

## Notices for week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Jim McMullan RIP Mary	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	James Fitzgerald RIP Annie	
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Kate Gallagher RIP Patsy	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Jean & Michael Fitzgerald RIP Holy Soul's & family	Gluten free host available in the Sacristy before Mass
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	Hilda & Anthony Donoghue RIP & Holy Souls	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Forde & McGowan Fam – L&D Mary	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kathleen Gibbons ill Maura	
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	John Fee RIP	
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Nicola Thompson ill Mary	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	No Mass	Come out
	6.00pm	Parishioners	&
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Legion of Mary, Our Lady Queen of M. Golden	Pray the Mass
	6.00pm	No Mass	

**Church will reopen on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its formation in St. Edward's parish on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bren.campbell@hotmail.com) or call or text on 07887 915373.

**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 Liam MacFarlane, Rev Michael George Knight, Rev William Warner, Rev Anthony Kane, Rev George Rafferty, Rev Jerome O'Flynn, Rev Hugh Molloy, Rev Vincent Lucas, Mgr Canon Francis Harold Drinkwater. Also Thomas Haynes, Joseph Mucklow, Robert Hookes, Bridie Goley, Anne Harman, James Fitzgerald, Patrick Dwyer, Patrick Hanlon, Liam O'Sullivan, Kevin Saunders, Florence McDermott, Maisie Kiernan and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**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.

**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 – The beginning of the good news**

The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely and spent a lot of time in the desert, *‘the voice of one crying out in the wilderness’*. Yet it seems he was very popular with *‘all the people of Jerusalem’* went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. In John the Baptist’s time, the people lived under the oppression of the Roman Empire and were waiting for someone who would liberate them. John points to one that is greater than he, he points the people to Jesus.

When Pope Francis released the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* in October this year he noted that dark clouds hang over our world and he urged everyone to embrace a spirit of friendship, kindness, compassion and solidarity as we move forward, to help ensure the dignity of every person and a more sustainable world for all. We have certainly experienced a type of *wilderness* this year as we continue to battle the effects of COVID19 and find a way forward. Our communities need messengers, like John, who bring good news, hope and a vision for the future, who point us towards a new way forward.

As we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives once more, let’s make the most of this advent time, the most of this waiting time. May we use this space to reflect on what type of world can be born out of this wilderness we find ourselves in. May we reach out to those who are crying out for hope during these difficult months, like John the Baptist, offering a positive vision for the future.

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