



## 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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SUNDAY: 6.00pm (Vigil Sat) 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, 6.00pm

Mass times this week: Monday to Friday 10 o'clock. No evening Masses. Saturday morning 9.30am.

No Confessions on Wednesday or Saturday this week.

**26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

#### Feast of the Holy Family

8.00am: \*Octave Mass

9.15am: Collins, James & Rose  
Family RIP

10.30am: Ned & Lucy

M<sup>c</sup>Ginnell RIP

12 noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Pauline Richards RIP

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December

#### Feast of St John, Apostle

10.00am. \*Octave Mass

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December

#### Feast of the Holy Innocents.

10.00am: \*Octave

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December

#### Feast of St Thomas Becket

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January

#### Solemnity of Mary,

#### Mother of God

9.30am: \*Octave Mass

6.00pm: Eileen Hopkins

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

8.00am: Thomas & Mary

Thomas RIP

9.15am: Maureen Joyce RIP

10.30am: James & Bridget

Kelly RIP

12.00noon: Private Intention

6.00pm: All Parishioners

\* Mass for your Relatives and  
Friends

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your everlasting love....Help us to share the love you've so generously shared with us. As a family may we treat each other with compassion. Show us any areas where our hearts need to change or repent.  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Pray for us.

*Season's Greetings and a very happy New Year  
to you and your Families from  
The Redemptorist Community.*

**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 Julie Walsh, Phyllis O'Grady and Mary Lawlor who have died.

*Thank you very much for your very generous Christmas offering on Christmas Day and the gifts to the Redemptorist Community here at the Abbey. You are very good to us.*

**S**pecial thanks to the organist and choir who sang so magnificently; to the readers and Eucharistic Ministers. To the flower group—what a wonderful job you have done, I think all will agree the Church looks beautiful and all this is due to your generous donations. Thanks also to those who helped clean and decorate the Church and erected our lovely crib. To the Stewarts who have worked so hard throughout the year, you have helped keep the Abbey safe for us all to worship. Thank you.

**Message from Fr Gabby:** To my dear Abbey Parishioners, I am touched by all the cards and gifts I have received during this last week. It is good to know that I am not forgotten! I will do my utmost to be with you in June, to celebrate the Centenary of the Redemptorists being at the Abbey. Please keep supporting the Abbey and the Redemptorist Community, it is through our unity that we make the Abbey mighty!

**Bro Benjamin CSsR Project:** What can I say, only that I am overwhelmed with the response from you. The amount raised is £1290.00. Not only did you buy the cards but many of you donated to the cause as well. I will send the cheque off to Fr Ronnie, who is the contact person for the Region for Zimbabwe. I'm sure we will hear some news in the New Year.

**Abbey Calendar 2021.** Our Abbey calendar has arrived. Please pick one up in the porch if you haven't done so already. Why not give one to your family and friends?

**Please note there will be no evening Masses this coming week and no confessions on Wednesday and Saturday morning.**

**PARISH OFFICE and Holy Shop** will be closed until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**ABBEY DIARIES** 75p each. Available in the Church Porch. Thank you.

**B**ehold! Unto us the Saviour is born. He breaks the gloomy darkness of the pandemic to bring us joy and peace. He is the Light that shines for us along the pathways of life leading us to his Kingdom of Glory. Though a child, through him we receive grace upon grace and that dear friends, gladden the heart. Together let us sing,  
'Joy to the World the Saviour Reigns'.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your generosity throughout the year. Wherever you are, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a joy filled New Year.

What's the most popular Christmas wine? 'But I don't like Brussels Sprouts!'  
Fr Elias C.Ss.R.