



**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](mailto: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/@stedwardssellypark>

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

**Church:** <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/yoi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKIE6FW7GnNb6ZWISrdLMC>

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

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	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Thomas, Jane & Pat Robinson RIP Jim
Third Sunday of Advent	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Paddy & Bridie Higgins RIP Marie
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	John Black RIP Pat
	Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	Owen, Peggy & John Fallon RIP Michael
	<b>No evening Mass Confessions at Kings Heath</b>		
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Alma Kelly RIP D.M.
		9.45am	<b>(in Church)</b> Martin McTiernan RIP St Ed S
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am		
	Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Cillian Jones & Henry Scott RIP Hélène R
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Paddy McGill RIP Ann
	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Winnie Hayes RIP BC
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.15am	Philbin's & O'Sullivan's Mary & Michael O'Sullivan RIP Maggie & Peter Philbin RIP
<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>			

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 22 Off Collection: £43.70 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Poor Parishes: £18.54**

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 188 Off Collection: £384.44 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Poor Parishes: £169.98**

**Card machine 1st Collection: £32.45 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £20.65 Sincere thanks**

**Church cleaning:** volunteers are needed to help with regular church cleaning - 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.

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Monday 16 December 7.30pm St Edward's, Selly Park

Tuesday 17 December 7.00pm St Dunstan's, Kings Heath

Wednesday 18 December 7.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood

Thursday 19 December 7.30pm Ss Joseph and Helen, Kings Norton

Friday 20 December 7.00pm St John Fisher, West Heath

**Christmas Mass Times:**

Christmas Eve 24 December: Vigil Mass 6.00pm; Early Midnight Mass 9.30pm

Christmas Day 25 December: 10.15am

**Singers of Solace** Funerals & weddings: organist, singers. Contact Jobe Sullivan on 07858 219629.

**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:** Deacon Bryan Salter, Deacon Henry Atkinson, Rev Fergus O'Connell, Rev John Dewis, Rev Daniel O'Connor, Rev Michael O'Meara, Rev Edmund Motherway **Also** Cassian Menezes, Ellen Duffy, Terence McGeough, Henry John Byrne, Peggy Fallon, Peggy Henson, James Gunning, Alma May Kelly, Bazilia Dereyo, Michael McAuliffe, Kathleen Sullivan, Annaliese Gottschalk, Henrietta Monton Cabalan **and for all whose anniversaries occur about 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.

**New Lectionaries:** Ambo set £695 (per book £173.75); Chapel set £395 (per book £98.75)

**Come and Pray the Rosary before Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.30am**

**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*

**DEMENTIA PRAYER** Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh. We rejoice that you dwell amongst us, that you have shared our joys and sorrows, our frailty and pain. We bring to you all those who struggle with the confusion of dementia. We pray that you might touch their inmost hearts with the peace of your presence. For ourselves we ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we, who know and love them, may serve them with your compassion, your understanding and your peace. May that same Holy Spirit raise us up into the presence of your Father. This we ask through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

<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><b>V.</b> The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; <b>R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit, Hail Mary....</b></p> <p><b>V.</b> Behold the handmaid of the Lord; <b>R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary....</b></p> <p><b>V.</b> And the Word was made Flesh; <b>R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....</b></p> <p><b>V.</b> 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 December For Pilgrims of Hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year may strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

*Points to Ponder*

As Luke tells the story of Jesus' earthly ministry in the Gospel of Luke and the story of Jesus' heavenly ministry through the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts, he comes back to this question again and again, 'What should we [I] do?' [1] This is THE question Luke wants all of us to ask. Luke is looking for more than just, 'What must I believe?' God uses Luke to speak to our times when goodness and godliness are sometimes associated with only what we feel or what we think. Change has to change more than just what goes on in the gray matter between our ears. Yes, God wants our hearts, minds, and souls to be thoroughly convicted and passionate. [2] Yes, without faith and love, all action is hollow and vain. [3] But, the Bible makes clear that faith is not genuine if all it does is change what we think. Real faith leads us to action. [4] Faith is always displayed in action based upon trust— it is never just mere wistful thinking or good intentions. When Jesus enters our world, he changes it. When Jesus enters our lives, he changes them. So the question of each day, the ultimate question of faith, is this: 'What, Lord, should I do?' Why not begin each day by asking Jesus that question?

*O God, guide my steps, lead my heart,  
And form my character. I want my faith  
to be more than mental. I want my love  
for you to be displayed in what I do and  
how I do it. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*