

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



Rejoice!



**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Mass: 10.00am  
Evening: 6.00: Vigil Family Mass  
11.30: Readings and Carols  
12.00: Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY** 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.15pm.

*On behalf of Fr Dickinson, Fr Kieran and myself,  
I wish you all a very happy, holy and peaceful  
Christmas*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
6.00pm. Bernard Corcoran RIP  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
8.00am: All Parishioners  
9.15am: Ken Doble &  
Sheila Puplampu RIP

10.30am: Angela & Nello  
Allegrini RIP  
12.00noon: Mike Pilnick RIP  
6.00pm: Abel Sajan

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
10.00am: Patrick Hansard RIP  
7.30pm: Mary Dowling RIP

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Eve**  
10.00am: Patrick & Cissie  
M<sup>c</sup>Gough RIP

6.00pm: Vigil: Family Mass  
Phil & Christina McNally RIP

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
12.00: Midnight: Octave Mass\*  
8.00am: Jackie Wilson RIP  
9.00am: P. J. Nevin RIP

10.00am: All Parishioners  
11.00am: John & Teresa Woulfe RIP  
12.15pm: John F Murphy RIP

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December**  
10.00am: Octave Mass\*  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December**  
10.00am: Octave Mass\*

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.30pm: Joseph Pathinjath RIP  
6.00pm: Octave Mass\*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
8.00am: Octave Mass\*  
9.15am: All Parishioners  
10.30am: Christie & Bridget  
Kelly RIP

12.00 noon: Ned & Lucy  
M<sup>c</sup>Ginnell RIP

6.00pm: Pauline Richards RIP  
\*Octave of Christmas Masses for  
your family and friends

Collections: £ 1,939.04  
Upkeep of the Church:  
£1,032.00

Zimbabwe: £ 23.01  
CAFOD: £ 51.01  
Holy Souls: £ 9.80

**Christmas Day Offertory**  
**The Redemptorist**  
**Community**  
**Thank you.**

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Kathleen Boyle Snr, Tess Reidy and Dorothy Denieffe who are sick and Bro Thomas CSsR and Tommy Kearney who has died.

**ABBEY CALENDAR 2020:** I encourage you to take an Abbey Calendar with you as you leave Church today –they are free! You are very welcome to give one to members of your family and to your friends.

**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 **no later than 11.00am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who donated money to decorate the Church for Christmas. A list of those who are to be remembered can be found in the church porch over the Christmas season.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH: HELP** needed on Christmas Eve to put in place the prepared church decorations. Please meet in the Church after the 10am Mass. Thank you very much.

**Bro Benjamin Feeding Project:** Many children in Zimbabwe have been orphaned by HIV/Aids. Often children as young as twelve are left to bring up younger siblings. By buying a gift card for £10.00 to send to your friends and relatives you are buying maize for a family for a month. If you wish to purchase a gift card please see Claire.

**Stations of Infancy by Fr Denis McBride:** We have received six complimentary copies: if you would like one please see Claire. Well worth the read. First come first served!

No Exposition until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The Church will close after morning Mass.

**NO CONFESSIONS** Wednesday or Saturday.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from 11.00am Christmas Eve until 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**THE HOLY SHOP WILL BE CLOSED** until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**COFFEE MORNING** Many thanks for all your support. Back again on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING** until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**ABBEY DIARIES** available from the Church Porch. Price 75p each

**CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES** on sale in the Holy Shop price £3.50.

**The families of the late Lucy M<sup>c</sup>Ginnell and the late Martin Keane** would like to thank all who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and support to the families. Masses will be offered in Thanksgiving.

**ABBEY 750 + TOTE:** Winning numbers were 5, 7, 9 & 14. No Hit. Whitlock. B Bradley and Malcolm Caston had three correct numbers and each receive £40.00. No Draw on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December but as normal on 31<sup>st</sup> December. **The next jackpot will be £450.00**

**Parish Priest's Corner.**

As we draw to the close of the Advent season and move ever nearer to the Christmas season, I realise how busy you all are getting things ready for one of the big occasions in the Churches year. Please take note of the times of the Masses over Christmas. To the families in the parish, I once again encourage you to come along to the Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm. I am looking forward to hearing the choir at the Carol Service at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve followed by Midnight Mass and to welcoming you all on Christmas Day.

I am now starting to think about the Christmas Turkey and all the sprouts I need to prepare! And I must buy the Christmas crackers so Fr Dickinson can wear his party hat!

