



# 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



**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Mass: 10.00am  
Evening: 6.00: Vigil Family Mass  
11.30: Readings and Carols  
12.00: Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Masses: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00am and 12.15pm

**Fr. Gabby and the Redemptorist Community  
wish you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas**

**Mass Intentions  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Four Sunday of Advent**

6.00pm. Mike Pilnick RIP  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
8.00am. Breda Keane RIP  
9.15am. All Parishioners  
10.30am. John & Teresa Woulfe RIP  
12.00noon. John & Maryann  
Murphy RIP  
6.00pm. Angela & Nello Allegrini &  
Oreste Marroto RIP

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Eve**  
10.00am: Patrick & Cissie  
McGough RIP

**Christmas Masses**  
**Vigil Family Mass**  
6.00pm: \*Octave Mass  
12.00: Midnight: Michael & Mai  
Cusack RIP

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Day**  
8.00am: All Parishioners  
9.00am: John F & John W Birch RIP  
10.00am: David & Maryann  
Constable RIP  
11.00am: Dr Joseph Padinjath RIP  
12.15pm: John Murphy RIP

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Feast of St Stephen**  
10.00am \*Octave Mass

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30pm: \*Octave Mass  
6.00pm: Christie & Bridget Kelly RIP

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am: Trudie & Gerard  
Brookes RIP  
9.15am: All Parishioners  
10.30am: Ned McGinnell RIP  
12 noon: Pauline Richards RIP  
6.00pm: \*Octave Mass  
\*Octave of Christmas Masses for  
your family and friends.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Doreen Wheelwright, Rita Lewis, Peter Lane, Mae Sari, Maureen & Larry Shiels, John Reidy Snr and Ursula Gibbs who are sick.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH: HELP** needed on Christmas Eve to put in place the prepared church decorations. Please meet in the Church after the 10am Mass.

**FLOWERS IN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS:** If you would like to contribute towards the cost of decorating the Church for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please leave your donation, with the name of the person you would like remembered, in the Parish Office **no later than 11.00am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**. **THANK YOU TO ALL** who donated money to decorate the Church for Christmas. A list of those who are to be remembered can be found in the church porch over the Christmas season.

**Bro Benjamin Feeding Project:** the Redemptorists are running this project again this year as it was very successful last year. Many children in Zimbabwe have been orphaned by HIV/Aids. Often children as young as twelve are left to bring up younger siblings. By buying a gift card for £10.00 to send to your friends and relatives you are buying maize for a family for a month. If you wish to purchase a gift card please see Claire.

**NO EVENING MASSES THIS WEEK and NO CONFESSIONS Wednesday or Saturday.**

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from 25<sup>th</sup> December until 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**THE HOLY SHOP WILL BE CLOSED** until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Many thanks for all your support. Back again on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING** until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

No Exposition until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The Church will close after morning Mass.

**ABBEY DIARIES** available from the Church Porch. Price 75p each.

**CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES** on sale in the Holy Shop price £3.50.

**THE ABBEY SCHOOL** have a vacancy in their Reception year. If you are interested or if you know of anyone interested in the place, please contact the School Office on 0121 373 1793.

**ABBEY 750 + TOTE:** Winning numbers were 3, 7, 14 & 15. No Hit. Peter Lane, P Carpenter and Paula Taylor had three correct numbers and each receive £50.00. No Draw on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December but as normal on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**The Jackpot next week will be £375.00**

**Parish Priest's Corner.**

I have had a busy week visiting the hospital as I have developed an infection on my nose. The antibiotics didn't work so I am visiting the hospital each day for them to be administered intravenously: this is a better and quicker way of getting to the infection. I am in good form it is just a nuisance that this has happened at this time! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families. God Bless.

*♪ On a lighter note*

Today at the bank a woman asked me to check her balance. So I pushed her over.

*Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.*

Collections: £1719.03  
Upkeep of the Church:  
£1162.42

CAFOD: £10.15  
Zimbabwe: £4.15  
Holy Souls: £5.71

*Christmas Day Offertory  
The Redemptorist Community*