



**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/@stedwardsellypark>

**Upper Room:** <https://camstreamer.com/redirect/W4JR563Ajpynm7TZEslwHyScpe61qaZYWD4JMI1>

**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	Lieve Meel RIP D&M
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.15am	Paddy & Bridie Higgins RIP Marie
	Monday Rosary 8.30am		
	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Chris Cody RIP
	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	<b>No Mass</b> Service of Reconciliation
Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Pat Forde RIP Angela
		<b>9.30pm</b>	Special Intention
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord <i>Christmas Day</i>	Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.15am</b>	Bridget & Patrick King RIP Geraldine
Feast of St Stephen	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.00am</b>	Valerie Lennon RIP Dirk & Marleen
	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Neil Shaughnessy RIP
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Mary O'Donoghue RIP D
<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:** Canon Gerald Patrick Breen, Rev Brian Doolan, Mgr Canon William Flint, Rev Patrick Wall, Rev Anthony Ireland, Bishop Francis Thomas, Mgr Canon Thomas Gavin, Rev Thomas N Meagher, Rev Denis Murphy, Mgr Patrick O'Mahoney, Rev Colum McCabe, Rev James (Seamus) McInerney, Rev David O'Callaghan **Also** Kathleen Sullivan, Annaliese Gottschalk, Henrietta Monton Cabalan, Patrick McCormack, Eileen Kelly, Anne Clinton, Elsie Olive Chapman, Sarah Slattery, Eileen Morris, John McGarry, Bernadette Mellett, Moira Gilsean, Desmond Lennon, Donald Pinchbeck **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.

**Mass Attendance:**

**Sat (6.00pm) No. of people:**

**Sun (10.15am) No. of people:**

**Card machine 1st Collection:**

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).

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Monday 22 December 7.00pm Ss Helen and Joseph, Kings Norton

Monday 22 December 7.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood

**Tuesday 23 December 7.30pm St Edward's, Selly Park**

**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.

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**Christmas Eve:**

**Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

**Early Midnight Mass 9.30pm**

**Christmas Day: 10.15am**

**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 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 December**  
**For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, may be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

***Points to Ponder***

**Joseph - His courage** is not just exemplified by his acceptance of God's will in accepting Mary's pregnancy but in so many other instances In each situation, Joseph never gave in but journeyed on. For us, it is a reminder that we cannot give in, that we can't blame others, that we need to move always toward the light of God's love.

**His tenderness** stands in stark juxtaposition to the harshness of his world and even to our world today. In the macho culture of then and now, Joseph reminds us that to show love, to exhibit care, to be compassionate, to admit our dependence on God and to each other is not a sign of weakness but of strength. Tenderness is not reserved to a gender but rather is a hallmark of an integrated and spiritual human being.

**His respect** for his wife and his family speaks volumes to a modern-day world where too many are diminished by society and by individuals. We too often forget that every living human being is a creation of God and that no one of us should ever forget that.

**His obedience** to God offers us a parallel for our lives. When the disappointments of life wear us down, when personal tragedy befalls us, when the beauty of life is obscured by darkness, we often doubt the presence of God. But it is faith and the belief that if we remain obedient to His plan, we will be given the strength to move beyond. All of these characteristics - and more - provide a measuring stick for how well we are living our faith.

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