

### Notices for week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Dettie & Joe Robinson RIP Michael	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Bridie Higgins RIP Marie	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Maurice Joy RIP B&J Joy	Gluten free hosts
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Mary Joy RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv B&J Joy	available in the Sacristy
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Rosary	before mass
School	9.30am	Douglas Tallon	
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Peter Connaughton Int Mary C	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	No Mass	
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	No Mass	Come out
	6.00pm	Rohan Smith RIP	&
		Mum Norma ill & Sister Kim ill	Pray the Mass
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Patrick Houlihan RIP AV	
	6.00pm	No Mass	

*“The earth is filled with harmony and trust when the alliance between man and woman is lived well.” Pope Francis*

**At Marriage Care** we believe that men and women from all walks of life catch a glimpse of something beautiful, hopeful and divine, in the possibilities of marriage and family life. It is a place where the Lord can strengthen the couple’s lives.

Our marriage preparation and support service enable couples to nurture faithful and fruitful marriages that last, as we draw on Catholic teaching and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each other.

Our latest resource, Preparing Together Anywhere, is facilitated by two trained volunteers via webcam. Groups of up to 7 engaged couples attend three 90-minute sessions over a period of 3 weeks, with additional resources to enable couples to reflect more deeply in between the sessions on the commitment being entered into. Wedding plans may be on hold for some time, but couples need not put their preparation for marriage on hold.

Through our relationship counselling service (now available via webcam), we accompany, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples who find themselves in need of support on their journey. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, we know that increases in family stress and the impending threat of relationship breakdown will plunge many more into financial difficulties. We are unique in asking couples who come to us for counselling only to pay what they can afford, reflecting our commitment to support those most in need. *Please encourage couples to connect with us today at [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)*

**Missio Red Boxes** 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.

#### **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.mcmedia.tv>**

**Church website <https://stedward.org.uk/>**- the website has been updated and the weekly bulletins can now 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:** Archbishop Frederick William Keating, Rev John Watkins, Rev Matthias Brady, Canon Patrick Cassidy, Rev John Paul O’Sullivan, Rev James McGloin. Also Crissy Crowley, Anne Maher, Josephine Brennan O’Connor, Patrick Schofield, Louie Theresa Cole, Kathleen Tuffey, Joe Houlihan and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sat (vigil) 23, Sun (10.15am) 43 Off Collection £178.10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Church Cleaning Materials £39.65 In Memory of Willaim Hopkins £139.20 Church

**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](mailto: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.

**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 – Jesus the Healer**

In today's Gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him and said, 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching. We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. And also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence, to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

'I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace'. (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 254)

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