

**Notices for week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Michael & Kate Reilly RIP Kitty
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Martin Galvin RIP Marie
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Adrian Sheridan RIP Aa
	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Michelle Madden RIP A&B Monaghan
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Adrian Sheridan RIP M&F
		9.45am	<b>No School Mass</b> Audit visit
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am		
St Matthew	Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Annie Fitzgerald RIP Marie G
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Nora Walsh Holy Souls & Aaron Int BW
	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Mary Walsh RIP Liam & family

*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:      Off Collection:**

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

**Card machine 1<sup>st</sup> Collection      2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

*Sincere thanks.*

**Funeral:** Sue Adams RIP Requiem Mass Monday 18 September 2pm. Cremation Lodge Hill 3.15pm.

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.

**St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Diamond Jubilee.** Saturday 23 September 2023. Archbishop Longley to celebrate mass at 11.00 a.m. Followed by tours of the school, a performance showcase and a ticketed afternoon tea. We would love as many past staff and students to be present. For further information, please see school website - [www.stacs.org](http://www.stacs.org).

**BDES Director of Education:** The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service [www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies) and the Archdiocese [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) websites. The closing date is Monday 18 September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.

**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:** Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Rev William Alfred Oddie, Canon Peter McKenna, Rev Alan Leslie Holtham, Rev Peter Lees, Rev John David Steward, Canon David Mellor, Rev John Roddy, Rev Bernard McAllister **Also** Elizabeth Duffy, Harold Smallbone, John Dalton, Mark Szuler, Bill Pinckston, Helen Foley, Syl Campbell. Mick Reddington, Nora Hopkins, John Logan, Martin Anthony Hogan **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, 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**

**Points to Ponder**

Interestingly, it's often easier to forgive than it is to ask forgiveness. Sincerely asking for forgiveness requires that you honestly acknowledge your sin, which is hard to do. It's hard to take responsibility for what we have done wrong. In today's parable, the man asking patience with his debt appears to be sincere. He fell down' before his master asking for mercy and patience. And the master responded with mercy by forgiving him the entire debt which was more than the servant had even requested. But was the servant truly sincere or was he just a good actor? It seems that he was a good actor because as soon as he was forgiven this huge debt, he ran into someone else who actually owed him money and instead of showing the same forgiveness he was shown, 'He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe. "Forgiveness, if it is real, must affect everything about us. It is something that we must ask for, give, receive, and give again. Here are a few points to consider: Can you honestly see your sin, experience sorrow for that sin, and say, 'I'm sorry' to another? When you are forgiven, what does that do to you? Does it have the effect of making you more merciful toward others? Can you in turn offer the same level of forgiveness and mercy that you hope to receive from God and others? If you cannot answer 'Yes' to all of these questions then this story was written for you. It was written for you to help you grow more in the gifts of mercy and forgiveness. These are hard questions to face if we want to be freed of the burdens of anger and resentment. Anger and resentment weigh heavily on us and God wants us freed of them.

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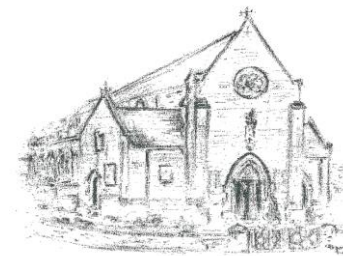
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*Twenty-Fourth week of Ordinary Time*

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