



The Parish of **Ss. 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.

Parish Office: Monday & Friday 10am - 12 noon, Tuesday & Thursday 10am - 4pm.

Holy Shop: Mon, Tues, Thur & Friday 10.30am - 12 noon & Sunday 10am - 12 noon.

PARISH OFFICE & HOLY SHOP 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 October 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

Mass book 945

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th October

6.00pm: Paul Fitzgerald RIP

Sunday 5th October

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

Migrant Sunday

8.00am: Restoration

Benefactors & those named in the Time Capsule

9.15am: Peter Moran RIP

10.30am: All Parishioners

12.00pm: John Hanbury RIP

6.00pm: Redemptorist

Community at The Abbey

Monday 6th October

10.00am: Brigid Moyles RIP

Tuesday 7th October

10.00am: Kevin Bradley RIP

Wednesday 8th October

10.00am: Aiden Lawless RIP

7.30pm: Mary & Barry Floyd RIP

Thursday 9th October

Feast of St. John Henry

Newman

10.00am: Thomas Flanagan

7.30pm: Charlie Moore

Friday 10th October

10.00am: Cecil Cawley RIP

Saturday 11th October

9.30am: Tess & John Reidy RIP

6.00pm: Roddy & Delia

Delaney RIP

Sunday 12th October

8.00am: Bridie Hartley

9.15am: Ronnie Sweeney

10.30am: Nancy Turbitt RIP

12.00pm: All Parishioners

6.00pm: John Connor RIP

Abbey QR donation code

Church Offering

Church Restoration Fund

SVP

Second Collection
Upkeep of the Church



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Elaine Hanley, Dee Dunston, Easton Hurd, Theresa Floyd, Maxine Desmond, Ethine O'Hara, Claire McGrath, Ann Farrell, Patsy O'Neill, Rowena Moore, Teresa Willson, Martin Whitehouse, Maurice Woulfe & Eleanor Woulfe, Joseph Rigby, Frank Monteiro, Margaret Lennon, Rosemary Goodwin & Sarah Doody who are sick and please pray for Mark Logan, Kevin Bradley & Martin Whitehouse who sadly died recently.

This week marked the 175th Anniversary of the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in England and Wales creating 13 new dioceses. There was still strong anti-Catholic sentiment in the country at the time. See the article on our website.

Migrants Sunday. Our Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan, offers this message for the day.

We acknowledge the presence of migrants and refugees in our communities, celebrating their contribution and becoming more aware of the difficulties they encounter. Bishop Paul McAleenan notes that; 'it is our obligation to try and understand why migrants appear among us; our duty is to care for those who seek refuge in our country'. More information on our website.

Holy shop open on Monday, Tues, Thurs & Friday, 10.30-12noon and Sunday, 10am to 12 noon.

Bible Study Group every Monday after 10am Mass.

WARM WELCOME & CRAFT & CHAT: Every Tuesday 10.30 - 1.30pm, open to all Parishioners and friends. There will be tea, coffee, soup & sandwiches.

Coffee Morning this Wednesday after 10am Mass, all are welcome.

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday after 7.30pm Mass. Guest speaker is Sr. Regina, all are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Come and join us as we plan this wonderful, festive event for our parish - we really need YOU! Meeting for volunteers Monday 20th October 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Phone 07531189333 or the Parish Office.

THREE DAYS OF PRAYER IN THE CLUSTER FOR ST GERARD'S FEAST.

Thursday 16th October at 7pm, Feast Day Mass at Erdington Abbey. Friday 17th at 6pm, Cluster Mass and intercultural evening Mass for St. Gerard, at St Gerards Church. **Please note, this will also be the Induction Mass for Rev. Fr. Prabhakar, all are welcome with refreshments served afterwards.** Saturday at 7pm, Mass celebrating St. Gerard at St Mary & John's Church. There will be an opportunity to be blessed by the relic of St. Gerard Majella CSsR.

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2026, you need to apply online for a school place. Information can be found on the Local Authority website from 1st October 2025.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions | Birmingham City Council

Our Open Day sessions at The Abbey Primary School will take place on Wednesday 12th November 2025, 9.30-10.30am and Monday 17th November 2025 1.30-2.30pm.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Craft Sale Sunday 19th October 2025, 8.30am-1.30pm (after all morning masses) in the Parish Hall. Beautiful handmade homeware, ideal Christmas gifts and knitwear - something for everyone! **Please pop-in for a cuppa and see all the wonderful goods, created by our Craft & Chat group. PLEASE NOTE CASH ONLY. All proceeds to the restoration fund.**

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES 2025. There is a poster in the porch with dates & times. **Erdington Abbey Blessings on Sunday 2nd November at 2pm.**

Little Vinnies Stay and Play group starting on the 10th October at Maryvale Community Centre. It will run on Friday mornings in term time from 9 until 11. They are currently looking for donations of specific toys. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

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 Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Gracy Raj Email sg.stthomas-stedmund.bham@rcaob.org & Liz Shipman, Email sg.stpeter-stpaul.bham@rcaob.org.uk Diocesan Safeguarding team are on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.