



ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH
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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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ 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.myдона.com/st-edwards-church-selly-park>

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham – Registered Charity 234216

QR code:



	Sat 2 nd	6.00pm	Sean Brady RIP AK
Third Sunday of Lent	Sun 3 rd	10.15am	Alice & James Lonergan RIP Fin.
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 4 th	9.00am	No Intention
	Tues 5 th	7.00pm	Jim Corcoran RIP Marie A.
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
	Wed 6 th	9.00am	John Fallon RIP Mike
		9.45 am	(School) Parishioners
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am		
	Thu 7 th	9.00am	No Mass Sorry Hosp Apt. Funeral 10am
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
	Fri 8 th	9.00am	Diana (& baby) Int & Bernadette RIP
	Sat 9 th	6.00pm	Austin & Ita Doyle RIP CC
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sun 10 th	10.15am	Bridie Higgins RIP Marie
Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm			
Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'			

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 96 Off Collection: £73.50 2nd Collection: Walk With Me Booklets £47.60

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 264 Off Collection: £247.95 2nd Collection: Walk With Me Booklets £106.85

Card machine 1st Collection: £51.14 2nd Collection: £4.92

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.

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.

Taizé Prayer 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

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.

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 Douglas Carter, Rev John Pinkman, Rev Robert Wright, Canon Peter Taylor, Rev Terence Luxon, Canon Anthony George Allport, Rev Francis Johnson, Deacon James Rowe **Also** Philip Reeves, Mary Hurley, Catherine Finucane, Lily Nolan, Joe Stone, Bernadette McLaughlin, Thomas Molloy, Afra Callaco, Bill Spink, Dominic Cregg, Tommy Heneghan, Jane Burke, Francis Breheny, Maxine Harriett, Liz Hurst, Dr Edward Carolan **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time**

The Big Lent Walk 2024: Sr Anna is walking 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. If you would like to sponsor Sr Anna, please donate to Anna OConnor's Just Giving Page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/anna-oconnor-1708433664462>

or by cheque payable to Anna OConnor. Donations can also be given to Fr Denis, Deacon Dirk or Marleen.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for March

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Points to Ponder

Worship should be an experience of entering into the presence of God, of conversing with God. But there was too much noise and distraction to hear anything from God. We need to be careful about our worship today. We can be guilty of creating our own distractions. Sometimes the music is simply too loud. If the sound system and the keyboard and the drums and the guitars and the singers are so loud that the people in the congregation cannot even hear their own voices, they will not be able to truly enter into worship. Worship is not for a few people up front. This is not a performance. Worship leaders are not the focus of our attention. Worship leaders should lead the congregation into the presence of God. But they must be careful not to drown out the congregation by having the sound system so loud that people cannot hear themselves. The people who run the sound equipment have a very important responsibility to set the sound system so that it does not distract or overpower the worshippers. There is a time for everything. There is a time to make music, and there is a time to refrain from making music. When someone is addressing the congregation, he should not have to compete with a keyboard or a guitar. Musicians need to be very careful not to draw attention to themselves. In worship, there is an audience of One, and that One is the Lord God. In our singing and in our preaching and in everything we do, everyone's attention should be on Him.

J. Gary Ellison

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