

Erdington Abbey

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Deacon Royston Price CSSR.

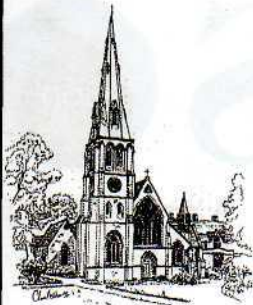
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Safeguarding Officer: Marie Donoghue

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



6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm: James Barrett

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Sheila Puplampu RIP

9.15am: Harry Renshaw RIP

10.30am: Sarah Ruane RIP

12.00noon: Betty Lordan RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Tom & Ann Neligan RIP

7.30pm: Panashe Shawn

Bako RIP

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am: Rachel M'Kenzie

7.30pm: Fr Royston Price C.Ss.R.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Patrick M'Geough RIP

7.30pm: Patrick Rigby

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Mick Finnegan RIP

7.30pm: Frank & Mary

Clarke RIP

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Bridie & Lil Collins RIP

11.00am: Betty Flynn Requiem

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am: Johnkuty Mathew

6.00pm: Bernard Corcoran RIP

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Hugo Ward

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Mary & Martin

Folan RIP

12.00noon: Ollie Eivors RIP

6.00pm: Mary Flaherty RIP

Mary Immaculate

Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Trace in our actions the lines of her love,

In our hearts her readiness of faith. Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford and Euston Hurd who are sick and for Paul Halpin and Irene Pilnick who have died.

WELCOME BACK! Masses are at the usual time. There will be Adoration half an hour before the weekday masses. Thank you for adhering to the regulations as you arrived in Church today. Let us pray together in a happy and safe environment.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ABBEY Due to the Covid 19 restrictions the Church has given permission for a second Mass of Christmas can be said on Christmas Eve and therefore the following Christmas Masses will be said here at the Abbey:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10am, 6pm and Midnight. On Christmas Day: 8am, 9.15pm, 10.30am and 12noon. By having an extra Mass on Christmas Eve and reverting to Sunday morning Mass times on Christmas Day this will give time to sanitised the Church after each Mass. Please spread the word around! Thank you.

Father Royston Price CSSR Congratulations to Fr. Royston who was ordained last Friday in our church in Clapham. Thank you to all of you who contributed to Fr. Royston's gift, he will say his first Mass at the Abbey on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS are continuing at the 9.15 Mass for the next few weeks. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers..

Parish Collection: As you can imagine our collection has gone down considerably especially during this second lockdown. I am very grateful for all your contributions to the Abbey. Thank you very much.

Second Collection today is for the Poor Parishes in the diocese.

No Confessions on Wednesday (9th).

NEXT SUNDAY the SVP will be having their monthly retiring collection.

WALK WITH ME Please pick up your Advent Walk With Me booklet, £1.00 please.

HOLY SHOP is now open. Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00 and 2.30-3.45pm. 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 25<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January. The card costs 50p and a donation for the Mass. Also Boxed Christmas Cards and Gifts.

A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE Bro Benjamin Feeding Project.

We have received an email from Bro Benjamin: Thank you again for your kindness to the poor and needy in Zimbabwe. We know we can always depend on your thoughtfulness. I have again sent some Christmas gift cards which can be purchased for £10 and will be used to buy a bag of maize for a poor family. You can then send the card to a friend or a loved one as your way of a gift at Christmas. Thank you for letting a star of hope shine over so many children, adults and students in Zimbabwe. Br Benjamin CSSR. Gift cards can be purchased as you leave church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday 22nd December at 7.00pm

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: If you would like your Catholic Newspaper delivered contact the Universe on 0161 8205722 or go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com.

Dear Parishioners, This Christmas will be very different for us all and here at the Abbey we have tried to do what is best for parishioners to celebrate the birth of our Lord. I hope the times of Masses especially the extra 10 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve will be helpful and also spread the numbers across the seven Masses over Christmas. May we continue to journey through Advent with the one who is to come into our hearts. Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSSR