

## Notices for week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Thomas & Jane Robinson RIP Jimmy	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Bridie Higgins	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Tom Mannion Int MG	Gluten free host
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Gallagher family Kathleen	available in the Sacristy
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Mary & Michael O'Sullivan Int MG	before mass
<b>Thu 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	Special Private Intention D	
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	Mike Stanley Fam L&D	
<b>Eve</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	Noel & Osion Sweeney & Fam	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Pat Forde RIP Angela	
	<b>9.30pm</b>	Parishioners	
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Parishioners	
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Philbin & O'Sullivan Fam L&D	
<b>Day</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Patrick King RIP BK	
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	Una Bolger RIP Kevin RIP	Come out
<b>St Stephen's</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners	&
<b>Day</b>			Pray the Mass
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Jerome & Frank Monaghan RIP BMM	
	6.00pm	No Mass	

### 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](mailto: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 Edmund Motherway, Mgr Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas N. Meagher. Also Bazilia Dereyo, Michael McAuliffe, Agnes O'Donoghue, Kathleen Sullivan, Annaliese Gottschalk, Henrietta Monton Cabalan, Patrick McCormack, Anne Clinton, Elsie Olive Chapman, Sarah Slattery, John McGarry, Patrick King and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**MASS ATTENDANCE: Sat (vigil) 24, Sun (10.15am) 52**

*Off Collection £263.91, 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Flowers £125.47*

## **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](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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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 – Keep awake

The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalised from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be 'second-class Jews'. It is here Jesus comes. God surprises. God stands with the marginalised. God is present in the most hidden places at times.

On the first Sunday of Advent we were invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what have you noticed this advent? What has your waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God present this Advent? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalised? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again?

*'Quiet me within, clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word once again may take flesh – this time, within me – as once it did in holy Mary; long Advent days ago.'*

Edward Hays,  
*Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim*

### 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*

## ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH

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### Parish Contacts:

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#### *Reader's Coordinator*

Dirk Hermans 0121 689 0831

#### *Ministers of Holy Comm Coordinator*

Kevin Connolly, c/o Presbytery

#### *Church Flowers*

Kate Kennedy, 07759 806986

#### *Choir Coordinator*

Rita Ocho – 458 1105/07980107834

#### *Bulletin Coordinator*

Maureen Moynihan 07791 036966

#### *Gift Aid*

Brendan Campbell 07887 915373

#### *Sunday Evening Choir & Music*

Maureen Regan, 0121 427 1812

#### *Leader of congregational singing*

Rita Menezes, 07757 765558

#### *Organists/pianists -*

Pauline 07703355655 and

Cheryl Toh 07551224897

#### *Legion of Mary*

Rita Ocho – 458 1105/07980107834

#### *Head of St Edwards School*

Mrs J Kennett – 0121 464 1730

#### *St Edwards School, Chair of Governors*

Kevin Connolly – 464 1730 (school)

#### *QE Hospital Chaplain & St Mary's Hospice*

Fr Charles Miller- 0121 371 4568

### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

***Fr Denis J McGillicuddy, Parish Priest, 0121 472 0190***

***Fr Roger Raven, 0121 439 7714***

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