



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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Parish Office: 9.00am-12.00am and 1.00pm-4.00pm Monday to Friday. Closed Wednesday afternoon.

"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

28th November 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th November

6.00pm: Holy Souls

Sunday 29th November

First Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Nancy M^cGoldrick RIP

9.15am: John & Kathleen Joyce RIP

10.30am: Holy Souls

12.00noon: Chris Keane RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

Monday 30th November

Feast of St Andrew

10.00am: Tommy Feeney RIP

7.30pm: Holy Souls

Tuesday 1st December

Feast of St Edmund Campion

10.00am: Patricia Wood RIP

Wednesday 2nd December

10.00am: Eileen Hipkiss RIP

7.30pm: John & Nicholas Smyth RIP

Thursday 3rd December

10.00am: Pat Gilhooly

7.30pm: Catherine & Eddie
Forde RIP

Friday 4th December

10.00am: Patrick & Agnes Finn RIP

Saturday 5th December

9.30am: Ken Doble RIP

6.00pm: James Barrett

Sunday 6th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Sheila Pupilampu RIP

9.15am: Harry Renshaw RIP

10.30am: James Barrett

12.00noon: Betty Lordan RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

We begin our season of Advent in perhaps a sober mood not knowing how we will be able to celebrate Christmas! I urge you not to be downhearted but to make the best of the situation. The fact that God reveals his Son to us at Christmas must bring us hope and joy. The Lord will never abandon his people and therefore we must not abandon him! Take heart and take this time of Advent to renew your relationship with God through the Holy Mass. God bless you all

Fr Elias CSsR

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Catherine Forde, Euston Hurd and Irene Pilnick who are sick and for Betty Flynn, Francis Gilmore and Eugene Clancy who have died.

Adoration The Church will be open for private prayer between 10.30am and 11.30am until Wednesday of this week then...

MASSES RESUME . Public masses will start again on Thursday 3rd December. We will be undertaking the same routine: Please wear a mask and have your name and contact details on a piece of paper ready to hand in to the Stewards as you arrive. The one way system will continue and the Stewards will direct you in and out of Church. May I remind you that if you take a Covid test you must stay at home while you are waiting for the results. It is very important that we continue to adhere to these regulations so that our community moves forward in a safe environment. Thank you very much.

Parish Collection: You can place your offering in the parish office (see opening times above) or it can be brought to Mass next Sunday. Thank you.

2nd Collection: Next week we will have a collection for the Poor Parishes in the diocese. .

The Holy Souls box is placed before the Lectern each day during Adoration until Monday 30th November, for you to place the names of your family and friends who have died. **Please place your offering in the box.**

A Mass will be said for the Holy Souls each day during November. A list of those who died during the past year is displayed in the porch.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: As we were in lockdown we were unable to have the service for those who have died in the parish during the last year. I propose to have this service at the beginning of November next year.

WALK WITH ME Please pick up your Advent Walk With Me booklet, your spiritual journey during Advent.. A donation of £1.00 please to go in the basket on the table as you leave the church. Thank you.

Deacon Royston Price CSsR will be ordained this Friday 4th December at 6.30pm in our church in Clapham. If you would like to contribute towards Deacon Royston's gift please put your offering in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Deacon Royston's Ordination' and leave it in the parish office. Fr Royston will say his first Mass at the Abbey on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

HOLY SHOP will be opening its doors this Thursday from 10.30 -12.00noon and 2-4pm. These times will also be available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays during the run up to Christmas... **Catholic Directories** on Sale in the Holy Shop. £3.50 each or £5.00 for ring bind copies. The Abbey diaries will be on sale shortly and don't forget the **ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD**. This has to be the MUST Christmas card to send to your relatives and friends wherever they are in the world. It would be interesting to see how far our Christmas card travels! The picture this year is of the High Altar here at the Abbey in all its finery with the St Thomas of Canterbury drapes - a magnificent piece of needle work. By sending this Octave card, a Mass will be said daily for your relatives and friends from 25th December to 1st January. The card costs 50p and a donation for the Mass. Octave cards can be purchased as you leave church or from the parish office or the Holy Shop (from Thursday).

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: Please bring items to the Parish Office between 9-12am and 1-4.00pm during the week, except Wednesday afternoon as the Parish Office is closed. Thanks to those members of the SVP who undertake the transfer of the goods.

'Stories by the Fireside' CD: a tribute to the late Sr Sabrina who ran the Fireside Centre in Birmingham. CD's, which are free, are available from the Parish office.