

Notices for week beginning 29th November 2020

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| Sat 28 th | 6.00pm | Molly Webber RIP Cathy | |
| Sun 29 th | 10.15am | Patrick O'Driscoll RIP K&T.M | |
| | 6.00pm | No Mass | |
| Mon 30 th | 7.00pm | Dara Long RIP Govana | Gluten free host |
| Tues 1 st | 7.00pm | Sp Int CA | available in the Sacristy |
| Wed 2 nd | 7.00pm | Brian Gisborne RIP Mary | before Mass |
| Thu 3 rd | 9.00am | Special Int Annette Hughes | |
| Fri 4 th | 9.00am | Ray Hughes RIP 8 th Ann Annette Hughes | |
| | 7.00pm | Michael Dunnion RIP Patrick Parden RIP Annie D | |
| Sat 5 th | 9.00am | No Mass | Come out |
| | 6.00pm | Jim McMullan RIP Mary | & |
| Sun 6 th | 10.15am | James Fitzgerald RIP Annie | Pray the Mass |
| | 12.30pm | Kate Gallagher RIP Patsy | |
| | 6.00pm | No Mass | |

Church will reopen on Saturday 5th December for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.30pm – 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6pm

Golden Jubilee. The Legion of Mary, (Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs' praesidium), celebrates the 50th anniversary of its formation in St. Edward's parish on Monday 9th November. The parish wishes to thank its spiritual directors and past and present members, both active and auxiliary, who have brought us to this milestone anniversary. May God grant eternal rest to the deceased spiritual directors and members of the praesidium. There will be a Mass of celebration on Sunday December 13th to which all are invited, circumstances permitting. Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs and St. Edward pray for us

How to access the picture/webcam in the Upper Room

Go to the parish website and follow links for the upper room Parish Website: <https://stedward.org.uk/>
Go to You tube <https://www.youtube.com/> and type in St Edwards, Selly Park
Or type the following into your browser <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/d8e46be62ebbf3/S-41947>

CHURCH WEBCAM: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

Church website <https://stedward.org.uk/>- the website has been updated and the weekly bulletins can now be found online here.

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Church donations - if anyone would like to change their donations to a bank standing order, please let Brendan Campbell know and he'll send the details that you will need. You can email him at bren.campbell@hotmail.com or call or text on 07887 915373.

Pope's Mission Statement for November: During November, we pray with Pope Francis that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence always serves humankind. "The future is, most of all, in the hands of those people..."

FAMILY OFFERINGS - Thank you for your presence among us, for your prayers, and for your generous monetary offerings that we know are sometimes given in great sacrifice. We promise to be good stewards with the contributions you entrust in our care.

SICK: Rose Hyland, Peter Pamba, Caroline Holland, Marie Flynn, Felix McCann, John Masterson, James Neild, Megan Foley, Peter Power, Keith Dunsby, Rita (Dunsby) Miles, Eileen Murray, Vickie Keating, Roger Hookes and all the sick and housebound of the Parish.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Edward Neary, Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Rev Norman Millard, Rev Peter John Rogers, Archbishop Edward Ilsley. Also Catherine Davis, Laurence Griffiths, Margaret Grainger, John Power, James Carty, Martin Walsh, Doreen McCaffery, Nora Henry, Michael Dunnion, Nellie McGovern, June Westwood, Tom Haynes and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

WALK WITH ME – A DIOCESAN PRAYER: Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire that you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come to know and praise your beauty with all our brothers and sisters in the life to come. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you, enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me – tell me what I should do. I promise to submit myself to all that you permit to happen to me – let me only know your holy will. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI: Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malignant enemy defend me. In the hour of my death, call me and bid me to come to thee, that with thy saints, I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Lord Jesus, send labourers into your harvest. Inspire in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity. May those whom you call to the priesthood and religious life have the courage to give themselves to your Church as co-operators in your work.

St John Vianney – *Pray for Us.*

PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN Almighty and eternal God, we offer heartfelt thanks and praise for the life and witness of Saint John Henry Newman. In him You have given us an inspiring example of a priest and teacher heroically devoted to the pursuit of holiness and the salvation of souls. Through his intercession and his teaching we ask You to pour out Your blessings on all Your children who seek Your truth, so that all may come to know and love You in the one fold of the Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

ADOREMUS – PRAYER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name]

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit, Hail Mary....

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made Flesh;

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **R. Amen.**

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise & all Thanksgiving, Be Every Moment Thine (to be said 3 times)

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Have mercy on us (say 3 times)

Talk to Jesus, let Jesus talk to you, then talk to family & friends

“Heaven doesn’t value what you have but what you give.” Pope Francis

THE DEEP END – Finding our feet

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the ‘lockdown’. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn’t make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn’t know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In today’s gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to ‘stay awake’. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are ‘awake’ to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards.

‘In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says: ‘Rejoice.’

Pope Francis

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