



ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH
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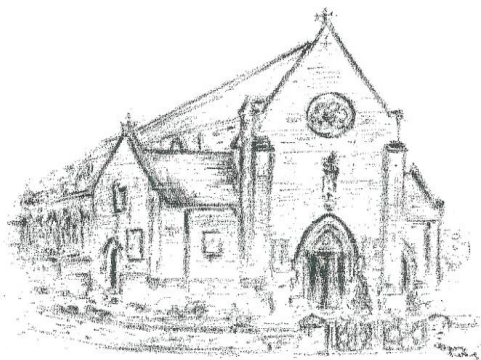
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Headteacher: Joanne Kennett

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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/voi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKiE6FW7GnNb6ZWISrdLMC>

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

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham – Registered Charity 234216

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	Sat 29 th	6.00pm	Dave Harvey RIP Andrea H
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sun 30 th	10.15am	Paddy & Bridie Higgins RIP Marie
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 31 st	9.00am	Thanksgiving St Jude F&S
	Tues 1 st April	7.00pm	Noel & Oisín Sweeney RIP
	Wednesday Rosary 8.30am		
	Wed 2 nd	9.00am	Thanksgiving St Joseph Francis & Sharlet
		9.45am	(School) Annie Reilly Int
	Thursday Rosary 8.30am		
	Thu 3 rd	9.00am	Tracy Connell RIP Andrea H
	Friday Rosary 8.30am		
	Fri 4 th	9.00am	No Mass
		7.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	Sat 5 th	6.00pm	Austin & Ita Doyle RIP Catherine
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sun 6 th	10.15am	Emma Hodgson RIP C Shaw
	Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'		

Mass Attendance:

Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 80 Off Collection: £87.64 2nd Collection: £51.55

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 182 Off Collection: £146.90 2nd Collection: £63.75

Card machine 1st Collection: £33.44 2nd Collection: £6.89

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 occonnorannam@gmail.com Mb: 07969177704 before 5th April with contact details and any allergies.

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

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.

*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 Thomas Cockburn, Rev Matthew Sheridan, Rev John Callaghan, Archbishop Thomas Leighton Williams, Deacon Raymond Zacaroli, Rev Philip O'Reilly, Mgr Canon Daniel Leonard, Rev Lawrence King, Bishop Anthony Emery, Rev Michael Clive Glynn, Rev Timothy Burke **Also** Nora Walsh, Frank Brankin, Mary Daly, Michael Connolly, Oisín Jude Sweeney, Noel Sweeney, Mark Tomlinson, Jerry Cronin, Peggy Dunne, Gwen Byrnes, Kitty Boyle, Aggie Finucane, John Mockler **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. 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. See Father.

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>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>
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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 April

For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Points to Ponder

Today's Gospel is one of the world's most famous stories. This is because it speaks to us as humans, as individuals, in a powerful way. There are two dramatic moments in the story. The first is when the father runs out to meet the prodigal. We expect otherwise, and that suggests that so did the son. He was prepared to live the rest of his life as a servant under his father. But Jesus is demonstrating, through this wonderful parable, that God is full of surprises, full of a love that we cannot fathom, cannot second guess. The second moment is when the other son, the faithful one, is chastised by his father for being so condemnatory. So, this is a story in which we learn that our ways have much to change if we are to come into that family. Sometimes in life, we are the prodigal son. Other times we are the condemnatory son. Sometimes we have the grace to act like the prodigal and turn back. Sometimes we have the grace to listen to our Lord through the Gospels and accept that we are being selfish or condemnatory. Perhaps we can sometimes feel like the father: hurt by the selfishness of family decisions but always acting from love ready to welcome our cherished family back. It is a story of perspectives, and a reminder that Jesus is our guide through all of them — Jesus who was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a Cross.