



The Parish of **Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury** **Erdington Abbey**

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Served by the Redemptorists since 1922

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MASSES: Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, & 6.00pm.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am & 7.30pm. Tuesday & Friday 10.00am. Saturday: 9.30am.

Wednesday Novena 7.00pm. Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am and Saturday 10.00am & 4.30pm

Parish Office 9-12 and 1-4pm closed Wednesday afternoon. Holy Shop 10.30-12.00 and 2.30-3.45 Closed All day Wednesday

"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, as to the dearest and most loving of friends" St Alphonsus

5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th December

6.00pm: Chrissy Barrett RIP

Sunday 5th December

8.00am: Special Intention

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Lizzie Rouse RIP

12.00 noon: Patrick & Agnes

Finn RIP

6.00pm: Chris Keane RIP

Monday 6th December

10.00am: Eamon Devlin &

John Conlon RIP

7.30pm: Sarah Ruane RIP

Tuesday 7th December

St Ambrose

10.00am: Eric Sinclair RIP

Wednesday 8th December

Immaculate Conception

10.00am: Fred Slater RIP

11.30am: Amanda Morrison

Requiem

7.30pm: Todd, Mary & Tony

Finnegan RIP

Thursday 9th December

10.00am: Maureen Roberts RIP

11.30am Bancroft McKenzie

Requiem

7.30pm: Abel Sajan

Friday 10th December

10.00am: Patrick

McGeough RIP

12.30pm Celia Buckley **Requiem**

Saturday 11th December

9.30am: Mick Finnegan RIP

6.00pm: Marie Fallon RIP

Sunday 12th December

8.00am: Ade Reilly

9.15am: Pham Thi Hoah &

Pham Van Phan RIP

10.30am: Peter Lane RIP

12.00 noon: Jason

Humphrys RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

*Our Lady of the
Immaculate Conception
Pray for us.*

*We will bless the Grotto after
10 o'clock Mass and then have a
cuppa in the Hall*

*Have a blessed week!
Fr Elias CSsR*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dee Dunston, Easton Hurd, Bridget Butler, Phyllis Carey, Evelyn Rose, Janina Surowiec, Stephen O'Reilly, Theresa Floyd, Alec Bragington and Diane McDermott who are sick and for Father Jack Clancy and Father Kevin Callaghan—Redemptorists, Malcolm Caston, Kathleen Walsh, Jim Daly, Caroline Murphy (nee Rigby) and Liam Burrow who have died.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday 21st December at 7.00pm

ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD available from the Holy Shop, 50p and a donation for the Octave of Masses for those you wish to remember during the Holy Season.

Continuing with the Christmas theme, *Flowers in Church for Christmas*: if you wish to donate towards decorating the Church for Christmas in memory of your loved ones—please place your names and donation in an envelope and leave in the parish Office. A list of those to be remembered will be in the Church porch at Christmas time.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday to Friday 10.30-12noon in St Alphonsus Chapel. Please take some time to spend with our Blessed Lord.

SECOND COLLECTION today, will be for the Upkeep of the Church.

ABBEY SVP: What a wonderful job the SVP is doing in the parish. In the last month they have visited parishioners for a friendly chat, donated shopping vouchers, a sofa, bags of clothing, delivered a washing machine and a freezer to families. Donated towards supplying bags of clothes and toiletries to refugees and donated £100 worth of tinned meat to the food bank and of course they organise the 'Sunday Pick Up' on the minibus for elderly parishioners. They are looking for more volunteers to either drive the minibus or to be an escort. If you feel that you would like to help in any way, then why not make enquiries? call on 07958 939449.

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: (another initiative the SVP have taken up) will be next Sunday. Please leave you donations in the Church Porch. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday in the Hall after the morning Mass. Everyone is welcome. We will be having our Christmas Coffee morning on Wednesday 15th December.

A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE - Bro Benjamin CSsR Product.

A few parishioners have been asking about the Christmas voucher and here they are! Not only does the voucher you buy help children orphaned by HIV/AIDs by supplying maize and supporting with school fees, a new initiative is Adult Literacy for Women, especially Grandmothers who are bringing up their orphaned grandchildren. Brother Benjamin has arranged literacy classes for many of these women. The joy they receive from reading just basic things such as signs and directions as well as helping their orphaned grandchildren with their school work is indescribable, one saying, "My whole life changed at 61 as I can now read and write." When you purchase a card(s) for £10 each, you then send the card to a relative or friend to let them know on their behalf you are helping the less unfortunate in Zimbabwe! You can buy the Christmas voucher(s) from Claire after each Mass each Sunday. What a wonderful gift!

LOOKING FORWARD! CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve: Family Mass at 6pm. Carol service with the choir at 11.30pm, followed by Midnight Mass with the choir. Christmas DAY: Masses at 8.00am, 9.15am, 10.30am and 12noon. Please note there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT: NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 8 til late. (The Crown / 1069 Tyburn Rd.) Admission by ticket only, £10 each. Over 18's only. Raising money for Alzheimers Society. For more information telephone Kate on 07514438066.

Dear Parishioners, There is so much vibrance in the parish, it's so good that our Abbey Parish is so active in so many ways—long may this continue.

In the pass week or so the Redemptorist family have lost two great priests who have gone to the Lord, a great sadness to us here but especially to our communities in Clapham and Liverpool. Fr Jack was our Provincial Archivist and Fr Callaghan was in Zimbabwe working with Fr Gabby after serving as Provincial for many years.