



## 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 2.30-3.45pm. 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*

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

**Second Sunday after the Nativity**

### **Mass Intentions**

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

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

12.00 noon: Private Intention

6.00pm: All Parishioners

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

10.00am: Gerald Carey RIP

No Evening Mass

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am: Nuala Maloney

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **St John Neumann CSsR**

10.00am: Winifred

Lutwyche RIP

7.30pm: Sharon Curley RIP

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

10.00am: Holy Souls

7.30pm: Eric Coutinno

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am: Margaret Drewett

11.30am: Kathleen Walsh

Requiem

3.00pm: Holy Hour

#### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30am: Kate Shorthouse RIP

6.00pm: John Paul Reddan RIP

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

8.00am: Cynthia Bartleet

9.15am: Flawrence Choto

10.30am: Benny McGrath RIP

12.00 noon: Marie & Barney

Donoghue

6.00pm: All Parishioners

**Second Collection  
today is for the  
Lourdes Fund.**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

**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 .

**Feast of the Epiphany** is this Thursday and is a Holyday of Obligation. As we continue the Christmas season, we join the three Kings in worshipping the Eternal King in the stable. We will have a vigil Mass on Wednesday 5th at 7.30pm and the usual two Masses, 10.00am and 7.30pm on Thursday. Please make every effort to come to Mass for this lovely feast and to visit the crib.

**REDEMPTORIST NOVICES RIP**: Many of you will have heard our tragic news of our three novices in Zimbabwe who were killed in a car crash on Christmas Day. As a Province and Region we are very sad and I ask you to pray for them, their families and the Redemptorist Family in Zimbabwe. Tomorrow (Monday) at 2.00pm, there will be a Mass said for them here at the Abbey where are Provincial Fr Richard Reid will preside. Many of the Zimbabwean community will be present and you are also welcome to join in the celebration. May they rest in peace.

**NO EVENING MASS** on Monday 3rd January as it is a Bank Holiday.

**HOLY SHOP**: Back to normal opening times from Tuesday 4th January: 10.30-12noon and 2.30 –3.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; closed all day Wednesday.

Abbey Diaries now on sale in the shop 75p. The Catholic Directories will be on sale in February. You can also buy a diary from the Church porch this weekend.

**HOLY HOUR**: This Friday (7th) at 3.00pm. Again I encourage you to come along to the Holy Hour. After the busy time throughout Christmas, take time to sit and relax in the Lord's company.

**Erdington Food Bank**: This collection will be next weekend. You are very good at remembering to bring food items and on behalf of the SVP, I thank you very much. As usual please leave all food items in the Church porch.

**SVP** will have their monthly retiring collection **next weekend**.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**: will resume on Monday 17th January, from 10.30 until 12.00noon Monday to Friday. There is plenty of room on the rota for more parishioners to come on board, especially Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.30-11.00am. Please contact the Parish Office 0121 373 0143.

**COFFEE MORNING** will resume on Wednesday 26th January after the 10 o'clock Mass.

**PRAYER GROUP** start back this Thursday 6th January in the Abbey Hall at 8.00pm

**Cheques**: Just a gentle reminder, if you are paying your offering by cheque, please make it payable to 'ERDINGTON ABBEY PARISH ACCOUNT'. The bank will not accept a cheque under any other title. Thank you

Dear Parishioners,

This Christmas seems to be passing by so quickly—on Tuesday the children are back to school and normal services resume in the Church. Please take the opportunity to visit the crib, especially the children. Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSsR*