

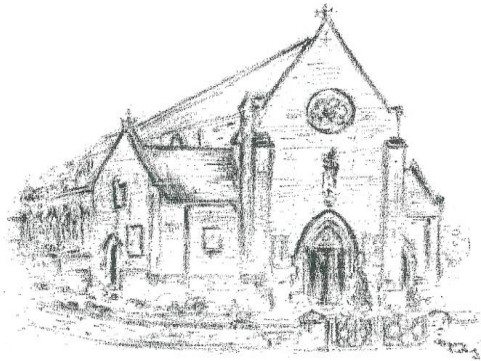


**ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH
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Legion of Mary

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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/@stedwardssellypark>

Upper Room: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpym7TZEs1ywHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

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	Sat 21 st	6.00pm	Winnie Hayes RIP BC
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sun 22 nd	10.15am	Philbin's & O'Sullivan's Mary & Michael O'Sullivan RIP Maggie & Peter Philbin RIP
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 23 rd	9.00am	Noreen Int Mary
Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Tues 24 th	6.00pm	Pat Forde RIP Angela
		9.30pm	Private
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord <i>Christmas Day</i>	Wed 25 th	10.15am	Patrick & Bridget King RIP
Feast of St Stephen	Thu 26 th	10.30am	(In Church) Paddy Rochford RIP Marie G
Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist	Fri 27 th	10.30am	(In Church) Neil Shaughnessy RIP 3 rd Anniv
	Sat 28 th	6.00pm	Mary O'Donoghue RIP
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sun 29 th	10.15am	Ricky Gallagher RIP M.G.
Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'			

*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: Canon Gerald Patrick Breen, Rev Brian Doolan, Mgr Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas N Meagher, Rev Denis Murphy, Mgr Patrick O'Mahoney, Rev Colum McCabe, Rev James (Seamus) McInerney, Rev David O'Callaghan, Rev Christopher Greaney, **Also** Patrick McCormack, Eileen Kelly, Ann Clinton, Elsie Olive Chapman, Sarah Slattery, Eileen Morris, John McGarry, Bernadette Mellett, Moira Gilsean, Desmond Lennon, Donald Pinchbeck, Mary O'Donoghue, Nora Clancy **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 55 Off Collection: £63.14 2nd Collection Poor Parishes: £39.00

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 182 Off Collection: £242.86 2nd Collection Poor Parishes: £189.29

Card machine 1st Collection: £72.77 2nd Collection: £39.33

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 1st and 2nd collections. Please give your name to Fr Denis or Brendan Campbell if you can help.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve 24 December:

Carols 5.30pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm; Early Midnight Carols 9.00pm Mass 9.30pm

Christmas Day:

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

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

Happy Christmas and God's blessings to all

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.

Come and Pray the Rosary before Mass on Monday 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>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 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

The two pregnant women in our Gospel today are very different in age, yet both full of joy and concern for each other. These two great women understand the miracle of conception and birth. But in each case there was a direct intervention of God in a truly exceptional way — by an angel messenger. At particular moments we might recognise the hand of God in our lives. Maybe it was when we felt we had a priestly or religious vocation or when we finally decided on our partner in marriage. Maybe it was in the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment. God continues to work with us and for us. He takes the long view and there are periods of seeming barrenness, seeming aloneness. But these are all part of that gestation period which is life on earth. We were born into this world and we will be reborn into eternal life. Every now and then like John the Baptist we leap in this womb of ours, which is our life on earth. Every now and then we recognise God's presence, just as John recognised Jesus' presence, and we leap with joy. But life is constantly moving on and God is always with us. He caused us to come into being, he sustains and feeds us, and he will welcome us into life eternal. We celebrate a birth at Christmas; a birth, a life, a death and a resurrection.