

**Notices for week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Martin Monaghan RIP Bridget
St Augustine	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	} <b>No Mass</b>
The Passion of St John the Baptist	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	
	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
		9.45am	
	Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	
	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> September	9.00am	
	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.15am	Maureen Fox RIP S&J

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

*Gluten free hosts available before Mass in the Sacristy*

*Legion of Mary – Mondays at 7.15pm – upper room – all are welcome to join*

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:** 78      **Off Collection** £103.60

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 140      **Off Collection** £135.15

**Card machine 1<sup>st</sup> Collection** £24.95

*Sincere thanks.*

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Mgr Richard J Foster, Deacon Peter Kilgallon, Rev James Downey, Deacon David McCarroll, Rev Isaac William Savin, Mgr Canon Laurence Emery, Canon Laurence Hogarty, Rev Francis Toole, Rev Brendan O'Malley, Canon Joseph Nightingale **Also** Liam Francis Carolan, Clarissa Myrie, Edward Randell, Timothy Hourigan, Mary Fitzpatrick, William O'Sullivan, Vickie Keating, Frances Philips, Noel Mulvey **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 September**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**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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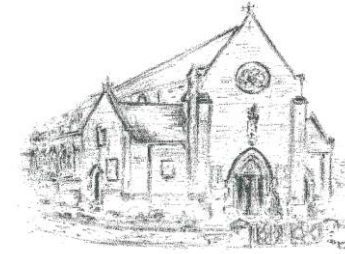


*Twenty-First week of Ordinary Time*

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*Points to Ponder*

The word Church' is often a stumbling block for many. There's something which makes us feel uncomfortable! The Gospel today presents to us the Faith Statement of Peter, and then Jesus declaring to him that, '...on this rock, I will build my Church; and never will the powers of death overcome it!' (Mt 16:18) The Church is a body to be called out of the world into being a Family and Fellowship in God! The Church is a body to be called out of materialistic and worldly gain and be a sign of hope and salvation! The Church is not a mere building... the Church is the People of God. We reduce the Church in our everyday vocabulary to a mere building made of stones and cement. But, the Church is made of living stones (1 Pt 2:5) and all of us need to contribute our mite in keeping alive this Church of God. Do I give my share of talents and gifts to the Church to keep it effective and relevant for our modern times? Do I make sacrifices and offer prayers for the Church so that she may stand strong in the midst of struggles? Do I promote and encourage the teachings of the Church and find beauty and wisdom in them? The Body of Christ while hanging on the Cross was weak but 'No bone of His was broken' (Jn 19:36). The Church of Christ while living in the world maybe weak but No bone shall be broken! '...on this rock, I will build my Church; and never will the powers of death overcome it!' Let The Great Rock help us to stand firm and become passionate in service of the Church!

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