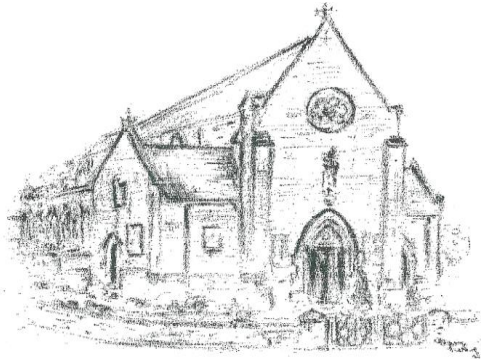




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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

**Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Daniels.** She can be contacted at: [sg.stedward.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stedward.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Live stream: YouTube link:** <https://www.youtube.com/@stedwardsellypark>

**Upper Room:** <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEslwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

**Online donations** <https://donate.mydona.com/st-edwards-church-selly-park>

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	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Margaret & Denis Hough RIP D.H.
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.15am	Parishioners
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>10.00am</b>	Wendy Galvin Int MG
Memorial of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Tom Mannion Int MG
Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Bill Hopkins RIP Patricia
Thursday Rosary 8.30am			
	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Michael & Mary O'Sullivan Int MG
Friday Rosary 8.30am			
	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Agnes Farrelly RIP Jayne
	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Alice & Jerry Kelly RIP VC
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Cyril McGillicuddy RIP D
<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>			

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:** 47 **Off Collection:** £77.40 **2nd Collection:**

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 102 **Off Collection:** £166.95 **2nd Collection:**

**Card machine 1st Collection:**

**2nd Collection:**

Sincere thanks

*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:** His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, Rev Anthony De Vere, Rev Martin Cassidy, Rev Philip Garrett, Rev Francis Dwyer **Also** Thomas Ryan, Alice Guy, Elaine Greaves, Harold Vaughan, Mary Courtney, John Carter, Willamina Jamie, Joyce Andrews, Joseph Power, Christine Cashin, Jerry Hefferman, Thomas Mellett, Alice Kelly, Margaret O'Connor **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time**

**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.

**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 January**

**For the gift of diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church

***Points to Ponder***

It might be true to say that the focus of attention leading up and during the celebration of the Nativity is Jesus. This Sunday, we acknowledge the whole family!

There is often a sense of nostalgia and romance about the birth of Jesus. This can be heard in the best of our much-loved Christmas Carols and even seen in the worst of our Christmas cards! That is not to say that they are not helpful, but we need to look beyond them, particularly on this great and important feast.

On this feast of the Holy Family, it is good to pray in gratefulness and thanks for our own parents and family. No one's family is perfect. All our family members, including ourselves have made mistakes and got things wrong. We have all done and said things that we have later regretted. Regardless of this, we owe our family everything and for this we thank God.

St Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate came from what today could be called a 'broken family.' His parents divorced in 1795. Eugene was just seventeen years of age. This happened at a time when divorce was rare. Eugene had a far from ideal family life. He is the Patron Saint of Broken Families. Prayers to St Eugene can be very helpful and supportive for people who are experiencing problems in their family life. On this feast day, let us do just that; let us pray for all those we know who are experiencing the pain and difficulty of problems in their married and family life.