

**Notices for week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Peg Hopkins RIP Patricia
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> October	10.15am	Jack & Delia Murphy RIP Tony & Tom Murphy RIP Mai & Hugh Durkin RIP KM
Monday Rosary 8.30am			
Holy Guardian Angels	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	John Hayden RIP Pat B
	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	David Bridle RIP C
Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
St Francis of Assisi	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Nora Walsh RIP, Holy Souls, Aaron H Int
		9.45am	(School) Fr Tim Burke RIP
Thursday Rosary 8.30am			
	Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Maher & Tynan Family RIP D.M.
Friday Rosary 8.30am			
	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kitty Finn RIP P Durkin
	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Winifred & Percy Jones RIP Philip
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Patricia Higgins RIP D&P Lees

*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:** 54 **Off Collection:** £109.90 **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Father Hudson Society** £62.10

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 174 **Off Collection:** £217.45 **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Father Hudson Society** £93.15

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

In memory of Sue Adams RIP (Church) £101.95

**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.

**40 days for life:** The autumn campaign for the 40 days for life commenced on Wednesday 27 September and finishes on Sunday 5 November, (8a.m. to 8 p.m.) outside St. Joseph and St. Helens Station Road, Kings Norton B30 1JG. If you can support this campaign, please contact Isabel on 07773 501 721 or by e-mail [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com). Please pray for the success of this campaign. Your witness and prayers could save the life of an unborn child.

**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 Denis Mary Egan, Deacon Tony Colby, Rev William McGann, Deacon John Burrows, Rev John Nightingale, Rev John Danaher, Rev John Bullen, Canon Anthony (Tony) Piercy, Rev Philip Casey **Also** Ma Liberty Manapsal, Peter Caswell, Pat McGowan, James McNeil, Liam O'Sullivan, Ricki Gallagher, Mary Noon, Adnan Kandrian, Kay Power, Gerard McInerney, Margaret Dympha Hession, Carmen Lourandos, Philomenia Tester, Wayne Roberts, Vincent Fay **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 October**

We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

**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**

The funny thing about this parable is that both sons refuse their father — one in words, and one with actions. Everybody in the story refuses God at some point or other on their journey. But our 'NOs' to God aren't the whole story, and they definitely don't have to be the end of the story. David Lose writes, 'I hear in this parable the surprising possibility of hope that someone who has refused to listen to God may yet change his/her mind. Hope that it's never too late to respond to the grace of the Gospel. Hope that one's past actions or current status do not determine one's future. Hope that even those whom good people have decided are beyond the pale of decent society are never, ever beyond the reach of God. If this is so,' he concludes, 'then perhaps what we might proclaim is that no matter what may have happened in the past, yet God is eager to meet us in the present and offer us — indeed, secure — an open future.' It is never too late to say yes to God with words, heart, soul, and life. It is never too late to say yes to God.

Our challenge is to be very honest with ourselves and with God: where are we saying yes with our lips, but just responding 'interested' with our hearts? Where are we sending in our RSVPs to God, but never really showing up to the relationship? God has room for you at the party — sinners and prostitutes and tax collectors and chief priests and elders and disciples, you, and me.

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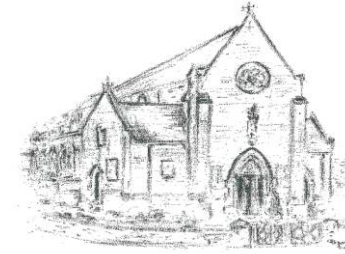
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*Twenty-Sixth week of Ordinary Time*

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