



**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/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEs1ywHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

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

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	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Tom Costello RIP Bridie
Third Sunday of Lent	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.15am	Parishioners
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	} No Mass
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
		9.45am	
	Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Dave Harvey RIP Andrea H
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Paddy & Bridie Higgins RIP Marie
<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>			

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:** 89    **Off Collection:** £154.63    **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Walk with me Booklets:** £38.93

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 265    **Off Collection:** £366.40    **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Walk with me Booklets:** £132.39

**Card machine 1st Collection:** £63.91    **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** £19.68    **Sincere thanks**

**St Vincent de Paul (SVP):** volunteers are needed to help the St Edward's St Vincent de Paul (SVP) to carry out visits to people needing assistance in the parish - call Bernard 07580011278.

(The SVP meets at 7pm one Thursday evening / month in the presbytery upper-room).

Parishioners are invited to make donations to the SVP to provide funding for their charitable works.

Sort code: 60-60-04    Account no: 51300915

National Westminster bank. (St Edwards the confessor St Vincent de Paul society).

**Retreat /Quiet Day Saturday 12th April,** at St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Conference Centre. Theme:

Journeying with Jesus: A time to reset our relationship with God and recognise how God loves us. Cost is £15.00 or what you can afford. Soup/rolls, cake, tea and coffee provided. If you are planning to attend, please contact Sr Anna O'Connor <oconnorannam@gmail.com> Mb: 07969177704 before 5<sup>th</sup> April with contact details and any allergies.

**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 John Higgins, Deacon Louis Joseph Livesey, Bishop David McGough, Bishop Humphrey Bright, Rev John Joseph Donnelly, Rev John McManus, Mgr Henry Francis Davis, Mgr Canon John Joseph Welch **Also** Eileen McGuire, Peggy Clinton, Kay McLoughlin, Philip Leckie, Florence Condon, Gordon Delaney, John Houghton **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time**

**NB.** Please bring to the attention of Deacon Dirk or Father Denis anyone you know who is sick or housebound or in hospital or who has been discharged from hospital. Thank you, much appreciated.

**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.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and  
peace of our Redeemer throughout the  
earth.

**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

**Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families**

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.

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]

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

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 Z  lie Martin, pray us.

**THE ANGELUS**

**V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit, Hail Mary....**

**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

**R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary....**

**Hail Mary....**

**V.** And the Word was made Flesh;

**R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....**

**Hail Mary....**

**V.** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

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.**

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**

**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 March**

**For families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

*Points to Ponder*

Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words 'Repent or you will perish' remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: 'The un-examined life is not worth living.' The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life. Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked 'Weren't we supposed to preach today?' Francis replied, 'Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behavior was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!' He summed up his idea in these words 'Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words.' To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.