



## 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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MASSSES: Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, & 6.00pm.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00am. Saturday 9.30am

Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am and Saturday 10.00am in the Abbey Hall after Mass.

Parish Office 9-12am and 1-4.00pm. Holy Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00noon and 2.30-3.45pm Closed Wednesdays

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Second Sunday after the Nativity

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

6.00pm: Susan & Helen

M'Cormack

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Teresa Moloney

10.30am: Benny McGrath RIP

12.00 noon: Tony Downes &

Joan & James Forde RIP

6.00pm: Winifred Lutwyche RIP

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am: Nolan Family

No Evening Mass

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am: Jim & Dorothy

Denieffe RIP

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### Solemnity of the Epiphany

#### of the Lord

10.00am: Barry Floyd RIP

7.30pm: Holy Souls

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am: Timothy Meere RIP

No Evening Mass

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am: Christy & Bridget

Kelly RIP

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am: Peter Murtagh

6.00pm: Ellen Boylan

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January

#### Feast of the Baptism of the

#### Lord.

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Kathleen Joyce RIP

10.30am: Michael Gallagher RIP

12.00 noon: Con Corcoran RIP

6.00pm: Kate Shorthouse RIP

*May the splendour of  
your Majesty, O Lord,  
we pray, shed its light  
upon our hearts, that we  
may pass through the  
shadows of this world  
and reach the brightness  
of our eternal home.*

*Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR :** Annabella Maric, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd, Julie Barnes, Patrick Rigby and Josie Johnson who are sick.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January is the Feast of the Epiphany** and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses 10am and 7.30pm. Please note there will be **no vigil Mass on Tuesday evening or 12noon Mass on Wednesday.**

Confessions Wednesday and Saturday in the Hall after Mass.

**HOLY SHOP:** Back to normal opening times from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January: 10.30-12noon and 2.30 -3.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; closed all day Wednesday. Abbey Diaries now on sale in the shop 75p.

**THE SVP** will be collecting food items for the Erdington Food Bank on a daily basis once again from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. You can bring your donations to the Parish Office between 9-12 and 1-4pm during the week, except Wednesday afternoon as the Parish Office is closed. Please note fresh produce to be brought on Mondays between 1-4pm and Tuesday Mornings before 9.30am. Thank you for your generosity and continued support to those in need in the local area. **SVP** will have their monthly retiring collection **next weekend**. Donations can be placed in the SVP Boxes in the Sacristy on your way out.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** will continue at the 9.15am Mass from next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Please keep these families in your prayers.

**APF RED BOXES:** If you have any boxes that need emptying please bring them to the Parish Office during the week or to the Sacristy at the weekend as the Promoters are unable to visit your homes. Fionnuala and Sheila will arrange to have them emptied and the boxes will be returned for you to pick up the following week. Many thanks for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

As you have heard by now we are now in Tier 4. This means that a lot has shutdown. But I want to stress at this moment that the Church has not been shut down. The Government have left communal places of worship open. This is good news for us as we can still celebrate Mass each day. What I have decided though, is that we will not have the 7.30pm Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings for as long as we stay in Tier 4!! So let me confirm, the weekend Masses remain the same: Saturday 6pm (Sun), Sunday 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12noon and 6.00pm in the evening. During the week, Monday to Friday we will have the 10 o'clock Mass in the morning only and on Saturday 9.30am. I hope this is clear! Please spread the word around, our web page is up-to-date so hopefully the phone calls will die away!!

**SNOW AND ICE:** As the weather is getting colder and ice is becoming a major problem, I am worried about parishioners coming to Church and falling on the ice! We have the faithful few who help put salt down in the mornings but we really need others to come along and help! If we have 3 or 4 people it would take about 20 minutes! If you are able-bodied and willing please contact the parish office. Let's work as a community to help others come to Mass in safety.

If you are back at work this week or you are working from home, work hard and give all your efforts to the Lord, for he who sees everything will give you your just reward. Children enjoy your lessons whether they are in school or online, it is important for you to keep on studying! May we all have a better year ahead. God Bless. **Fr Elias CSsR**