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Live stream: YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/@stedwardssellypark

Upper Room: https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEs1ywHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1 **Church:** https://camstreamer.com/redirect/yoi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKiE6FW7GnNb6ZWlSrdLMC

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1	ition of the Blessed ssions: Saturday 4.3	

in the Sacristy
Legion of Mary – Mondays at 7.15pm –
upper room – all are welcome to join

Gluten free hosts available before Mass

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 Fergus O'Connell, Rev John Dewis, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara, Rev Edmund Motherway, Canon Gerard Patrick Breen, Rev Brian Doolan Also Ellen Duffy, Terence McGeough, Henry John Byrne, Peggy Fallon, Peggy Henson, James Gunning, Alma May Kelly, Bazilia Dereyo, Michael McAuliffe, Kathleen Sullivan, Annaliese Gottschalk, Henrietta Monton Cabalan, Patrick McCormack, Eileen Kelly and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time

	Sat 16 th	6.00pm	Jim McMullan RIP Mary	
Third Sunday of Advent	Sun 17 th	10.15am	Bridie Higgins RIP Marie	
	Monday Rosary 8.30am			
	Mon 18th	9.00am	Alma Kelly RIP D.H.	
	Tues 19th	9.00am	Peggy, Owen & John Fallon RIP M.F.	
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
	Wed 20th	9.00am	Benefactors GF	
		9.45am	(School) No Mass	
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am			
	Thu 21st	9.00am	Holy Souls	
	Friday Rosary 8.30am			
	Fri 22 nd	9.00am	Holy Souls	
	Sat 23 rd	6.00pm	Parishioners	
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sun 24 th	10.15am	Colin Kildunn RIP J O'H	
Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'				

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:59Off Collection:£49.602nd Collection:Poor Parishes£28.05Sun (10.15am) No. of people:174Off Collection:£238.602nd Collection:Poor Parishes£123.70

Card machine 1st Collection: 2nd Collection: 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 above). If you need help, just ask.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday 18 December 7.30pm St Edwards, Selly Park

Tuesday 19 December 7.30pm St Dunstans, Kings Heath

Wednesday 20 December 7.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood

Thursday 21 December 7.30pm SS Joseph and Helen, Kings Norton

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve 24 December:

Carols 5.30pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm; Early Midnight Carols 9.00pm Mass 9.30pm
Christmas Day:
8.30am and 10.15am

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*

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

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mary, Mother of God, Queen of the Universe. We ask you to intercede for the people of war-torn countries, for their governments, and all who suffer as a result of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we support them through prayer and generosity. That human lives may be saved. That the injured may be healed. That the dead may rest in peace. That there will be peace after war. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

Points to Ponder

It is possible to experience joy while feeling sad, angry, or happy. That is because joy is altogether something other than a feeling. Of course, many of us feel some form of elation when we hear the Gospel passage 'l bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people' or when we see a beautiful landscape. When we are young, we confuse that elation with supernatural joy. While elation is a passing feeling, joy is more of an attitude rooted in unshakeable faith and hope. This joy is an attitude, disposition, or orientation. We don't have to be a bubbly, happy-go-lucky person to be 'joyful' — that would be confusing the externals with the internals. Instead, joy brings us peace. The anxiety we may feel when faced with human obstacles or challenges can be overwhelmed and trumped by the fundamental disposition of joy within. This joy comes from Christ, the victor. We know He rules, that He has conquered death, and that He invites us to live with Him. That should colour absolutely everything we see. We know that no matter what happens, whether good or ill, we will triumph with Him. That is how joy can vanquish sadness. Though we may experience physical loss or distress, joy can buoy us up via supernatural hope. Adversities can be overcome. No matter the struggle, we know 'Who' we serve and he brings us joy. Any other challenge can be taken in stride, knowing that God is in control. Our faith tells us He knows what we need — and whether He gives us what we want or not, we know He is providing for us.