

ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH **SELLY PARK, B29 7DB**

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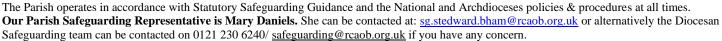
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Live stream: YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/@stedwardssellypark

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

Online donations https://donate.mydona.com/st-edwards-church-selly-park QR code:

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	Sat 10 th	6.00pm	Teresa Gallagher RIP B.	
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 11 th	10.15am	Patrick Houlihan RIP A.V.	
	Monday Rosary 8.30am			
	Mon 12 th	9.00am	Pakie O'Donnell RIP P&C	
	Tues 13th	7.00pm	Bernadette Mellett RIP B.M.	
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
Ash Wednesday	Wed 14th	9.00am	Frances O'Hagan RIP Catherine	
		9.45 am	(School) No Mass Half-term	
		7.00pm	Parishioners	
Thursday Rosary 8.30am				
Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Thu 15 th	9.00am	Una Shaw Int Julie	
Friday Rosary 8.30am				
Friday after Ash Wednesday	Fri 16 th	9.00am	John Collins RIP Winnie	
	Sat 17 th	6.00pm	Dettie & Joe Robinson RIP Michael	
First Sunday of Lent	Sun 18 th	10.15am	Bridie Higgins RIP Maria	
Weekday Mass in 'Unner Room'				

Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 82 Off Collection: £151.15 2nd Collection: Operation Smile £92.35 Off Collection: £298.05 2nd Collection: Operation Smile £145.90 **Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 266 Card machine 1st Collection: 2nd Collection: Sincere thanks

In memory of Bernadette Mellett RIP (Church) £120.55

Funeral: John Collins RIP. Requiem Mass St Edward's Thursday 15 February 10.30am. Burial in Ireland. 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.mydona.com/st-edwards-church-selly-park or use QR code (see above). If you need help, just ask.

Webcam: Those who are with us and praying the Mass via webcam are recommended to give to the collections as above or either by Post or through the Presbytery door. Many thanks.

<u>Taizé Prayer</u> Sunday 17th March, 6.00pm - in the church. The Birmingham Taizé Prayer group will be coming to St. Edward's to lead a time of meditative prayer, with singing, readings and silence; lasting about 1 hour. More information at taizebirmingham.uk

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: Rev John Paul O'Sullivan, Rev William Connick, Rev James McGloin, Mgr Joseph Vincent Healey, Mgr Canon Peter W. Lawler, Rev Charles Joseph O'Reilly, Rev William Conefrey Also Louie Theresa Cole, Kathleen Tuffey, Joe Houlihan, Eric Langhorne, John Moynihan, Ellen Mary Handforth, John Bird, John Campbell, Owen McCaffrey, Clare Chamberlain and for all whose anniversaries occur about this this time

Pilgrimage to Walsingham Every year during Holy Week (22-31 March), a pilgrimage group walk from Nottingham to Walsingham carrying a full size Cross; then celebrate Easter in Walsingham. If you're interested and up for a challenge, please contact Matthew Neville - 07938 436566 - for more details.

Liturgical Music for all occasions and celebrations: Contact Caroline McGrath 07387 158394

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.

<u>Pope's Prayer Intention for February</u> For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Points to Ponder

The scene in today's Gospel opens with a leper coming to Jesus, kneeling at His feet, begging Jesus to make him whole, to make him clean. Keeping your distance from those individuals with leprosy was the only safeguard there was at that time. When the leper approaches Him, Jesus is moved with pity for the man. Jesus simply reaches out and touches the leper and immediately the leper was healed! I wonder how long it had been since anyone had touched the leper? We all need to be touched in a caring way. It is a way of saying I care about you, I am concerned about you, you are important to me. Not only had the leper not been touched, but I imagine that people kept themselves at a distance from him. If they saw the leper coming, they might have chosen to give him a wide berth or perhaps find a different route. The pain, isolation, and perhaps shame of those with leprosy, must have been intense! Who are the 'lepers' in our day, in our world? Who are the individuals that I (and you) may treat as a 'leper' at times by avoiding them or ignoring them? Perhaps I simply do not like them or they may be needy and desire more from me than I am willing to give. Perhaps they simply 'get on my nerves.' Can you and I be more like Jesus? Will we strive to be more like Jesus? Are we willing to reach out and touch the individuals we typically avoid? I pray we can answer yes but only time will tell!

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