

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

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

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

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: From **12:00pm** from Church to school

Easter Cards & Mass times: Available in Church. It contains Mass Times and Holy Week programmes. Please take a copy for yourself and also for your neighbour. Easter Offering and gifts envelopes are also available for you.

Fr Moses Silver Jubilee: postponed until end of June or beginning of July. The Parish Pastoral Council thought that it would be wise to celebrate it when our new hall is ready and to be combined with its opening too. Agreed date will be communicated. The idea is to celebrate it as whole parish community with participation of all members including Ethnic Chaplaincies and parish schools

Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist Renewal: This will take place on the Solemnity of **Corpus Christi** Sunday June 22nd at both Masses.

St. Killians Votive Burning System: We continue trialling the St Killians Votive Burning System. St Killians is the safest, cleanest, most environmentally friendly votive burning system in the world. Their system is endorsed for its safety by the largest insurer to the Catholic Church in the world. The candles in the system are completely smoke free, which will help preserve our statues and artifacts and reduce our maintenance costs. The system does not use any plastic or aluminium. All the candle wax from the system is recycled. The system is a lot cleaner than our current votive system, and wax spillage on the floors, stands and surrounding areas will be greatly reduced. We also hope the beauty of the system enhances your experience of lighting votive candles.

Sunday 11th May at 9:15am: Commissioning of the PPC will take place on 4th Sunday of Easter also known as Vocation or Good Shepherd Sunday.

Easter Food Bank Appeal: Donations of Tinned or dried foods. No Fresh food please. To be taken away on Good Friday. Please drop them in the white box in sanctuary area.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

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: Noel Dunne, Ann McCann and Gladys (Emma) William.

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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[elizabeths-church-coventry](https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry). or Online Donation go to:

<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 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

The Parish Pastoral Council.

This Council has created three Committees to support their work at the parish. These are open to anyone who want to support the parish. Please join us to help run the parish.

1. **Pastoral and Liturgical Committee:** Working closely with the Parish Priest on the liturgical and pastoral matters of the parish etc.
2. **Development/Social/Fundraising Committee:** to coordinate all events, including Multicultural Day, Parish Fairs/Raffles, New Hall Management, Coffee/Tea after Mass etc.
3. **Maintenance Committee:** To coordinate Church's maintenance, Gardens, Church cleaning, Church Flowers and Decorations etc.

New Hall Electricity: National Grid will come back this Monday 14th to complete the cable installation. Integra will also be on site to ensure smooth installation.

Proposal for the Kitchen: I received one proposal although cost not yet included, but only to have an idea. It's on notice board. Your comments are welcome. If you know of anyone who can give us a quote for kitchen, please bring to Father.

Chairs & Tables for New Hall: We have been searching for the above and found out that a good single chair cost between £13-£19. The Fundraising has already started and Mr/Mrs Douglas donated £600. We need a total of 120 chairs and 30 Tables. Please think about this over Easter and if you want to donate for chairs or tables would be great. You can do it as a family or individual. We shall get them after Easter.

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

Sunday 13th April	9:15am	Leonard Pearson R.I.P. Juliet Bernadette R.I.P.	Palm Sunday Year C
	11:15am	Angeline & Gabby - Family Int. Simon - Thanksgiving	
Mon 14th	9.15am	Nora & Patrick O'Donnell	
Wed 16th	9:00am	Mick Breslin R.I.P.	
Thu. 17th	8:00PM	Last Supper	Maundy Thursday
Fri. 18th	12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Good Friday
	3:00pm	The Passion Of Our Lord	
Sat 19th	8:00pm	Easter Vigil Lena, George and John Harkin RIP	Holy Saturday
Sunday 20th April	9:15am	Dorothy Babra R.I.P. Mick Breslin R.I.P. Oscar Owen R.I.P.	Easter Sunday
	11:15am	Special Intentions Mary Stubbs - Sp. Intentions	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£400** Non Gift Aid: **£291**

QR code



NPH: **£114.52**. Dona Offerings: **£ 222**

March Standing Order Total **£462. 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 **7:30-8:30pm**. Every one is welcome.

Youth Mass: Every Last Sunday of each Month. On **27th April** at 11:15am Mass

Pope's prayer Intention April: For use of the new technologies. Pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationship, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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

Palm Sunday of Lent Year C

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps.22(21); Philipians 2:6-11; Lk.22:14-23:56

Why darkness matters.

One of the most important directives to come from the restoration of the Triduum liturgies is that the entire Easter Vigil must take place after nightfall (Roman missal, Easter Vigil 3). Prior to this it was not uncommon for parishes to celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday morning. Imagine lighting the paschal fire in the bright of day, proclaiming how the light of Christ has dispelled the darkness! No wonder so many parishes have become content with tiny paschal fires. When the darkness doesn't matter, neither does the fire.

Today, most parishes wait until the evening. However, many of these will still begin their vigil while daylight remains on the horizon. Though it may technically be nightfall, the intent of the lighting of the paschal fire is clear. We must show fully by our symbols how the light of Christ has dispelled not just partial darkness but the complete and overwhelming darkness of death, a darkness we cannot control.

The three days of Easter Triduum lead the Church through the mysteries at the heart of our faith. We are invited to make this journey with Christ. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist: the gift of Christ's Body broken for us, and Christ's Blood poured out for us. As Jesus showed his love by washing his disciples' feet, so the Christian is called to show solidarity and act with love towards those who are in need.

Good Friday speaks of the love which God has for each person. The most scandalous sinner is invited to repent and return to God. Forgiveness is unbounded for the one who is sincere. In venerating the cross, we are invited to place at the feet of Jesus – pain, hurt, sorrow, anger, sin, and failure. The gentle Jesus is there to caress our heads and God is there to welcome each one home.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting. The Church is empty and bare. It is stripped of decoration and feels empty. There is something missing. But the emptiness of Holy Saturday has provided an opportunity to wait and reflect on the events of Holy Week.

It also reminds us of many difficult moments in our human life – sickness, grief, imprisonment, loss of friends, loneliness, struggling for justice in a situation of oppression, speaking the truth when the cost is high – the promise of resurrection is that God will triumph.

Martin Luther King whilst struggling for justice for Afro-American endured suffering, rejection, and death. He knew from his Christian faith that he must live the Good Friday of suffering and emptiness of Holy Saturday, but the Easter Sunday would dawn. It would be a day of everlasting joy.

