



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!

Service of Reconciliation Tuesday 22nd December at 7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd Mass: 10.00am.

Confessions after the morning Mass in the Hall
Mass: 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Morning: 10.00am: First Mass of Christmas

Evening: 6.00pm: Mass

12.00: Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY :

Masses: 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00noon

BOXING DAY : (Saturday) 9.30am and 6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday 27th December: Mass: 8.00am, 9.15am, 10.30am 12noon & 6.00pm.

**Fr. Elias, Fr. Dickinson, Fr Royston, and
Fr. Kieran, Wish you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.**



Mass Intentions

Saturday 19th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.00pm. Michael J Madden RIP

Sunday 20th December

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

Monday 21st December

10.00am: O'Meara Family

12.00noon: Irene Pilnick

Requiem

7.30pm: Private Intention

Tuesday 22nd December

10.00am: Joe Forker RIP

7.00pm: Penitential Service

Wednesday 23rd December

10.00: Tommy Boyle RIP

7.30pm: Todd, May & Tony

Finnegan RIP

Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve

10.00am: Mike & Irene Pilnick RIP

6.00pm: Breda & Chris Keane RIP

Midnight: *Octave Mass

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Peter Lane RIP

10.30am: Rose, Collins & James

Families RIP

12.00noon: Pauline Richards RIP

Saturday 26th December

St Stephen

9.30am: Joseph Padinjath RIP

6.00pm: *Octave Mass

Sunday 27th December

8.00am: *Octave Mass

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Ned & Lucy M'Ginnell RIP

12.00am: Con Corcoran RIP

6.00pm: John Farrell RIP

*Octave Mass

For your relatives and friends

Christmas day
Offertory is for the
Fathers at the Abbey

Thank you for your
generosity

20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Please pray for: Annabella Maric, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Euston Hurd, Julie Barnes, Patrick Rigby and Josie Johnson who are sick.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: THIS TUESDAY (22nd) at 7.00pm. Please try your best to come and receive this wonderful sacrament. The evening will take the form of a general absolution. 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. Your last opportunity for confession will be on Wednesday (23rd) after the morning Mass in the Hall.

10 o'clock Mass Attenders: As you are aware the 10 o'clock morning Mass on Christmas Eve will be the first Christmas Mass and unless you are coming to that Mass for Christmas can I ask that you do not attend at this time so that we can make as much room as needed for those attending for Christmas. Thank you.

TRACK & TRACE: It would help tremendously if you could have your details already written down on a piece of paper to hand into the stewards as you arrive for Mass at Christmas.

This will help things to run a lot smoother. Thank you.

STEWARDS: I AM STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WARDEN AT THE 10.30 AND THE 12 O'CLOCK MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY. PLEASE, IF YOU CAN HELP RING THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

Crib and Decoration of the Church: Due to the circumstances we are unable to have the usual crib up in Church but we will have a nativity scene in front of the altar. I would like to thank Nikki McBride for painting the backdrop of the nativity scene for us. The flower group are unable to do their usual arrangements in Church but we will to our best to have the Church looking good for Christmas.

Fr Gabby wishes you all a Happy Christmas and New Year. He is settling in at The Little Sisters and hopes to see you sometime next year.

PARISH OFFICE AND CENTRE will be closed from 4pm on 24th December until Monday 4th January.

THE HOLY SHOP WILL BE closed on Thursday 24th December until Monday 4th January. The Abbey Christmas Octave card still on sale in the Holy Shop price 50p. A Mass will be said daily for your relatives and friends from 25th December to 1st January. Also boxed Christmas cards and gifts.

A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE: Brother Benjamin Feeding Project. Still some cards available. £10.00 each helps feed an orphaned family on maize for a month. A good gift to give!

FOOD BANK: Please note, 9 o'clock this Tuesday will be the last chance to bring food items before the holiday. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

Dear Parishioners, such a lot of preparations happening for Christmas! I am hoping with the seven Masses available to you over Christmas the numbers will spread between them all! We will do our utmost to accommodate you and your family. See you at Christmas! Fr Elias CSsR