

Notices for week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2021

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Parishioners	
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.15am	Samuel Walker RIP MD	
	6.00pm	No Mass	Gluten free hosts available before Mass in the Sacristy
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	} <b>No Mass</b>	Do not be afraid come to church & pray the Mass in person & receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm		
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am		
School	9.45am		
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am		
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am		
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am		
	6.00pm	Parishioners	
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Parishioners	
	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](mailto: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) 18 Sun (10.15am) 85 Off Collection £268.39**

In Memory of Michael Reilly RIP £376.80 Kidney Cancer Research

**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:** Canon Bernard Cusworth, Rev Alan Smith, Rev Patrick Branagan, Rev Francis Rowe, Rev James Downey, Deacon David McCarroll. Also John Connor, Barbara Craig, Des O'Leary, Annie Deakin, Liam Francis Carolan, Clarissa Myrie 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 August:** Let us pray that we, as Church, may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to be reformed in the light of the Gospel.

**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 – Leap of faith**

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

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