

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 30th March: For the Apostles of Jesus Missionary's Priest

Training 1st col '25 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.

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

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>.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

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: Catherine Pattison, Veronica Dixon, Mary McCarthy, Anna Krumins, Gerard O'Donoghue, Mary Sheppard and Noreen Finlan.

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 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 Milescki

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and

Alaysa Embate

Justice and Peace

CAFOD/SVP

Maria Paseka

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

Gift Aid & Parish Finance Appeal.

Thank you very much to Mr Tony Ashby for the appeal last Sunday which went exceptionally well.

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.

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.

New Parish Hall Electricity: We have been told that National Grid couldn't connect electricity to our new hall due to some issues with underground cables in the hall. The builder needs to correct the problem before they can come back to connect the power. Which means we have to wait for another 4 weeks slot. Very disappointing news

Easter Food Bank Appeal: As part of our Lenten Almsgiving we will be having our usual Easter Food Bank Appeal. Donations of Tinned or dried foods. No Fresh food please. These will be distributed before Easter. God bless.

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

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	
Mon 31st	9.15am	Laura-Special Intention	
Wed 2nd April	9:15am	Joan-Special Intention	
Thu. 3rd	9:15am	Kevin Shakespeare R.I.P. Felister N. R.I.P.	
Fri. 4th	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
	6:15pm	Kevin Shakespeare R.I.P.	
Sat 5th	8:00am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
	9:15am	Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	
Sunday 6th April	9:15am	Special Intention Elizabeth Fulconbridge R.I.P. Eddie Ryan R.I.P.	5th Sunday of Lent
	11:15am	Special Intentions	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£431** Non Gift Aid: **£338** **QR code**
NPH: **£103.06**. Dona Offerings: **£ 74**
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 B Women of Faith.**

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

Readings: Joshua 5:9a,10-12; Ps.34(33); 2Cor.5:17-21; Lk.15:1-3, 11-32

Home Coming

What is so shocking about Jesus' parable of the prodigal son is that, as the story goes, everything about the Jewish culture of first-century Palestine set the boy up for a fall: He was greedy for his father's inheritance; we can assume he left the promised land for the far country where he squandered his inheritance recklessly; he ended up eating with the unclean pigs; and then he had the temerity to return and ask for forgiveness.

This was the least likable kid in town. He did not deserve to be treated better than a slave. That's what makes the boy's father so magnificent in love. He was derided by his faithful older son for this folly of the heart, and he would have been considered a fool by his neighbours. And this is the model of compassion Jesus gives us to emulate.

There are many families who similarly fret over a child. They wander away from us in all sorts of ways, not just physically. In her poem "Missing," Mairead T Duffy reminds us that the hope we have for our loved one's return is the same anticipation God has for us.

The context for the story of the prodigal son matters. The author of Luke 15 has Jesus responding to charges about the company he was keeping and especially those with whom he dined. In Jesus' day, one only ate with intimates and Jesus shared his table with losers. Three parables are given as an explanation for this practice: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. In each case the shepherd, the woman, and the father go to ridiculous lengths to save that which is lost.

Who was admitted to the table of Luke's community was a huge issue! And it seems some things never change. The actions and words of Jesus, however, lead us to conclude the table is here for those of us who know the frailty of our life enough to recognise our hunger and thirst for the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation.

Today's gospel is not just about each of us being welcomed into the arms of our compassionate God, it is also a challenge for us to defend the right of the outcasts, the public sinners, and the losers who seek to turn their life round to be welcomed here as well. This is not just about the table of the eucharist, either. To the degree that we help this nation to be more hospitable to the most defenceless, the poor, and the displaced/refugees then we live out the power of this parable.

We pray that the Eucharist, help us live beyond our history, which so often colours those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt and show compassion and may it give us the courage and faith to be ridiculously generous, and magnificently loving.