

**ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH**

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies &amp; 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](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/W4JR563Ajpynn7TZEslwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>**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**

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	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Jim McMullan RIP Mary
Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.15am	Brendan McInerney RIP
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
Easter Monday	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00am	Kathleen Oldham RIP Hélène
Easter Tuesday	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	Redmond Fam. RIP
		7.00pm	<b>No Mass</b>
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
Easter Wednesday	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Goldrick Fam. Int.
		9.45 am	<b>(School) No Mass</b>
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am		
Easter Thursday	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Anne D'Souza RIP
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
Easter Friday	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Reilly & Murray Fam. RIP
Easter Saturday	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Second Sunday of Easter	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Tommy Joe Fitzpatrick RIP Vincent
<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>			

**Mass Attendance:****Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:** 76 **Off Collection:** £83.90**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 266 **Off Collection:** £346.10 **Card machine 1st Collection:** £100.30 **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.

**The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT)** is looking to appoint an experienced Administration Support Officer for their Safeguarding Team, which is based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway Birmingham. They are also looking to appoint an experienced Deputy Diocesan Solicitor to support the Diocesan Solicitor in providing high quality legal advice to the trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust, colleagues, and clergy. Please find more information for both jobs at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs> or contact [julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk) in HR.

*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 Matthew Sheridan, Rev John Callaghan, Archbishop Thomas Leighton Williams, Deacon Raymond Zacaroli, Rev Philip O'Reilly, Mgr Canon Daniel Leonard, Rev Lawrence King, Bishop Anthony Emery, Rev Michael Clive Glynn, Rev Timothy Burke, **Also** Mary Daly, Michael Connolly, Oisín Jude Sweeney, Noel Sweeney, Mark Tomlinson, Jerry Cronin, Peggy Dunne, Gwen Byrnes, Kitty Boyle, Aggie Finucane, John Mockler **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time**

**Liturgical Music for all occasions and celebrations:** Contact Caroline McGrath 0787 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*

<p><b>Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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]</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>THE ANGELUS</b></p> <p>V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; <b>R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit, Hail Mary....</b></p> <p>V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; <b>R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary....</b></p> <p>V. And the Word was made Flesh; <b>R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....</b></p> <p>V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God <b>R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.</b></p> <p>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. <b>R. Amen.</b></p> <p>May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. <b>R. Amen</b></p>
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**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 April**  
**For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

*Points to Ponder*

The Bible is full of references to the morning, using this tangible, everyday occurrence to illustrate the refreshment and renewal that Christians believe is on offer through the presence of God. The book of Lamentations reminds readers that, 'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning'. Psalm 30 gives the encouragement that 'Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes with the morning'. I love mornings. I will happily wake up with my alarm and bounce straight out of bed, picking up unfinished conversations with my husband from the night before and thinking through the day ahead. Mistakes have not yet been made, ideas have yet to be tested, and nobody quite knows exactly how the day will pan out. It's exciting, if we allow it to be. Mornings, especially early ones, buzz with potential. Perhaps this is why Jesus embraced them, too. Luke's gospel tells us that Jesus would preach in the temple 'early in the morning'. Mark's gospel similarly reports that Jesus would get up 'very early in the morning, while it was still dark', in order to pray. And, perhaps most significant of all, the resurrection of Jesus was discovered 'at dawn on the first day of the week' (Matthew 28:1). Easter Sunday is a time when Christians remember that the extraordinary, history—shaping resurrection of Jesus means a fresh start. A new day, filled with space for forgiveness, celebration and hope. The resurrection is the sign to all who wish to see it that death—in all its thievery and pain—is not the end, and that another reality is possible.

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