



**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/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEslwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

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

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

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	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Austin & Ita Doyle RIP Catherine
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Emma Hodgson RIP C Shaw
		Monday Rosary 8.30am	
	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	A.Nell RIP P
	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Patrick Rodrigus Int
		Wednesday Rosary 8.30am	
	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	John Bermingham RIP
		9.45am	(School) Annie Reilly RIP
		Thursday Rosary 8.30am	
	Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Alma Kelly RIP D.M. Denis Kelly RIP J.P.
		Friday Rosary 8.30am	
	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Philomena Schelkens RIP D & M H
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Frank McInerney RIP Kathleen & Fam
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Mary Furey RIP M&C
			<b>Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'</b>

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:** 65 **Off Collection:** £67.14 **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection CAFOD:** £26.61

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:** 212 **Off Collection:** £337.65 **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection CAFOD:** £125.24

**Card machine 1st Collection:** £49.16 **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** £21.63 **Sincere thanks**

**Funeral:** Shirley Pinchbeck RIP. Reception at St Edward's Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 4pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 12.45pm. Our sympathy and prayers.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 [connorannam@gmail.com](mailto:connorannam@gmail.com) Mb: 07969177704 before 5<sup>th</sup> April with contact details

and any allergies.

**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 Kevin Preston, Rev Eamon Patrick Clarke, Deacon Jack Foxall, Rev Kenneth William Collins, Canon Peter Edward Jones, Rev Joseph Barr, Rev Michael McManus **Also** John Mockler, Kathleen Feeney, Maureen Cody, Betty Francis, John Grant, Noel Foley, Trina Flynn, Ann Princip, Patrick Galvin **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><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 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*

The men who brought the woman to Jesus saw her only in terms of her immediate past, while being blind to their own past. Jesus' way of looking at her was very different; he saw the whole picture of her life, not just one little bit of it. Seeing the whole picture of her life, he also saw that she had a future as well as a past, a future that those who brought her to him would have denied her. When the Lord looks at us, he sees the whole picture too; he does not become obsessed with one or two dark details of the picture. The Lord is attentive to the full story of our lives, not just to a couple of lines of that story. He also knows that the story of our lives is always an unfinished story. It is the Lord himself who will endeavour to write the final chapter of that story when, in the words of Paul's letter to the Philippians, he will come from heaven to transfigure our lowly bodies into copies of his own glorious body. Speaking through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord says, 'I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future full of hope.' The Lord offered the woman, and offers all of us, a 'future full of hope.' He can offer us such a future because, again in the words of Paul, his power at work within is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.'

Fr Martin Hogan  
curate in the parish Of Finglas,  
Finglas West and Rivermount