



**ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH
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Live stream: YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/@stedwardsellypark>

Upper Room: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynn7TZEslwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

Church: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/yoi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKiE6FW7GnNb6ZWISrdLMC>

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	Sat 23 rd	6.00pm	Parishioners
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sun 24 th	10.15am	Colin Kildunn RIP JO'H
<i>Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity</i>		6.00pm	Pat Forde RIP Angela
		9.30pm	Special Int
<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	Mon 25 th	8.30am	Philbin & O'Sullivan Fam L&D NM O'S
		10.15am	Patrick & Bridget King RIP Geraldine
Feast of St Stephen	Tues 26 th	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
Feast of St John, Apostle	Wed 27 th	9.00am	Neil Saughnessy RIP BS
Thursday Rosary 8.30am			
Feast of the Holy Innocents	Thu 28 th	9.00am	Mary O'Donoghue
Friday Rosary 8.30am			
Feast of St Thomas Becket	Fri 29 th	9.00am	Those killed in Northern Ireland JO'H
	Sat 30 th	6.00pm	Margaret & Denis Hough RIP D.H.
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sun 31 st	10.15am	Parishioners
Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'			

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 83 Off Collection: £85.05 2nd Collection: Flowers £49.80

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 160 Off Collection: £176.60 2nd Collection: Flowers £111.80

Card machine 1st Collection: £130.77 2nd Collection: £8.85

Little Pioneers Nursery Carols £99.34

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

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

*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

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 Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas Meagher, Rev Denis Murphy, Mgr Patrick O'Mahoney, Rev Colum McCabe, Rev James (Seamus) McInerney, Rev David O'Callaghan, Rev Francis Etherington, Rev Patrick Lynch, Deacon Peter Mason, **Also** Ann Clinton, Elsie Olive Chapman, Sarah Slattery, Eileen Morris, John McGarry, Moira Gilson, Desmond Lennon, Donald Pinchbeck, Mary O'Donoghue, Nora Clancy, John Mulligan, Ernest Wheeler **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Happy Christmas and God's blessings to all

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 for 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

The question of Mary in today's gospel reading 'How can this come about?' is a very human one. It is the kind of question that is asked by others in the gospels. When Jesus was with his disciples in the wilderness in the presence of a hungry crowd, they asked him, 'How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?' When we stand before a situation which seems beyond our resources to deal with, we all find ourselves asking the same kind of question, 'How can this be?' 'How will I get through this?' The angel Gabriel's answer to this question of Mary invited her to trust not in herself but in God. 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.' A lot was being asked of Mary and it would make great demands on her, but she was not being asked to take on this task of being mother to God's Son on the basis of her own resources alone. With this reassurance, she surrendered to the demanding task that God was giving her, 'Let what you have said be done to me.' Mary has often been described as a model disciple. In today's gospel reading, she models a faith that trust in God's power and, because it trusts in God's power, stands ready to do what God asks. The question, 'How can this be?' can inhibit us, hold us back, but, as in the case of Mary, it can also open us up to the working of the Holy Spirit within us and through us.