



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/@stedwardssellypark>

Upper Room: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEslYwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

Church: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/voi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKiE6FW7GnNb6ZWISrdLMC>

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

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	Sat 27 th	6.00pm	Margaret Dolan RIP Tess
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 28 th	10.15am	Annie Fitzgerald RIP J.
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Mon 29 th	9.00am	Salvador Eugenio, Sr RIP J.S.
	Tues 30 th	7.00pm	Robert Black RIP A Handel
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola	Wed 31 st	9.00am	Sp. Int Pat K.
		9.45am	(School) No Mass Holidays
	Thursday Rosary 8.00am		
Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori	Thu 1 st August	9.00am	Denis & Joe Int
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
	Fri 2 nd	9.00am	Jean Mossandi Int
	Sat 3 rd	6.00pm	Jim McMullan RIP Mary
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 4 th	10.15am	Maryann McDermott RIP KM

Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 70 Off Collection: £181.95 2nd Collection War and Famine Relief: £50.45

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 179 Off Collection: £221.00 2nd Collection War and Famine Relief: £130.05

Card machine 1st Collection: £59.89 2nd Collection: £10.82 Sincere thanks

Funeral: Frank Brankin RIP. Reception into St Edward's Tuesday 30 July 5pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 31 July 10.30am. Cremation at Lodge Hill 12.15. Our sympathy and prayers. Frank was a good and faithful Parishioner.

Church cleaning: volunteers are needed to help with regular church cleaning (vacuuming, dusting etc) - call Bernard 07580 011278.

Parish Cash Counters urgently needed

Each weekend, we need to count the donations that are made via the 1st and 2nd collections. Please give your name to Fr Denis or Brendan Campbell if you can help.

Praesidium Function

The Legion of Mary (Our Lady Queen of Martyrs) invites all parishioners to the annual Praesidium function which will be held on Sunday 8 September 2024 (Holy rosary before 10.15am Mass) event continues after Mass.

GoFundMe Appeal: Rita Ocho is raising money through GoFundMe to help her cousin, Kelechi, receive a new chemotherapy. Her cancer has not responded to previous chemotherapy, and she needs this treatment urgently to stay alive. Please donate towards her treatment. Full details are here- <https://gofund.me/5320bea>

Special Appeal: Claire Holliday will be making a special appeal on behalf of her son Vinnie on 3 and 4 August. Please support. Alternatively you can also find the GoFundMe details at <https://gofund.me/87c732ea>

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 Thomas Michael Duffy, Canon Arthur Diamond, **Also** Thomas Welby, James Roy, Paddy Mitchell, Ray O'Donoghue, Mary McDonald, Johanna Moynihan, Annie Murphy, John McCann, Martin Meally **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this this time**

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.

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

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>	<p>PRAYER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE</p> <p>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</p> <p>PRAYER FOR PEACE</p> <p>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.</p>
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Pope's Prayer Intention for August

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Points to Ponder

God has the power of creating something out of nothing, but he asks for human collaboration, even if it is minimal. Here it is no different. The apostles are utterly poor: they can bring to Our Lord only five loaves and two fish from a boy they find in the crowd. Jesus asks us to contribute because he wants to teach us to be generous, even when we think we have nothing to give. It is when we give from our want that we most please Our Lord (Cf. Luke 21:1-4). Poverty is never an excuse for lack of generosity in serving and working for Our Lord. This miracle proves to us that Our Lord can never be outdone in generosity. Jesus slowly prepared his apostles and disciples for his teaching on the Real Presence in the Eucharist. He had to purify their hearts and prune out attachment to the things of this world for them to accept the difficult teaching about his self-giving love found in the Eucharist. Even so, when he saw that the people were about to miss the point of his miracle, Our Lord 'withdrew again to the mountain alone' (John 6:15). Sometimes Our Lord withdraws the comfort and consolation of his presence in our lives because we wrongly interpret their meaning and purpose. DO I correctly discern the spirit in my heart when I pray? Am I happy only for things that give me comfort, or am I genuinely coming closer to Christ because I recognise who he is and return to him the same authentic love he gives me and wants from me?