

ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan 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*

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Easter Saturday	Sat 6 th	6.00pm	Parishioners
Second Sunday of Easter	Sun 7 th	10.15am	Tommy Joe Fitzpatrick RIP Vincent
Monday Rosary 8.30am			
Annunciation of the Lord	Mon 8 th	9.00am	Bodenham Fam.
	Tues 9 th	7.00pm	Neil H. Int. AH
Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
	Wed 10 th	9.00am	Webb Fam.
		9.45 am	(School) No Mass
Thursday Rosary 8.30am			
Saint Stanislaus	Thu 11 th	9.00am	No Mass Funeral 9.30am
Friday Rosary 8.30am			
	Fri 12 th	9.00am	Mary & Joe P. Int.G
	Sat 13 th	6.00pm	Kathleen Murphy RIP Bridie C.
Third Sunday of Easter	Sun 14 th	10.15am	Ann Nugent RIP Bridget M.
Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'			

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 140 Off Collection: £283.05

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 291 Off Collection: £383.65

Second Collection: Holy Places: £537.05

Card machine 1st Collection: £154.38 2nd Collection: £105.38

Sincere thanks

In memory of Tom Mannion RIP £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**Funeral:** 'Amy' Emily Patricia Dowling RIP. Reception into St Edward's Wednesday 10 April 6.30pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 11 April 9.30am. Burial in Widney Manor. Our sympathy and prayers.**Funeral:** Catherine Carolan RIP. Reception into St Edward's Monday 15 April 6.00pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday 16 April 11.30.30am. 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.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.

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 Kevin Preston, Rev Eamon Patrick Clarke, Deacon Jack Foxall, Rev Kenneth William Collins, Canon Peter Edward Jones, Rev Joseph Barr, Rev Michael McManus, Also Kathleen Feeney, Maureen Cody, Betty Francis, Noel Foley, John Grant, Trina Flynn, Ann Princip, Patrick Galvin, Angela Hookes, **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this this time**

A big, big thank you for your kindness in helping to fight the poverty we see all around the world. I have managed to raise **£937.00 for CAFOD** to support their great work in helping to solve and relieve Global Poverty in some of the poorest parts of the world. This has been possible because of your generosity. The 200 Kilometres walk was easy, I managed about 12,000 steps per day whatever the weather. So once again a huge thank you for your generosity.

Sincere thanks
 God Bless Sr Anna

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 Zélie 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 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

Fear results from various causes. The perception of some immediate threat causes sudden fear as a sort of defense mechanism. This could save your life if, for example, the immediate threat is a car swerving into your lane. Sudden fear compels you to take action and avoid a collision. However, fear can also result from other more remote factors that we experience as threats to our well-being. For example, one may struggle with fear over an economic downturn or loss of profit in a business. The fear may be, 'How will I support my family?' Or one may have health issues and this causes increasing fear about the future. And the list could go on. Though some forms of fear are healthy most others are not. Specifically, when fear causes anxiety and worry, leading one to lose trust in God and His providence, this is a problem. But if God is alive in your heart, living and reigning there, His presence produces a supernatural confidence and trust in the midst of any and every struggle we face. Reflect upon the specific fear you struggle with right now. What is it that causes excessive worry and anxiety? Whatever it may be, the Lord wants you to trust Him. Yes, a certain 'holy' fear can help us evaluate all situations properly and act diligently and responsibly, but too often what we actually struggle with is a lack of trust in God. Reflect upon your fear and your trust and invite Christ more deeply into your heart so that His presence will cast out all useless fear, enabling you to fully trust in His care, providence and Mercy.