

Notices for week beginning 3rd January 2021

Sat 2 nd	6.00pm	Mary Caswell RIP Catherine C	
Sun 3 rd	10.15am	Patrick O'Driscoll RIP	
		Alice & Jerry Kelly RIP VC	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 4 th	9.00am	Sammy McEwan RIP Marie	Gluten free hosts
Tues 5 th	7.00pm	Margaret & Denis Hough & James Hyland RIP	available in the Sacristy
Wed 6 th	9.00am	Rosary	before mass
School	9.30am	Catherine K. Fr Joe Taffe & Fr Peter McKenna RIP	
Thu 7 th	9.00am	Cyril McGillicuddy RIP 13 th Anniv D.	
Fri 8 th	9.00am	Bridie & Mick Nugent Int MC	
Sat 9 th	11.00am	Mary Crotty Int 100 th Birthday D.	Come out
	6.00pm	Melgrew Fam Int MC	&
Sun 10 th	10.15am	Thomas Dunne RIP Tom	Pray the Mass
	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/d8e46be2ebbf3/S-41947>

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

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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 January: we pray with Pope Francis that the Lord may give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another and open to all. The world needs concrete signs of solidarity, especially before the temptation of indifference.

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 Martin Cassidy, Rev Philip Garrett, Canon Martin Power, Rev Francis Dwyer, Rev Philip Smith, Rev John P Davis, Rev Brian Harding, Rev John Bentley, Rev Charles Becker. Also Mary Jones, Harold Vaughan, Mary Courtney, John Carter, Williamina Jamie, Joyce Andrews, Christine Cashin, Jerry Heffernan, Alice Kelly, Margaret O'Connor, Ellen Frampton, Breda Glynn, Cyril McGillicuddy, Betty Evans, Mary Collins, James Rock, Alice Lonergan 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

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

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.

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

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)

THE DEEP END – Taking Root

We talk about having ‘roots’ as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Being rooted somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community, maybe to buy a house or start a family, we talk about ‘putting down roots’. It means we are making this place our home. It is a rich metaphor from the plant world. The roots of a tree or plant represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment. It becomes part of the place where it’s planted. We use this expression in everyday language too – when an idea ‘takes root’ in us, it is something that becomes a part of us, inseparable from our very selves.

Today’s first reading speaks of the wisdom of God ‘taking root in a privileged people’. It describes it another way as ‘pitching a tent’. These images offer us a way into understanding the complex language of today’s gospel, which talks about God’s relationship with us by sending Jesus: ‘The Word was made flesh, he lived among us’.

By becoming human, God put down roots not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. God pitched a tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep. We are in God, and God is in us. This is the mystery we celebrate in this season of Christmas – that in Jesus, God became part of the very world that God created, and part of us: ‘He was in the world that had its being through him.’ We are indeed a privileged people!

‘Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.’

Caryll Houselander

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