



The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury Erdington Abbey

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

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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

13th December 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th December

6.00pm: Bernard Corcoran RIP

13th December

Third 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

Monday 14th December

10.00am: Nellie Crawley &

Mairin Coll RIP

11.30am Francis Gilmore Requiem

2.00pm: Eugene Clancey Requiem

7.30pm: Eileen Southall RIP

Tuesday 15th December

10.00am: Philip Cooper RIP

Wednesday 16th December

10.00am: Patrick Hansard RIP

7.30pm: Maura Jacob RIP

Thursday 17th December

10.00am: Hennessey Family

11.00am: Paul Halpin Requiem

7.30pm: Ken Morgan

Friday 18th December

10.00am: Tommy Kearney RIP

Saturday 19th December

9.30am: Barney Gallagher

6.00pm: Michael J Madden RIP

Sunday 20th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Joseph, Elizabeth &

Patrick Kelly RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: John & Teresa Woulfe RIP

12.00noon: John J Murphy RIP

6.00pm: Mr Cherian RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford Euston Hurd, Julie Barnes and Patrick Rigby who are sick.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday 22nd December at 7.00pm. I have thought long and hard about this and I have decided that on this occasion because of the circumstances we are in, the evening will take the form of a general absolution. This is by no means to say that confession is not valid, it is giving you all an opportunity to come to the Lord in repentance in a safe manner. The Church recognises this form of absolution in extreme circumstance which we are in now. This is also a good opportunity for those who have not received the sacrament in a long while to come and receive absolution. Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ABBEY Due to the Covid 19 restrictions the Church has given permission for a second Mass of Christmas which can be said on Christmas Eve and therefore the following Christmas Masses will be said here at the Abbey: Thursday 24th 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 sanitise the Church after each Mass. Please spread the word around! Thank you.

Stewards For Christmas!! The stewards do an amazing job looking after us all as we come together to worship. If it wasn't for their hard work, commitment and dedication our Masses would not be able to take place in a safe environment. As we are approaching Christmas I realise it is a very busy time and I do not want to put any extra pressure on our stewards, therefore I am asking for more volunteers. We are particularly looking for help at the 10.30 and 12 noon Masses on Christmas Day. If you are 21 or over and under 70 and would like to get involved please ring the Parish office and Claire will be contact with you. Thank you very much.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday and Saturday after the morning Mass in the Hall.

THE SVP thank you for your generous donations to their monthly retiring collection.

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

HOLY SHOP opening times: 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. 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. 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.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE CON CORCORAN would like to thank those who generously donated at the funeral Mass. A total of £800.00 has now been donated for John Taylor Hospice.

Dear Parishioners,

It filled my heart with joy to see so many at Mass last weekend, continue to come with your families especially as we approach Christmas. To our week day attenders: you are the engine of the parish and a source of amazement to me as your commitment to the Holy Mass is wonderful. I feel blessed that I am the Parish Priest of such a devoted Parish. Have a blessed week.
Fr Elias CSsR