishop authorised Apostles of Jesus to make two annual mission appeals in all the parishes which they are serving. St Elizabeth's is one, and our Second Collections in this first appeal on 30th March at all Masses. Last Year 1st December we raised a total of **£650** including £183 from the box at the back of the church marked Apostles of Jesus which several people have been dropping in some cash regularly. Please make use of that box and support us in training more priests. Thank you.

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

Sunday 23rd March	9:00am	Special Intention Oscar Owen R.I.P. Michael & Margaret R.I.P.	3rd Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Peter Whitehouse— Special Intentions	
Mon 24th	9.15am	Ann Cassidy R.I.P.	
Wed 26th	9:15am	Barry Leedham R.I.P.	
Thu. 27th	9:15am	Ann Cassidy R.I.P.	
Fri. 28th	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
	6:30pm	Holy Souls	
Sat 29th	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
	9:15am	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	
Sunday 30th March	9:15am	Special Intention Mary Ashby R.I.P. Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	4th Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Special Intentions	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£376** Non Gift Aid: **£290** **QR code**

CAFOD: **£374.53**; Dona Offerings: **£ 53**

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 A Sr Joan & Alter Servers/Parents.**

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 Lent Year C

Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a.13-15 ; Ps.103; 1 Cor.10:1-6, 10-12; Lk.13:1-9

Consequences of Sin!

Dealing with the consequences of any sin requires time and place, context, and contrition.

The Third Sunday of Lent is all about second chances. In Exodus, we have a bush that is alight but does not burn, and in Luke we have a fig tree that does not bear fruit, is earmarked for the axe and saved by the gardener. In both cases, where we would expect to find destruction, we find new opportunities for growth, nurturance, and flowering.

Over the centuries the goodness of God that always gives us another chance has not been proclaimed as vigorously as it should have been. We have focused on God's justice as though it was a once-and-for-all, shape-up-or-ship-out sort of message. These ideas can be deduced from today's second reading where Paul seems to argue that God killed the chosen people for their complaining and infidelity. Paul was a tough man and for him Christian commitment was no picnic. He was aware of how people were suffering and dying for the gospel, so he was at pains to teach the people of Corinth that the commitment demanded from the gospel could entail everything they had. His reading of why the Israelites died in the desert, however, needs to be read against the second chances people get in other stories of the New Testament, especially in the gospel.

We believe during Lent that we enter a holy time in our year and visit a holy place in ourselves where the fire of God's love should burn brightly within us. We are offered these weeks of Lent to re-examine our values, family history, commitment, fidelity, and growth, so as to chart how best we can grow old with God. To do this sometimes requires facing up to our sinful behaviour and making choices to change our lives. We can only do this when we trust that the fire of God's love is not about destruction, but compassion, forgiveness, and a second chance.

May the eucharist be nurturance for the foundations of our lives and a moment to take stock and to assess with honesty the fruitfulness of how, as a sign of the Christ's light within us, we live out our faith in our marriage, family, home, at work, and in the world.

