

Notices for week beginning 21st February 2021

Sat 20 th	6.00pm	Parishioners	
Sun 21 st	10.15am	Billy Hopkins RIP Months Mind Patricia	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 22 nd	9.00am	Byrnes Family L&D	Gluten free hosts
Tues 23 rd	7.00pm	Sean Brady RIP AK	available in the Sacristy
Wed 24 th	9.00am	Rosary	before mass
School	9.30am	Joseph Kavanagh RIP Tom	
Thu 25 th	9.00am	Paul Brady RIP 1 st Anniv AK	
Fri 26 th	9.00am	Michael Towey	
Sat 27 th	9.00am	No Mass	Come out
	6.00pm	Ken Jackson RIP Hilary	&
Sun 28 th	10.15am	Patricia Bell RIP Sandra	Pray the Mass
	6.00pm	No Mass	

The Legion of Mary invites you to join them at the Holy Hour on Saturday 27th February at 4.15 starting with the Stations of the Cross. The intentions of the Holy Hour are for an end to the pandemic, for the healing of the world and pro-life causes.

Creative Wellbeing 4u Ltd - is an Education Support Service, Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing, (anxiety and self-confidence). If you know someone who may need support, then contact us: phone:07726 114423 email: creativewellbeing4u@outlook.com

website: <http://creativewellbeing4uuk.wordpress.com> Marcia Rose MA/PE/BPhil/NNEB founder

Missio Red Boxes Secretary We are looking for a new Local Secretary as Anne Sayers has retired from this position. Money from the Red Boxes is collected four times in the year and the job of the Local Secretary is to organize the collections with the help of the existing Collectors and to bank the money. Red boxes have been in St Edward's Parish for many years and we hope we can continue this work for the Missions into the future. If you can help please contact Fr Denis.

Marriage Care www.marriagecare.org.uk offers marriage preparation, relationship counselling and more.

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 be found online here.

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 Sean Farrell, Canon Sean McTiernan, Rev James Wharton, Rev Michael McCabe, Rev Martin Meagher, Rev John Collins, Rev James Cooney, Bishop Joseph Francis Cleary. Also Maisie Seabourne, Ned Cronin, Alex Schroeder, Barney Kerr, Eva McGrath, Margaret O'Connor, Patricia McTigue, Thomas Shally, Alma Cunneen, Paul Brady, Elizabeth Burford and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MASS ATTENDANCE: Sat (vigil) 29, Sun (10.15am) 44

Off Collection £219.33 2nd Collection Life £75.79

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.

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 February: for women who are victims of violence, that their voices may be heeded and acted upon by society. Humanity's salvation came from the body of a woman: by how we treat a woman's body, can we understand our level of humanity.

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.

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

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

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 DEEP END – Wilderness

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. Many people were afraid, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, wilderness can bring opportunity. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be. During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but Lent is so much more than that. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, ‘what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?’ ‘What changes am I being called to embrace?’ Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of that which is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

‘You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you’ll discover will be wonderful. What you’ll discover will be yourself.’ (Alan Alda)

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