



**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](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/yoi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKiE6FW7GnNb6ZWlSrdLMC>

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

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	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> February	6.00pm	Louise Sullivan RIP M&M
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.15am	Tony Murphy RIP K
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	David Reed Int Hélène
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Paddy Rochford RIP C Shaw
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>No Mass</b> Medical Treatment
		9.45am	(School) <b>No Mass</b> Medical Treatment
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am		
Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Maher & Tynan Fam RIP D
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Rob & Caroline Libb Int
	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Dettie & Joe Robinson RIP Michael
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Patrick Houlihan RIP A.V.
	<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>		

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:** 96    **Off Collection:** £110.97    **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Jubilee Booklets:** £59.53

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 200    **Off Collection:** £149.26    **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Jubilee Booklets:** £64.21

**Card machine 1st Collection:** £47.20    **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** £9.84    **Sincere thanks**

**Funeral:** John Christopher Jones 'Jack' RIP. Requiem Mass Wednesday 5 February 11 am. Burial at Lodge Hill 12.30. Our sympathy and prayers.

**Christian Meditation Quiet Day - Lectio Divina, Prayerful Reading of Scripture:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

February from 10:30 -3:30 at Quaker Meeting House, Colmore Road, Kings Heath, B14 7PE. If you are able to attend, please let Joy Cheek know by 15<sup>th</sup> February. [joycheek@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joycheek@hotmail.co.uk). Tel:0121 443 4625

**Church cleaning:** volunteers are needed to help with regular church cleaning - call Bernard 07580 011278.

**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:** Rev Denis Clancy, Rev Joseph Connelly, Rev Thomas O'Carroll, Archbishop Frederick William Keating, Mgr John Heslin **Also** Margaret Lennon, Tony Murphy, Bernadette Robinson, John Rowland, Denis McCollum, Mary Burrows, Rob Badland, Crissy Crowley, Owen Regan, Anne Maher, Josephine Brennan O'Connor **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.

**Jubilee Prayer**

In the year of the Jubilee,

We ask you to touch anew

With the love of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Enlighten our minds

With the Holy Spirit

And strengthen our hands for Service.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God.

**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 February**

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

We pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

*Points to Ponder*

'You are never too old.' I remember this phrase from a good friend (who also was my mother) when I contemplated returning to college at age 42 to earn an associate degree in physical therapy. Could I learn again and read a textbook? Could I understand Physics 101? Are you kidding? After all, cookbooks and light novels were the extent of my reading! I graduated with honors, passed the state exam and began a second career at 45! Like I said, 'You are never too old. NO excuses!'

Anna lived her long life serving God. She allowed the Lord to work in her, and this brought her to the recognition of this infant being brought to the temple for His presentation to the Lord. It had not been an easy life for her, being a widow all those years. Widows in those days did not have the same stature as those with husbands and families. But she lived every day in communion with the Lord, and it allowed her to recognise the infant, Jesus. Simeon and Anna were persistent in prayer. They showed up faithfully each day. We can learn from them that God is always at work in a quiet way in our lives, even when things seem impossible. So don't give up and never think you are too old. God will show you things in your life if you stay close to Him with prayer, and you will recognise Him, just as Simeon and Anna recognised the infant, Jesus.