



## The Parish of Sts. 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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MASSSES: 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 & 1-4pm Monday to Friday. Holy Shop Mon-Friday 10.30-12.00 & 2.30-3.45pm.

**Parish Office & Shop closed all day Wednesday, Parish Office is also closed Friday PM.**

*"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*

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Third Sunday of Advent

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### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 16th December**

6.00pm: Mary Neal RIP

#### **Sunday 17th December**

##### **Third Sunday of Advent**

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Imelda Holland RIP

10.30am: James Foley RIP

12.00noon: Roland

Ekokobe RIP

6.00pm: Noel & Margaret

O'Neill

#### **Monday 18th December**

10.00am: Sheila Gannon

7.30pm: Tommy & Eilish

Kearney RIP

#### **Tuesday 19th December**

10.00am: Teresa & John

Howley

7.00pm: **Penitential Service**

#### **Wednesday 20th December**

10.00am: Mary McMahon

7.30pm: John Shannon RIP

#### **Thursday 21st December**

10.00am: Maureen Joyce RIP

7.30pm: Mary Lawlor RIP

#### **Friday 22nd December**

10.00am: Tony & Ann Lane

#### **Saturday 23rd December**

9.30am: William O'Meara &

Family RIP

6.00pm: John & Teresa

Woulfe RIP

#### **Sunday 24th December**

##### **Christmas Eve**

8.00am: Patricia & Patrick

Devlin RIP

10.30am: Rosemary & Neil

Kent RIP

12.00noon: Bernadette

Maughan & Sean & Kathleen

Kelly

#### **First Christmas Mass**

6.00pm: Patrick O' Reilly RIP

**Family Vigil**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dee Dunston, Easton Hurd, Janina Surowiec, Theresa Floyd, Maxine Desmond, Teresa Monteiro, Rose Reddan, Joanne Wheelwright & Kath Buckley who are sick.

**Penitential Service this Tuesday 19th December at 7pm.** This is a good opportunity to come along and make your confession as there will be several Priests available.

Saturday 23rd will be the last opportunity, so please try to come along on Tuesday.

**Christmas Masses, Sunday 24th, 8am, 10.30am and 12noon, (there will be No 9.15 Mass).**

**Christmas Eve, 6pm Family Vigil, 11.30pm Carol Service and 12, Midnight Mass.**

**Christmas Day Monday 25th Masses, 8am, 10am & 12noon. No evening Mass.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will finish on Monday (18th) at 12.00noon. Thank you to all our watchers during the year. We will resume our Parish Adoration in the New Year.

**THE HOLY SHOP & PARISH OFFICE** will close on Thursday 21st December until

Tuesday 2nd January.

**Abbey Christmas Octave Mass Cards** last chance to buy this week, priced at 70p from the Holy shop This card promises an Octave of Masses for relatives & friends at Christmas.

**Flowers in Church in Memory of a loved one at Christmas. Their names will be displayed in the Church porch over the Christmas Season.**

**Can anyone assist the Flower Ladies this Friday 22nd from 9.30am please? They will be meeting in the Parish hall to prepare the Christmas flowers. Any help would be very much appreciated.**

Brother Ben's Christmas Gift Appeal. "Buy" A Real Christmas Gift" card as a present for someone this Christmas, they cost £10. Unlike other charities, we guarantee that every penny goes directly to helping a child. Available from the Holy Shop, Parish Office and Sacristy.

A Massive Thank You to The Abbey Primary School for raising £2374.24 in The Blue Box Appeal for the Restoration Fund. Well done to everyone!

**Total amount raised from the Christmas Fayre and the Raffle was a fantastic £7980.87! Thank you once again to all the organisers. This was a tremendous amount raised for the Restoration Fund.**

**WARM WELCOME & CRAFT & CHAT:** meet on a Tuesday with the help of the SVP.

This Tuesday 19th, will be the last meeting before the Christmas break. Times are 10.30-2.00pm, open to all Parishioners and friends. There will be tea, coffee, sandwiches, lunch. We have Pilates every 2 weeks. Join us for an enjoyable day. Require transport? Call 07958939449.

**BIBLE STUDY will not be meeting until the new year.**

**PRAYER GROUP : Thursday 21st at 8pm in the Parish hall with a Choir.**

**COFFEE MORNING** will meet again after Christmas. Thank you to all who supported the Raffle a total of £50 was raised for the Restoration Fund.

**Lourdes pilgrimage** is now confirmed for Tuesday 11th June to Saturday 15th June 2024. Booking forms will be available shortly. If interested, please contact the Parish Office or call Nicholas on 07778 857369. **Second collection today is for the Restoration fund.**

LOST PROPERTY, phone, key and earring have been handed in, please contact the Parish office if yours.

**The funeral of Patrick Finn is on Wednesday 20th December at 11.30am.**

Fr Kieran Brady C.Ss.R.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our acting Parish Safeguarding Representative is Liz Shipman, her contact details are [sg.stpeter-stpaul.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stpeter-stpaul.bham@rcaob.org.uk) Diocesan Safeguarding team are on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

