



**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/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEslwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

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

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	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Jim McMullan RIP Mary
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Parishioners
	No Rosary this week		
	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Chris Cody RIP M.G.
Feast of the Transfiguration	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Chris Cody RIP McG
	No Rosary this week		
	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Frank Brankin RIP M.G.
		9.45am	No Mass
Memorial of St Dominic	Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Thomas, Jean & Pat Robinson RIP Pat
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Ann Murphy RIP Paul

**Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'**

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:**

**Off Collection:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection War and Famine Relief:**

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:**

**Off Collection:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection War and Famine Relief:**

**Card machine 1st Collection:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £10.82**

**Sincere thanks**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

**Liturgical Music for all occasions and celebrations:** Contact Caroline McGrath 07387 158394

*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 David Ford, Rev Cuthbert Brown, Deacon John Leach, Rev James Gough, Rev Francis Gwinnett **Also** Mary Hogan, Patrick (Pat) Burns, Frank Dunsmuir, Mark Clinton, Bill Kennedy, Jerry McCarthy, Eugene McGillicuddy, Noel Coffey, John Cooper, Iris Beaumont, Edward Leahy, Clara Appleby **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.

**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 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*

Last Sunday's gospel from John talked about Jesus miraculously feeding the 5,000. Today's gospel is closely connected to that; the people in the Galilean countryside are still following Jesus; they were fed once, and, as Jesus realizes, they've come for more. They are still hungry. They probably don't quite know themselves what they are hungry for, or what they truly need. How often do we hear in the gospels this question about Jesus, 'Who is this?' Which reminds us a lot of the question of the Israelites, 'Man hu', what is this? People see Jesus as a teacher, a healer, someone who is different, someone who has authority, a leader, a prophet, someone with amazing powers. But they don't see that Jesus is 'it' - 'manna'. They, just like those Israelites in the wilderness, don't realise that God has set before them exactly what they need, what the world needs: Jesus himself, the bread from heaven, the bread of life. They don't see that there, right in front of their eyes, is God who models compassion, grace, solidarity, true community - true communion -, and self-sacrifice for the sake of the world, for the sake of the larger good. They - and not only they, but we as well - have a hard time understanding that we are called to partake in this God with all our heart and all our mind and all our soul, to make all that Christ embodies part of us - you are, what you eat, after all - and allow our lives be transformed. And that we are called to become bread ourselves, sharing ourselves with a hungry world.