

**ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH  
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**Legion of Mary**

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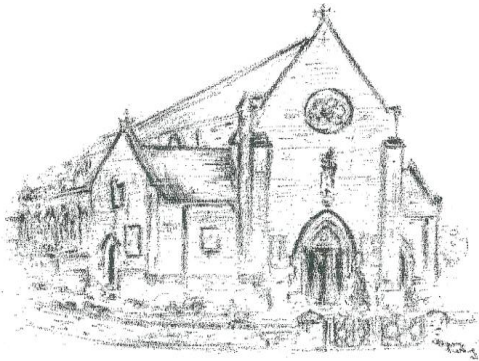
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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

**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/@stedwardsellypark>

**Upper Room:** <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynm7ZTEs1ywHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

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

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	Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Koby Thomas Int VC
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.15am	Marie & Malcolm McDermott 40 Ruby Wedding Anniversary
Monday Rosary 8.30am			
	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	No Intention
Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	No Mass
Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
		9.45am	
	Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	
	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Pat McGowan RIP Fiona
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Tony & Maureen Hogan RIP Kevin
<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>			

*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, James Neild, Megan Foley, Peter Power, Noreen Brannelly, Emma Bettam **and all the sick and housebound of the Parish.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rev John Roddy, Rev Bernard McAllister, Rev Peter Lloyd, Canon Albert JJ Adams, Rev John Bale, Deacon Michael McCormack, Rev Gordon Bancks, Mgr Michael McTernan, Rev Paul Orchard, Canon Peter Reilly, Mgr Henry Farrelly **Also** Maggie Philbin, Christine McLoughlin, Mary Walsh, Baby Noah Brian Duffy, Elizabeth Duffy, Harold Smallbone, John Dalton, Mark Szuler, Bill Pinckston, Helen Foley, Syl Campbell, Mick Reddington, Nora Hopkins, John Logan **and for all whose anniversaries occur about this 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.

**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

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:** 89 **Off Collection:** £144.10 **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Educ Service:** £61.30

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 170 **Off Collection:** £297.72 **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Catholic Educ Service:** £125.08

**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

**Tea & Coffee after 10.15am Mass will restart on Sunday 21 September.**

**Praesidium function:** The Legion of Mary group in the parish will have its Praesidium function on Sunday 21 September. The function will begin with opening prayers and rosary at 9.50am, followed by Mass at 10.15am.

**Jubilee Pilgrimage to Knock** on 10th November; £799 pps. For more information contact 01268 762 278 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA)** are undertaking a thematic inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project. Please find a survey and more information on our Parish website at <https://stedward.org.uk/safeguarding/>

**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*

**DEMENCIA 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>V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; <b>R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit, Hail Mary....</b></p> <p>V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; <b>R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary....</b></p> <p>V. And the Word was made Flesh; <b>R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....</b></p> <p>V. 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 September**

**For our relationship with all of creation**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

***Points to Ponder***

Today's gospel calls us to account for our management of all that we are and all that we have. The demand for an accounting often sounds like someone is in trouble. That's how today's parable begins. The manager has been charged with squandering his master's property. He is going to be fired. He will lose his job, income, reputation, and status. At some level he will lose his life as he now knows it. Whether we've lived it, heard it from a friend or colleague, or read it in the news, it's a familiar story. Somebody has been bad. They've been caught. Now they're going to get what they deserve. That's how the world works. That's what we expect. But that's not how the kingdom of God works and parables rarely give us what we expect. So we ought not be too quick to come to a final or definitive interpretation of this parable. We cannot with ease or confidence declare who, if any one in particular, each character represents: God, Jesus, or us. The parable offers ambiguity and tension not a neat resolution and that feels a lot like real life. What if the accounting is not about finding wrongdoing but new life? What if it's about grace rather than punishment? If a parable makes sense we've probably missed the point. The accounting of our management isn't about numbers, wrongdoing, or punishment but about helping us see and orient our lives in a new direction. It opens us to new possibilities. It points us to our eternal home. 'Give me an accounting of your management.' What are you doing with your life? Who are you serving?

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**Diocesan Vision – Unfolding God's Plan**

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| 1. Evangelisation    | 2. Formation       |
| 3. Liturgy & Worship | 4. Social Outreach |