

Dates for your Diary

Second Collection this Weekend.

Sunday 11th May: For Clergy Training Fund.

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

Statement from Archbishop Bernard Longley: I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square, he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023. I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate. With my prayers and kindest wishes.

New Priests assigned to our Parishes: Two Missionary priests of the Apostles of Jesus will arrive in the archdiocese of Birmingham to start their missionary work. Both priests will be in Coventry Nuneaton deanery. One will work with Fr Jimmy at Our Lady of Angels' parish and other with Fr Moses at St. Elizabeth's Parish (Residence at St Osburg's). Both will be assistant Parish priests. We would like to thank you for your determination to support the training of a missionary priest, which, as you can see is bearing fruit to benefit the church. The new priests' names are Fr. Pius Mmanda Junior from the Republic of Tanzania and Fr. Robert Mugabe from Uganda. They will be arriving soon.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to Yr3 from Good Shepherd Pri School for the reception of their First Holy Communion last Saturday. Thank you to Good Shepard School, staff and especially the catechists.

Blessed Carlo Acutis - Tuesday 13th May at 6:00pm: At Bishop Ullathorne school, Coventry CV3 6BH. Jacquie Stacey will share her wealth of knowledge of Carlo's story. Adoration and veneration of a relic will also be available.

The Second Collection weeks Ahead in 2025 Diary.

Sunday 18th May: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 25th May: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping

Sunday 1st. June: For Catholic Communications Funds.

Sunday 8th June: For the New Parish Hall Chairs, Tables and Landscaping.

Sunday 15th. June: For Day for Life Charity collections.

Sunday 29th. June: For Peter Pence - Mission

The Sacraments School/Parish 2025 Diary.

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, Gerald Ani & Rosy Prudent. **Get Well Soon.**

Death Anniversaries this Week: . Marjorie Bowen and Gemma Garland.

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://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk> **Webcam** [https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-](https://www.mcn.live/Camera/st-elizabeths-church-coventry)

[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 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 Waitthera

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

Chairs & Tables for New Hall: The Fundraising has started, £1300 received few weeks ago. Another £1300 received last Sunday from anonymous donor, plus more individual donors and £150 from the Tea & Chat group of the parish. We are in the process of ordering 125 chairs and 30 Tables. Obviously more donations welcome anytime. Thank you very much to everyone.

Landscaping New Hall area: Three quotes received one £43,000, £37,000 and £20,000. We are still waiting for more quotes. Several individuals and companies visited the site and took measurements, but have not yet submitted their quotes. As soon as we get them, we shall decide which is good for us. If you know anyone who could give us a better quote, please let Father know. Thank you.

Proposal for the Kitchen: We have received one proposal for our new hall. The cost without labour for used stainless steel range cooker is £7,500. Design is on the notice board for comments. We will order the kitchen as soon as Integra builders finish their work and hand us keys. We are working hard to make sure that we are ready for 28th June official opening.

Commissioning of the Parish Pastoral Council 11th

Sunday: This pastoral group of our parish will be commissioned officially today at 9:15am Mass. Very fitting indeed, especially as we celebrate the Vocation Sunday, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This group will be commissioned to help the priests in ministering the needs of parishioners at St Elizabeth's Church.

Official Opening of the New Hall: This will be on Saturday 28th June at 12.00pm It will be on the same day, as the parish celebrates the 25th anniversary of Fr Moses Priesthood. Please write the date in your diary.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions: Easter Week Four Year C

Sunday 11th May	9:15am	Special Intentions Paul's Intentions Mary Baker-Birthday	4th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	PPC Sp. Intentions	
Mon 12th	9.15am	Dannie O'Donnell R.I.P.	
Weds 14th	9:15am	Mary Beesley –Sp. Intention	St. Matthias
Thu. 15th	9:15am		
Fri. 16th	6:30pm	Rattan Daniel Chand and Siboo Devi R.I.P.	
Sat 17th	8:00am 9:15am	Holy Hour of Adoration	
Sunday 18th May	9:15am	Special Intentions Anthony Cruzz R.I.P. Margaret Ashby	5th Sunday of Easter
	11:15am	Ayalin & Angline - Sp. Int.	

Weekly Offertory and online Donations!

Gift Aid Scheme: **£386** Non Gift Aid : **£222** **QR code**

NPH: **£216.62**. Tea & Chat: **£150**

Dona Offerings: **£107**.

April Standing Order Total **£164**. 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 **31st May** at **11:15am** Mass

Pope's prayer Intention May: For Working Conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity, and that society may be humanised.

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: sq.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 Easter Year C

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43b-52; Ps.100(99); Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17; Jn.10:27-30

God Calls, and We Answer.

In August 2003 Richard Attenborough celebrated his 80th birthday. In the early part of his life he was an actor in the theatre and in film. Later on, he became a film director and has produced some very good work. But, as he said, himself, he never wanted to be a film director, he just wanted to direct one film. That film was "Gandhi". In 1962, he was handed a biography of the great Indian leader and once he had read it, he knew he had to make the film. It took him another twenty years before he achieved his goal, but the result was well worth wait.

The film tells the story of a man of peace who spend his life fighting against the injustice and violent tendencies of their world. In one scene we see the mahatma very weak from fasting in an attempt to curb the violence in his own land. From his sick bed, he says, "all the lessons of history tell us that violence never succeeds. For a film it appears to win, but in the end it always fails. Always.

Like Gandhi, the early Christian church found faced with the constant threat of violence. Beginning with arguments and verbal abuse, it proceeds to threats and assaults, then to arrest, imprisonment and finally death. The apostle, Paul, experienced all these things, on an ascending order of hostility throughout the course of his missionary life. His visit to Antioch in Pisidia with Barnabas is welcomed by the local people, but resented by the Jewish community, his own people. Paul and Barnabas are expelled from the city.

The Christian community in Rome suffered terrible treatment at the hands of the emperor, Nero. They were made scapegoats for the fire that destroyed a great part of the city. They were most cruelly dealt with to distract the population from uncomfortable rumours about the emperor himself. The shock of this violence prompted John the apostle to write about them and to reassure the followers of Jesus that all would be well.

The people "who went through the great persecution", as he describes it, were the Christians of Rome, who suffered at the hands of Nero in the year 64. John tells us that God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. He wants us to persevere in our faith and in our love and not to yield to the temptation to turn to violence ourselves. Our great example in all this is Jesus: the one who describes himself as a shepherd, who cares for his sheep, even to the point of laying down his life for them. In conversation with the Jewish religious leaders, Jesus speaks of his true followers as those who listen to his voice. That voice speaks of peace. It also speaks of justice and truth. It is a voice that will not be silenced. Violence cannot stop the force of truth.

Today's generation, like every generation that went before, is plagued by violence. People suffer greatly through the anger, hostility and downright viciousness that occur every day around the globe. The evil that people do lives after them, spawning more evil in its turn, creating cycles of violence. As the followers of Christ, are we true members of his flock, living peaceful lives? Do we hear his voice? John in his vision saw a huge number of people, made up from every nation, race, tribe, and language. They were people who have suffered, but who have come through suffering and are now victorious. That victory is not only over the violence of others, but also over the temptation to violence that we find in ourselves. This is the greater victory, the victory over us.

Gandhi was inspired in his life by the teaching of Jesus in the Beatitudes – blesses are the peacemakers. In his turn, Gandhi inspired Martin Luther King, who led great marches in America in the 1960s for justice and equality. What about you?