

Notices for week beginning 30th July 2023

	Sat 29 th	6.00pm	Jim McMullan RIP Mary
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 30 th	10.15am	Anne Murphy RIP Paul
St Ignatius of Loyola	Mon 31 st	9.00am	} No Mass
St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori	Tues 1 st August	7.00pm	
	Wed 2 nd	9.00am	
		9.45am	
	Thu 3 rd	9.00am	
St John Mary Vianney	Fri 4 th	9.00am	
	Sat 5 th	6.00pm	Thomas, Jane & Pat Robinson RIP
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	Sun 6 th	10.15am	Patrick McKinley RIP Mary

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: 55 Off Collection £118.95 2nd Collection: Homes for Ukraine £110.40

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 156 Off Collection £183.65 2nd Collection: Homes for Ukraine £100.20

Card machine 1st Collection £51.13 2nd Collection £58.99 *Sincere thanks.*

Funeral: Roger Hookes RIP. Requiem Mass Wednesday 2 August 10am. Burial at Lodge Hill. Our sympathy and prayers.

Funeral: Annie Fitzgerald RIP. Funeral Reception at St Edwards Thursday 7 September 5pm. Requiem Mass Friday 8 September 11am. Burial at Lodge Hill. Our sympathy and prayers.

Funeral: Adrian Christopher Sheridan (41 years old) RIP, beloved grandson of Ita and the late John Mulligan. Son of Marian and Frank Sheridan and brother to Francis and Kieran Sheridan. His funeral will be on Tuesday 1 August at 12:15 at Lodge Hill Crematorium. Reception at The Country Girl, Raddlebarn Road.

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.myдона.com/st-edwards-church-selly-park> or use QR code (see front page). If you need help, just ask.

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 Harvington on Sunday 3rd September 2023- if interested, call or text Rita Ocho on 07775318723. Transport cost TBC.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Thomas Michael Duffy, Canon Arthur Diamond, Rev Richard Philip Lynch CO, Rev David Ford **Also** Thomas Welby, James Roy, Paddy Mitchell, Ray O'Donoghue, Mary McDonald, Johanna Moynihan, Annie Murphy, John McCann, Martin Meally, Mary Hogan, Patrick (Pat) Burns **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.**

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, 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 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 August

We pray for the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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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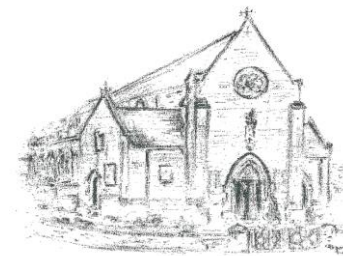


Seventeenth week of Ordinary Time

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Points to Ponder

The demands of the Gospel seem so total: to obtain the kingdom one has to sell everything. Yet it is also a process, a journey. What is most important is the movement and the direction of my life. Only the one who searches can find, those who are happy with where they are will never find anything worth giving their life for. Am I in a stagnant phase or am I still searching, digging deeper in the field of my heart? Selling everything to obtain what they really desired so deeply filled both men in the parables with deep joy. This seems a contradiction, but this is what our experience tells us. As the prayer of St Francis puts it, it is in giving that we receive. I ask for a heart full of freedom, freedom to give all and to receive all. Have I found the pearl of great value, for which I am ready to sell all I have to buy it? Am I still looking for it, or am I resigned to a life of mediocrity in my relationships with others, with God in my prayer, in my work life? If I have found it, am I ready to sell all that I have to obtain it? Jesus compares this pearl to the Kingdom he came to proclaim and inaugurate, and this gives me joy and hope.

The parable is not inviting you to think about somebody else — some random trespasser. Jesus is inviting you to recognise where your heart is. For whom or for what would you go without everything else?

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