

Notices for week beginning 13th December 2020

Sat 12 th	6.00pm	Parishioners	
Sun 13 th	10.15am	Legion of Mary, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Golden Jubilee	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 14 th	9.00am	Sp Intention Mary	Gluten free host
Tues 15 th	7.00pm	Bridget Featherstone RIP DM	available in the Sacristy
Wed 16 th	9.00am	Rosary	before mass
School	9.30am	Vera Malone RIP K&TM	
Thu 17 th	9.00am	Private Intention AP	
Fri 18 th	9.00am	Alma Kelly RIP DM	
Sat 19 th	9.00am	No Mass	Come out
	6.00pm	Thomas & Jane Robinson RIP Jimmy	&
Sun 20 th	10.15am	Bridie Higgins	Pray the Mass
	6.00pm	No Mass	

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/d8e46be2ebbf3/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 December: Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when He created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self

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 George Gallagher, Rev William Henry Browne, Rev Cyril Barlow, Rev John Griffith, Rev Joseph Rowland, Rev Denis Ryan, Rev Michael McKiernan, Rev Peter Kavanagh, Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Mgr Bernard Navin, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara. Also James Mannion, Patrick Mellett, Martin Sayers, Fr Tom Hogan, John Donaghy, Cassian Menezes, Henry John Byrne, Peggy Fallon, James Gunning, Alma May Kelly and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MASS ATTENDANCE: Sat (vigil) 38, Sun (10.15am) 48

Off Collection £462.50, 2nd Collection Poor Parishes £113.53

Christmas 2020

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, and to make sure we adhere to the COVID-19 restrictions for Public Worship, Fr Denis has tentatively scheduled Mass at the following times:

Christmas Eve (24 December):

12:00 PM;

14:00

16:00

18:00

21:30

Christmas Day (25 December):

7:30 AM

8:30 AM

10:15 AM

You will be required to book a place beforehand if you want to attend one of these Masses. **To do so, please use the following link:**

http://stedwards_sellypark.eventbrite.co.uk?s=126590751

You will need to give your name (first name, surname) and phone number as we need this for "Track and Trace". These will be deleted when they are no longer required by "Track and Trace".

If you are unfamiliar with an on-line booking system, please seek help from (younger) relatives or friends, or, if that is not an option, you can ring any of the contacts below to book your place.

Please note that Masses which are not popular, i.e. with too few people registered, may be cancelled, both to ease the hectic schedule of Fr Denis and to optimise the use of the limited amount of volunteers for stewarding and cleaning. Anyone registered on a cancelled Mass will be contacted and offered an alternative Mass.

Please ensure you completed your booking by December 23rd, so we can plan the resources needed for each Mass and produce the lists with registered attendees for each Mass.

If you are able to help out at any of these Masses, with stewarding and cleaning afterwards, please contact Deacon Dirk Hermans at dcn.dirk.hermans@rcaob.org.uk
Your contribution will be much appreciated.

Contacts for bookings when you can't arrange an on-line booking yourself:

Deacon Dirk Hermans on 0121 6890831;

Kevin Connolly 07968207042

Maureen Moynihan 07791036966

If you're through to an answer phone, please leave a message clearly stating your full name (first name, surname), your phone number and the date and time of the Mass you wish to book for. St Edwards Parish is looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at one of these Masses, to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE DEEP END – A bearer of light

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth Gospel and in its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light bearer, he is not *the* light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter. Like John, we are called to be light-bearers. To carry Christ's love and light to those we meet in our daily lives. Our world needs light-bearers, especially in these Winter months. It might be a good opportunity to ask today 'Who have been the light bearers for me in these past months?' And also, 'To whom can I carry light to this week?' In this way we observe Christ's ongoing incarnation in the world today.

'Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light ... teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend ... they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome.'

Michel de Verteuil

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.

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

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Legion of Mary

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Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

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