



**ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH
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Legion of Mary

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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/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEslYwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

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

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	Sat 27 th	6.00pm	Riley Barber RIP age 27 (Mother Ann Marie, Sister Gemma, Brothers James and Daniel)
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sun 28 th	10.15am	Helen Arnold RIP PET
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
St Catherine of Sienna	Mon 29 th	9.00am	Pius McDermott Int MD
	Tues 30 th	9.00am	Margaret Walker Int MD
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
	Wed 1 st May	9.00am	John Black RIP Pat
		9.45 am	(School) Collins Family
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am		
St Athanasius	Thu 2 nd	9.00am	Farrell Grogan Int
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
Ss Philip and James	Fri 3 rd	9.00am	Kitty McCaughey RIP DM
	Sat 4 th	6.00pm	Anne & Frank Mimmagh RIP Theresa
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sun 5 th	10.15am	Derek Barton
Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'			

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 77 **Off Collection:** £53.65 **2nd Collection Kiltegan Fathers:** £137.90

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 189 **Off Collection:** £158.65 **2nd Collection Kiltegan Fathers:** £182.10

Card machine 1st Collection: £33.44 **2nd Collection:** £197.62: **Donation K.F:** £75.00 **Sincere thanks**

In memory of Catherine Mary Carolan RIP £550.40 (Church)

Frank Brankin died on Easter Sunday night in the QE Hospital Age 100 and 9 months. May he Rest in Peace. Our sympathy and prayers

Parish Cash Counters urgently needed

Each weekend, we need to count the donations that are made via the 1st and 2nd collections. Before Covid lockdown, we had several parishioners who kindly helped with this, which shared the small time burden needed. Sadly, post Covid, we only have two counters. This means that the burden on their time is greater than necessary. We urgently need five or six additional counters, who can help out once or twice a month, to count the collections. Can you help the parish with this? Please give your name to Fr Denis or Brendan Campbell if you can help.

Parish Donations

Thank you for all of your continued generosity with your weekly donations to the church. Please consider making your regular gift by standing order; it makes it much easier. Please ask Father or Brendan Campbell for a standing order form. We recovered over £5,000 in tax refunds from HMRC last year, so if you pay tax, it's really worthwhile completing a gift aid form, so we can claim more taxes back. It costs you nothing! Speak to Brendan for more information.

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 Peter Coony, Rev Peter Heath, Deacon James Fantham, Rev Thomas William O'Connor, Rev David Duggan **Also** Helen Arnold, Jim Hannon, Eileen Corrigan, Mary Sharkey, John Black, Florence Birmingham, Derek Barton **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time**

1st Holy Communion
St Edward's School – year 3
Sunday 12th May 1pm,
Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday 19th May 10.15am

CONFIRMATION
THURSDAY 13th JUNE AT
7PM

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>Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families</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 Z��lie Martin, pray us.</p>	<p>THE ANGELUS</p> <p>V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit, Hail Mary....</p> <p>V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary....</p> <p>V. And the Word was made Flesh; R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....</p> <p>V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.</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. R. Amen.</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. R. Amen</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 May
For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow I their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Points to Ponder

I have two plants that live in my office. One of them is better than twenty years old. The other is only a few years old. If I do not pay attention to them, they do something that makes them look sad. They droop! They almost look as if they are going to cry. I think it is fair to say that like our plants we wither from time to time. I am speaking of course about our walk with the Lord. Most people who identify themselves as Christians have very pronounced highs and lows in their journey of faith. Generally speaking it is because we allow our relationship with Jesus to grow old, or like our plants, we forget to get the kind of nutrition that we need to stay fresh and vital. There are so many people who go to church, sign up for boards or committees, get excited for a week or two, and then everything gets old. For others it takes longer; maybe a couple of months, maybe a year, two years, or maybe even five years. Like drooping plants our relationship with Christ that was once so vibrant, fresh, and exciting becomes slow, stale, and boring... dry! The fruit that God desired from Israel was for the people to be more loving, to show obedience to God, and to practice righteousness and justice in how they conducted their lives. When we take that idea and transport it through Jesus, through the disciples, and finally into all of us we begin to see how important it is for us to stay connected to Jesus who is the source of our Christian life.