

Notices for week beginning 7th March 2021

Sat 6 th	6.00pm	Dan & Sarah Coughlan RIP Flo	
Sun 7 th	10.15am	Frank McInerney RIP 5 th Anniv & Clare McInerney RIP Kathleen	
	6.00pm	No Mass	
Mon 8 th	9.00am	Sr Michael Fitzgerald Int Angela	Gluten free hosts
Tues 9 th	7.00pm	Joseph Concannon RIP & Concannon Family	available in the Sacristy
Wed 10 th	9.00am	Rosary	before mass
School	9.30am	Stations of the Cross & Mass Sp Intention TK	
Thu 11 th	9.00am	Kathleen & Bill Kennedy RIP Kate	
Fri 12 th	9.00am	Terence McGough RIP BJ	Come out
Sat 13 th	9.00am	No Mass	&
	6.00pm	Mary Lambert RIP	Pray the Mass
Sun 14 th	10.15am	Bridie Higgins RIP Marie	
	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: Canon Peter Taylor, Canon Anthony George Allport, Rev Francis Johnson, Deacon James Rowe, Rev Joseph Purcell, Rev Christopher Thornton. **Also** Dominic Cregg, Tommy Heneghan, Thomas Cunningham, Jane Burke, Francis Brehany, Maxine Harriett, Liz Hurst, Dr Edward Carolan, Michael Raftery, Matt Murray, Monica McLaughlin **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.**

MASS ATTENDANCE: Sat (vigil) 33, Sun (10.15am) 51

Off Collection £112.82 2nd CAFOD £117.14

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 – A question of authority

It is tough at times to figure out who has authority on certain issues. There are ‘experts’ everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how hard it can be to know who to believe. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don’t always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices we hear in the media.

The Temple scene in today’s gospel sparks a debate about Jesus’ authority. While he certainly cuts an authoritative figure as he drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, he is immediately questioned. The Jews demand a sign to explain his provocative words and actions, as if to say ‘Who do you think you are?’ It is interesting to note that in John’s Gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry (unlike the Synoptic Gospels where it comes towards the end). This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses.

In calling the Temple ‘my Father’s house’ Jesus identifies the source of his authority. But his interrogators do not understand, nor do his disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus’ identity and authority, as the one in whom God’s presence dwells. It also emphasises the radical new way of living that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to his presence and guidance.

‘I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.’

(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

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