

Notices for week beginning 15th Aug 2021

Sat 14 th	6.00pm	Pat Nugent RIP C. Shaw	
Sun 15 th	10.15am	Maureen Cody RIP Flo	
	6.00pm	No Mass	Gluten free hosts available before Mass in the Sacristy
Mon 16 th	9.00am	Eamonn Barrett RIP	
Tues 17 th	7.00pm	Maureen Goughin RIP JK	
Wed 18 th	9.00am	Anne & Frank Mimmagh RIP T	
School	9.45am		Do not be afraid
Thu 19 th	9.00am	No Mass	come to church & pray the
Fri 20 th	9.00am	No Mass	Mass in person & receive
Sat 21 st	9.00am	No Mass	the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Parishioners	
Sun 22 nd	10.15am	Samuel Walker RIP MD	
	6.00pm	No Mass	

Mass singers Singers and musicians needed at 10.15am mass on Sundays. New and returning members are welcome.

Your gardens need you Please can you help by giving a couple of hours once a month to blitz the borders and paths to keep our gardens looking beautiful? Unfortunately, our volunteers have become depleted due to a number of reasons including age and sadly ill health which means currently we are reduced to a 'team of one' which is unmanageable. Please ring, text or email Ed Chapman on 07968 831986 / edchapman54@gmail.com Thank you for your support, please help.

Black Lives Matter Yes! Yes! Yes! All LIFE comes from God. We are God's CREATION.

How to access the picture/webcam in the Upper Room <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

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 website <https://stedward.org.uk/>- weekly bulletins can be found online here.

MASS ATTENDANCE: Sat (vigil) 15 Sun (10.15am) 73 Off Collection £276.11

Envelopes available for those who use them & for others to use also standing order forms.

SICK: Rose Hyland, Peter Pamba, Caroline Holland, Marie Flynn, Felix McCann, John Masterson, James Neild, Megan Foley, Peter Power, Rita (Dunsby) Miles, Vickie Keating, Roger Hookes and all the sick and housebound of the Parish.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Leslie McCallum, Rev Kevin Keany, Rev Terence Smith, Rev Patrick Cooney, Deacon Douglas Taylor, HE. Bernard William, Cardinal Griffin (Westminster). Also Jimmy McDonaghe, Margaret Campbell, Paddy McKinley, Anne Mimmagh, Lucy Bird and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

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 ST. JOSEPH Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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, God, for ever and ever. Amen St John Henry Newman – *Pray for Us*

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.**

Pope's Mission Statement for July: We pray that in situations of social, economic or political conflict we may be courageous and passionate in seeking to build bridges of dialogue and friendship.

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.**

Archbishop's Vision Prayer

Spirit of God,
Descend on me this day.
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
The Spirit of hope to inspire me,
The Spirit of love to surround me and
The Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
So that I may grow in worship of your name
In love of you in my prayer
And in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me,
Strengthen and defend me,
So that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always
To be a channel of grace
In all I say and do
And invite others into relationship with you.
Amen

THE DEEP END – The slow work of God

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.' (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

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