



The Parish of Sts. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury

Erdington Abbey

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

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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

"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

27th November 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th November

6.00pm: Holy Souls

Sunday 27th November

First Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Souls

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Mary & Martin
Folan RIP

12noon: Mary M^cNamara

6.00pm: John & Kate
Cawley RIP

Monday 28th November

10.00am Charles & Teresa
Rigby RIP

11.30am: Donald Duhig

Funeral Service

7.30pm: Holy Souls

Tuesday 29th November

10.00am: Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th November

Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

10.00am: Helena & Edward
Majewicz RIP

7.30pm: Holy Souls

Thursday 1st December

Feast of St Edmund Campion

10.00am: Caroline Murphy RIP

7.30pm: Patricia Wood RIP

Friday 2nd December

10.00am: Tess & John Reidy RIP

Saturday 3rd December

9.30am: Mary Boyle RIP

6.00pm: Michael Holden RIP

Sunday 4th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Ned & Joe
Callaghan RIP

10.30am: Bridie Gallagher RIP

12.00noon: Patrick & Agnes
Finn RIP

6.00pm: Margaret Duffy &
Bridie Kearney

Second Collection today for

The Johnson Fund

Thank you for your generosity

*2nd Collection next Sunday
for the Poor Parishes
of the Diocese*

PLEASE PRAY FOR : Dee Dunston, Easton Hurd, Phyllis Carey, Evelyn Rose, Janina Surowiec, Theresa Floyd, Diane McDermott, Peggy Murphy, Gerard Cusack, Maxine Desmond, Alex M^cClure, Dan Daly, David Brewer, Betty Marklow who are sick and Mary Neal, John Costello and Andrea Barker (Hanratty) who have died..

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday, 20th December at 7.00pm. There will be a number of priests available on the evening. Please make a note of this in your diary.

RESTORATION PROJECT: This coming week scaffolding will be erected in the area of St. Alphonsus chapel for emergency works to stop rain coming into the church. In early January essential work will commence on the sacristy roof and we would ask you all to continue supporting this major project

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Please place the names of your loved ones who have died along with an offering in the Holy Souls box.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE tomorrow evening (Monday) during the 7.30pm Mass. We will remember parishioners who have died during this past year from 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022. May they rest in peace.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR this Friday 2nd December at 3.00pm. Please join us, **SVP WARM WELCOME TUESDAY** 12.00-4.00pm in the Parish Hall. It is open house to all to enjoy food, refreshments and activities. Everybody welcome. Please advise if you have allergies or require transport 07958939449.

SVP require a driver to help take parishioners to 10.30am Mass on Sunday. The rota asks you to help once every 5 weeks.

ABBAY CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 3rd December 10am-1.00pm in the Parish Hall. Please come along on the day and give your support. Bring the children to visit Santa's Grotto, there will be many stalls: Tombola, Cakes, Home made crafts, Pencil Portraits, Gifts, Irish Coffee, Guess the weight of the Cake and lots of children's activity stalls. The Keralan community will be bringing their fabulous Indian Cuisine for us to take away. Also the Grand Prize Draw will take place at the Fayre.

Thank you for your generous donations so far. **Please don't forget it's not too late to bring bottles for the tombola, new toys, gifts, fancy goods etc.**

You can bring them to the Parish Office during the week. Also helpers needed for the Friday evening from 6.00pm and Saturday morning from

8.00am. Please note we will not be having a White Elephant / Second Hand stall this year

CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW If you missed your raffle tickets last week, we will be selling tickets at the fayre. Please remember to return counterfoils, money and unsold tickets by 1st December. 1st prize: £400, 2nd prize Family tickets for Panto, Snow White at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre, 3rd prize Christmas Hamper, plus many more prizes.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS:

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of decorating the church for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please leave your donation, with the name of the person you would like remembered, in the Parish Office. Their names will be displayed in the Church Porch at Christmas.

ABBAY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD: On sale in the Holy Shop, price 50p. The card promises an Octave of Masses for your relatives and friends from 25th December to 1st January. There is a box in the Holy Shop where you can place your list of intentions and donations. Christmas stock on sale. Shop is open on Sunday mornings.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP will now be meeting on Monday mornings from 10.30-12.00noon in the upstairs meeting room at the Parish Centre.

PRAYER GROUP: Sr. Terese will be leading the Prayer Group this Thursday at 8pm in preparation for Christmas. All welcome.

Have a Blessed Week Fr Elias Gweme C.Ss.R