

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. 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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday)

6pm Family Vigil, 11.30pm Carol Service 12.00: Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday)

Masses: 8am, 10am & 12 noon.

ALL CHRISTMAS DAY MASSSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

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<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR</u>: 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, Francis Mulholland, Steve Hickman & toddler Ethan Jarrett who are sick and please pray for Madeline O'Grady, Daniel Mulhern & John (Patsy) McGoldrick who died recently.

Penitential Service on Monday 22nd at 7pm.

Confessions on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10.30am - 11am. THANK YOU from the Redemptorists, to all who help in so many ways, the Parish would not function without so many people. 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.

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. No weekday evening Masses until the 7th January. 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'.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN CHURCH, A LIST WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE PORCH.

EPIPHANY MASS & THE END OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Our Parish Cluster of Perpetual Help will be celebrating these together on Tuesday 6th January at 7.00pm at St Peter & St Paul, Kingsbury Road, Pype Hayes, B24 9ND. After mass there will be refreshments.

YOUTH LEADER NEEDED:
for our Parish Cluster of Perpetual Help. Duties will include organising activities so that young people can flourish as part of our parish communities. If you can help to support a youth club one evening each month as part of a team please contact Paul Roberts by email: proberts576@icloud.com

The Family of the late Ron Heeley thank you all for your Mass cards, prayers, messages of sympathy and support during this very difficult time. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

The Parish Office and Holy Shop will be closed from Tuesday 23rd December to Monday 5th January 2026. Wishing you all a Happy & Holy Christmas. The Requiem Mass for Madeline O'Grady is on Monday 22nd December at 12 noon.

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.stpeterstpaul.bham@rcaob.org.uk Diocesan Safeguarding team are on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Mass Intentions Octave Masses for your Relatives & Friends Saturday 20th December

6.00pm: Rosemary & Neil Kent RIP Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent. 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

Monday 22nd December 10.00am: Edel Bennett RIP

Tuesday 23rd December 10.00am: Patrick Rigby 90th Wednesday 24th December

<u>Christmas Eve</u> 10.00am: Eveline Rose RIP 6.00pm **Vigil** All Parishioners

Thursday 25th December

Midnight: Octave* Nativity of the Lord

8.00am: Gerry McCabe RIP 10.00am: May, Michael & Gerard Cusack RIP 12noon: John, Teresa & Maurice Woulfe RIP

Friday 26th December Feast of St. Stephen

10.00am: Octave*

Saturday 27th December Feast of St. John

9.30am: Chris Miley 6.00pm: Octave*

Sunday 28th December Feast of the Holy Family

