



## 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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MASSSES: Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, & 6.00pm.

Parish Office: Monday - Friday 10am - 12 noon, Tuesday & Thursday 1pm - 4pm. Closed on Wednesday.

Holy Shop: Mon, Tue, 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*

**14th December 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday**

**Mass book 9**

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 13th December

6.00pm: Frances & Patrick  
Hansard RIP

#### Sunday 14th December Third Sunday of Advent.

8.00am: Peter Corrigan  
9.15am: Flawrence Choto  
10.30am: All Parishioners  
12.00pm: Sean Satchwell RIP  
6.00pm: Kearney Family RIP

#### Monday 15th December

10.00am: Frank Walsh RIP

#### Tuesday 16th December

10.00am: Trevor Taylor RIP

#### Wednesday 17th December

10.00am: Tommy McCann  
7.30pm: Martin Whitehouse RIP

#### Thursday 18th December

10.00am: Frank Monteiro  
7.30pm: Tommy & Eilish  
Kearney & Ray James RIP

#### Friday 19th December

10.00am: Sinead Sullivan RIP

#### Saturday 20th December

9.30am: Diane McDermott  
6.00pm: Rosemary & Neil  
Kent RIP

#### Sunday 21st December

8.00am: All Parishioners  
9.15am: Pat Molloy RIP  
10.30am: Peter Lane RIP  
12.00pm: Marcella & Ollie  
Eivors RIP  
6.00pm: Eileen McDermott RIP

### Abbey QR donation code

Church Offering  
Church Restoration Fund  
SVP

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Elaine Hanley, Dee Dunston, Theresa Floyd, Maxine Desmond, Claire McGrath, Ann Farrell, Patsy O'Neill, Rowena Moore, Teresa Willson, Eleanor Woulfe, Frank Monteiro, Margaret Lennon, Rosemary Goodwin, Josephine Colclough & Jonah Considine who are sick.

**HOLY SHOP OPEN MORNINGS ONLY, 10.30AM TO 12 NOON. CLOSED ALL DAY WED & SATURDAY.**

Christmas Masses are: Christmas Eve, Family Vigil 6pm, Carol Service 11.30pm, Midnight Mass 12pm. Christmas Day, 8am, 10am & 12 noon. No evening Masses throughout Christmas Week. [Penitential Service on Monday 22nd at 7pm.](#)

**Be mindful to only contact the Redemptorist Community over Christmas and early January in an emergency, it is time for all of us to rest.**

**Bible Study Group this Monday after 10am Mass, all are welcome.**

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

This weekend is the SVP retiring collection and food bank drop off. For Christmas, we will be providing supermarket vouchers and food to over 20 families. Many thanks to those who helped with last Sunday's SVP Christmas dinner. We are grateful to all donors in support of the work of the SVP in 2025.

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

**PRAYER GROUP: Thursday 8pm: Carol Service with light refreshments, all welcome.**

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS.** Please consider making a donation towards Christmas Flowers in Memory of a loved one. Names & donations need to be handed into the Parish office or Holy shop by Friday 19th December. A list of names will be displayed in the Porch over the Christmas time.

**Anyone willing or wishing to help with the Christmas Flowers, please join us at the Parish office on Monday 22nd December at 10am, no experience needed.**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Christmas fayre or were part of the team organising the event. It was a wonderful parish event, enjoyed by all! A total of £6,570 was raised for The Restoration Fund - **BRILLIANT!**

**CHRISTMAS TREE STARS:** Our church Christmas tree is in position ready for your prayers, reflections, or to remember someone. The stars are available from the Parish Office/Holy Shop this week, during opening hours, after morning masses this weekend and the following weekend. Donations of £2 per star will go to The Restoration Fund.

**Christmas Production - "A New King Will Arise"** performed by our Cluster Schools at The Abbey on Monday 15th December & at St Mary and St John's, Gravelly Hill on Tuesday 16th December. Both productions at 6.00pm. Admission is free.

Adoration before mass Monday and Friday. NO ADORATION Tues-Thursday. Unfortunately, we have had a minor plaster ceiling collapse in the Side aisle. It will be attended to this Wednesday & Thursday.

**Brother Benjamin's Christmas gift.** These £10 cards help feed many children and orphans in Zimbabwe, this is administered by the Redemptorists, please try and help. You can help the Christmas crib appeal by donating to the box at the crib. The Charities this year are 'Friends of the Holy Land' and 'Fr Hudsons Charity'.

Masses streamed are as follows, 10am Mass Monday - Friday. 9.30 Novena Mass on Saturday and 10.30am Mass on Sunday. All Christmas Masses will also be streamed.

**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](mailto:sg.stthomas-stedmund.bham@rcaob.org) & Liz Shipman, Email [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.*