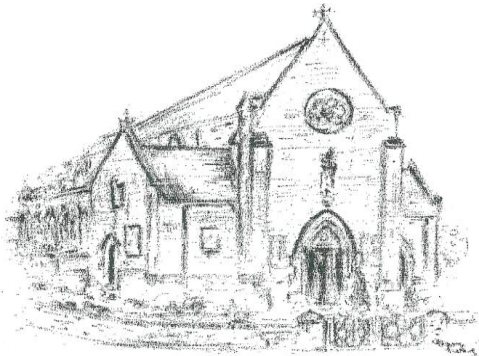




ST EDWARD'S PARISH CHURCH
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Reader's Coordinator

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Legion of Mary

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Chair of Governors: Kevin Connolly

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/@stedwardsellypark>

Upper Room: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynm7ZTEs1ywHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI>

Church: <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/yoi6oWmYvI3tjNN7MCDKiE6FW7GnNb6ZWiSrdLMC>

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

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	Sat 3 rd	6.00pm	John, Jane & Pat Robinson RIP Jimmy Jim McMullan RIP Mary
Second Sunday after the Nativity	Sun 4 th	10.15am	Marian Smyth RIP MD Alice & Jerry Kelly RIP DD
Monday Rosary 8.30am			
Christmas Feria	Mon 5 th	9.00am	Goldrick Family Int MG
Tuesday Rosary 8.30am			
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord <i>Holiday of Obligation</i>	Tues 6 th	9.00am	(in church) Special Int Kitty R
		9.45am	(in School) Parishioners
		7.00pm	(in church) Catherine & family
Wednesday Rosary 8.30am			
Christmas Feria	Wed 7 th	9.00am	Cyril McGillicuddy RIP 18 anniv
		9.45am	(School) No Mass
Thursday Rosary 8.30am			
Christmas Feria	Thu 8 th	9.00am	M & J Galvin Int MG
Friday Rosary 8.30am			
Christmas Feria	Fri 9 th	9.00am	Peggy, Owen & John Fallon RIP M
	Sat 10 th	6.00pm	Margaret Hough & James Hyland RIP DH
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Sun 11 th	10.15am	Paki O'Donnell RIP
Weekday Mass in 'Upper Room'			

Mass Attendance: Sat (6.00pm) No. of people: 46 Off Collection: £95.21 2nd Collection:

Sun (10.15am) No. of people: 14 Off Collection: £126.02 2nd Collection:

Christmas Eve (6.00pm) No of people: 280 Off Collection: £452.69

Christmas Eve (9.30pm) No of people: 142 Off Collection: £195.10

Christmas Day (10.15am) No of people: 182 Off Collection: £249.08

Card machine 1st Collection:

2nd Collection:

Sincere thanks

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

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

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 07580 011278.

(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).

Spiritual Communion (Prayer of St Alphonsus)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

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 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 (Sandie) Brown, Rev

Philip Wyles **Also** Joseph Power,

Christine Cashin, Jerry Heffernan,

Thomas Mellett, Alice Kelly,

Margaret O'Connor, Ellen Frampton,

Breda Glynn, Cyril McGullyCuddy,

Betty Evans, Mary Collins, James

Rock, Alice Lonergan, Francis

Gilligan, Patrick Lennon, Maureen

Meehan **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.

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

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 January

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church

Points to Ponder

In the 2,000 plus years that have unfolded since that night in Bethlehem, certainly there are instances when darkness has been diminished, when hurts have been healed, when pain has been alleviated, when the human spirit has shone with compassion, and inclusivity, and hospitality. Yet, we still experience so much darkness in the world. 'The light shines in the darkness,' writes John. And maybe that's the thing. Maybe that's the gospel writer's point. It is not that the light obliterates the darkness; it is simply that the light is there, sometimes helping to change a situation, and making it much better, but more often the light is a steady, (albeit flickering) constant, faithful presence. This, I think, is the message of the incarnation, the story behind the story that we will tell each other this day. God enters into the darkness to sit alongside of us as a Providential advocate, a Providential presence — God with us — Emmanuel. God refuses to dwell in the heavens above and from a safe distance watch the drama of human life play out. Instead, our Provident God climbs right into the darkest places to be with us; and in that holy and luminous action, we find reason enough to hope. So, wherever there is darkness in your life, in my life, any where in our world, we can be absolutely sure — that our Provident God, our Emmanuel, God with us is there too — a Light in our darkness. And because we are in relationship with the Provident God who is the Light, THE Source of the Light, we, too are called to be Light.

Sisters of Divine Providence