



**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/W4JR563Ajpym7TZEs1ywHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

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

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	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Margaret Hough RIP James Hyland RIP	} D. Hough
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Alice & Jerry Kelly RIP VC	
	Monday Rosary 8.30am			
	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Paddy Rochford RIP Win B	
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Cyril McGillyCuddy RIP D	
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Chris McLean RIP A.F.	
		9.45am	(School) <b>No Mass</b>	
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am			
	Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Paddy Rochford RIP K.M.	
	Friday Rosary 8.30am			
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Paddy Rochford RIP BC	
	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Joe Moriarty RIP Maura	
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Patrick Paki O'Donnell RIP	
<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>				

**Mass Attendance:**

**Christmas Collection: 6.00pm; No of people: 289 Collection: £473.65  
9.30pm; No of people: 210 Collection: £299.14  
10.15am; No of people: 182 Collection: £259.80**

**Sunday Collection**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 68 Off Collection: £109.67 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Jubilee booklets: £35.01**

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 169 Off Collection: £209.49 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Jubilee booklets: £99.71**

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

**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

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

*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 Martin Cassidy, Rev Philip Garrett, Rev Francis Dwyer, Rev Philip Smith, Rev John P Davis, Deacon Joseph Patterson, Rev Brian Harding, Rev John Bentley, Rev Charles Becker, Rev Alexander (Sandy) Brown, Rev Philip Wyles, Deacon William Murphy, Rev Patrick Farrelly **Also** Jerry Heffernan, Thomas Mellett, Alice Kelly, Margaret O'Connor, Breda Glynn, Ellen Frampton, Cyril McGillyCuddy, Betty Evans, Mary Collins, James Rock, Alice Lonergan, Francis Gilligan, Patrick Lennon, Maureen Meehan, Oliver Clinton, Bernard Hoare, David M. Moon,, St Lucy Kiernan **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.

**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 January**

**For the right of an education**

We pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, may always be respected.

*Points to Ponder*

Those who are sincere of heart find God in their life. In the case of the Magi, their sincerity is shown by what they are willing to sacrifice to attain their goal. The journey required abandoning the comforts of their homeland, the needs of their family members, and the pursuit of wealth. The intention was pure, not muddled with self-centered wants, for it was nothing less than the desire to encounter God's living presence. Their openness of heart permitted God to speak through many things in their world - from astrology to Herod, from the star to the child in the crib. What will it take for me to find God today? I must put aside all but him and let his hand lead me to that definitive encounter with his divine presence. No star is offered to Herod or the worldly, only darkness. The worldly may like the idea of God and even be curious about him, but they disregard his call. They rarely leave their palace, sacrifice their time, or place themselves at the service of the divine. The prideful lovers of comfort leave their palaces and then oddly claim God is nowhere to be found in the world. They fear the loss of a comfortable world. I pray that my heart is open to all that the living Gospel requires in my life. May Christ find no obstacle in me; rather, may he find in me the will to leave my palace so that I might find and follow him.