

Notices for week beginning 16th July 2023

	Sat 15 th	6.00pm	Ita Durkin RIP Marie G
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 16 th	10.15am	Matthew Barton RIP Ann B
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 17 th	9.00am	Mary Thornton RIP Handel
	Tues 18 th	7.00pm	Mae Connelly RIP Marie G
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30 am		
	Wed 19 th	9.00am	Mary & Thomas Byrnes
		9.45am	(School) No Mass
	Thursday Rosary 8.30 am		
	Thu 20 th	9.45am	Nora Walsh RIP Holy Souls & Aaron Int
	Friday Rosary 8.30 am		
	Fri 21 st	9.00am	Frank Brankin Int Marie G
	Sat 22 nd	6.00pm	Peggy Keenan RIP Mary B
	Sun 23 rd	10.15am	Frank Brankin Int 100 th Birthday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions: Saturday 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Gluten free hosts available before Mass in the Sacristy

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 68 Off Collection £157.50 2nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea £74.50

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 150 Off Collection £212.75 2nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea £86.35

Card machine 1st Collection £28.52 2nd Collection £29.50

Sincere thanks.

Standing Orders and Card payments Please set up a standing order for your gifts to the church. It makes it a lot easier to handle, rather than having to count and bank cash. You can get a standing order form at the back of the church, and return them completed to Father, or Brendan Campbell. If you are a taxpayer, you can also complete the Gift Aid section of the form, so the church can claim 25% tax back from HMRC. Free money from HMRC; that doesn't happen often!

Don't forget that you can also make gifts via our card payment machine in church, using your payment card or Apple/Google Pay. It's really simple; just select the amount of your gift and tap your card / phone on the card reader. You can also donate online <https://donate.mydona.com/st-edwards-church-selly-park> or use QR code (see front page). If you need help, just ask.

St. Edward's RC Primary School are looking to appoint an experienced Clerk to the Governing Board following the retirement of the current Clerk after a lifetime of service to the school. This is a crucial role in enabling the Board of Governors and the school staff to work effectively together to deliver the best outcomes for the whole school community. In the first instance please contact the Chair of Governors at the school or the Headteacher to have a preliminary discussion about the role.

March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2nd September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurt. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk

2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hednesford on Sunday 2nd July 2023- if interested, call or text Rita Ocho on 07775318723 by 25th June 2023. £15 per person for transport only.

SICK: Rose Hyland, Caroline Holland, Marie Flynn, Felix McCann, Joan Dunne, John Masterson, James Neild, Megan Foley, Peter Power, Noreen Brannelly, Emma Bettam, Annie Fitzgerald **and all the sick and housebound of the Parish.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Brian Halton, Rev Geoffrey Wamsley CO, Rev Arthur Warburton, Rev Philip Cleary, Rev Liam Peter O'Connor, Rev Thomas Rock, Canon Laurence Kelly **Also** John Hayes, Matthew Barton, Tom Brennan, Ron Halligan, Michael Reilly, Teresa McPake, Annabelle Cartwright, Kevin Barry, Delia Murphy, Bert O'Donoghue, Ernest Mucklow, Fred Deakin **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.**

Come and Pray the Rosary before Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.30am

OUR DIOCESAN PRAYER - WALK WITH ME: 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.

ANIMA CHRISTI: Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body 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 death, call me and bid me to come to thee, that with thy saints, I may praise thee forever 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, diaconate and religious life. Bless our homes, our families, our parishes, our diocese, our countries with a spirit of generosity. May those whom you call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life have the courage to give themselves to your Church as co-operators in your work. St John Vianney – *Pray for Us*

ARCHDIOCESE 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

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

PRAYER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

We pray for Catholics to place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, which profoundly transforms human relationships and enables us to come closer to God and our sisters and brothers.

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 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



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Points to Ponder

The words of Jesus do not all bear fruit. Knowing this did not stop Jesus from speaking, but he continued to proclaim good news, truth and life to any who would listen. I take care to review the measures by which I value my actions and words. I pray for the strength to continue speaking and acting — even in the absence of evident encouraging results. Truth is not determined by a majority, but is scattered abroad, being recognised and valued by some. I ask God to help me to hear Jesus' word for me and to take it to heart. Many biblical commentators see this parable as the basic metaphor of the whole Gospel. The seed is the Word, and the sower is God, whose will can never be stopped. The seed falls on different types of ground, but the great majority certainly falls on good ground, and its fruit more than makes up for the seeds that fall on more difficult ground. It is the parable of optimism, something which is often lacking in followers of the Gospel. If I am a normal person, my heart contains all four sorts of ground, being more or less open to the Gospel message. I ask for light to see where the hardness and the insecurity lie, and ask the Sower that my life may bear abundant fruit. Jesus' parables can heal us to hear and understand how things stand between God and ourselves. They are nuggets of grace that test our heart's willingness to surrender to the generosity of God.

When I come to pray, do I have the soil of an open heart toward Jesus and his teachings?

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Upper Room: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEslYwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

Church: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/yoi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKiE6FW7GnNb6ZWISrdLMC>

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