

Notices for week beginning 14th March 2021

Sat 13 th	6.00pm	Mary Lambert RIP	
Sun 14 th	10.15am	Bridie Higgins RIP Marie	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 15 th	9.00am	Patrick & Mary Galvin RIP Marie	Gluten free hosts
Tues 16 th	7.00pm	Isabelle RIP Albon RIP John Baptist RIP	available in the Sacristy
Wed 17 th	9.00am	Rosary	before mass
School	9.30am	Owen Regan RIP MH	
Thu 18 th	9.00am	Ian Ball Int	
Fri 19 th	9.00am	Conor Flemming RIP BJ	Come out
Sat 20 th	9.00am	No Mass	&
	6.00pm	Maureen Lynch RIP Margaret	Pray the Mass
Sun 21 st	10.15am	Vincent O'Neill RIP B	
	6.00pm	No Mass	

The Acies The Legion of Mary invites its active and auxiliary members to the Acies ceremony on Sunday 28th March at Holy Souls, Acocks Green @ 3p.m. The Acies is the solemn renewal of the Legion promise and asking for God's blessing on another year's work.

Diocesan e-newsletter to keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

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 Vaughan Lloyd, Rev Anthony Sims, Bishop David Cashman, Mgr Daniel Kelly, Rev William Madden, Rev Andrew Brennan, Deacon Thomas Ashcroft. Also Patricia Smith, Margaret Roy, William Collins, Frank Flynn, John McWilliams, Bridie Corcoran, Denis Clancy, Ethel Smallbone, Tom Costello, Gerard McPake, Eddie O'Neil, Dr James Lonergan and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MASS ATTENDANCE: Sat (vigil) 41, Sun (10.15am) 60

Off Collection £372.60 2nd Cathedral Maintenance £105.63

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 March: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with respect and reverence, as an experience of the infinite mercy of God.

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

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 – Out into the light

Today, the ‘middle’ Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – *Laetare* means ‘Rejoice!’ We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that ‘the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light’. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who ‘prefer darkness to the light’ live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life ‘in the light’? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

‘We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say ‘Jesus is Risen,’ with our soul.’ (Pope Francis)

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