



## 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

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MASSES: 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.

31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January

6.00pm: Annie Ellis RIP

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

8.00am: Hilda & Geoff  
Green RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am Mick Scally

12.00 noon: Patricia Harrison RIP

6.00pm: Damian Reddy RIP

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

10.00am: Ray Taylor RIP

No Evening Mass

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Feast of the Presentation of the  
Lord

10.00am: Mandy Comaskey RIP

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

10.00am: John & Sadie  
Malone RIP

No Evening Mass

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am: P & E Cunningham RIP

11.30am: Vashtee Steer *Requiem*

No Evening Mass

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am: Paraffine & Gawe  
Families

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am: Mary M<sup>c</sup>Caughy

6.00pm: O'Brien Family

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am: Liz Murray RIP

9.15am: Roddy & Delia Delaney

10.30am: Colins & Rose  
Families RIP

12.00 noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Margaret & James  
Lennon RIP

### *Prayer of Simeon*

*At last all powerful  
master, you give leave to  
thy servant to go in peace,  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen  
thy salvation which you  
have prepared for all  
nations, the light to  
enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel  
your people.*

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

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION is on Tuesday 2nd February. A lovely feast of Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the temple.

**Fr Patrick Joyce RIP** Fr Joyce will be received in to Ss Mary and John's church on Thursday 11th February at 6pm. The Requiem Mass will be here at the Abbey on Friday 12th February at 10.00am. His Grace Archbishop Bernard will be the main celebrant with other clergy from the diocese. Of course we cannot have the usual numbers at funerals during our present situation therefore it will be by invite from Fr Joyce's family only, please be mindful of this. We will have a Mass at the Abbey for Fr Joyce at a later date. Please note also that the usual parish 10 o'clock Mass on Friday 12th February will be moved to 9.00am due to the funeral arrangements. Thank you.

**LOCKDOWN.** During this period of lockdown our Church remains open for Mass. There will be the usual 10.00am morning Mass Monday to Friday and the 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. The weekend Masses remain the same: Saturday 6pm(Sun), Sun: 8.00am. 9.15am. 10.30am 12.00noon and 6.00pm. There will be no 7.30pm Mass in the evening.

**Confessions:** We will continue to have confessions in the Hall on Wednesday after the 10am Mass and Saturday after the 9.30 Mass.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will remain open during the week from 9-12.00 and 1-4.00pm. Closed Wednesday afternoon. If you need to visit the office, please ensure you wear a face mask. Thank you.

**HOLY SHOP** is closed during lockdown but you can get your Abbey Diary as you leave the church! Please place 75p in the basket. Thank you.

**HELP WITH SHOPPING OR PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION:** Reminder during this lockdown period, if you or someone you know needs help with necessary shopping for groceries or collection of prescriptions, the SVP can help. Please contact Mike Warom (SVP Vice President) on 0121 218 3165 or the Parish Office 0121 373 0143 to arrange help for both of the above. Thank you.

**PHONE BUDDY:** Thank you to those who have volunteered to be a 'phone buddy'. This is another way the Abbey reaches out to those who need that little extra support. If someone you know, is feeling isolated and would like to keep in contact with other parishioners over the phone, please let us know and we can arrange this. Thank you.

**THE SVP** Thanks to your generosity the Food Bank is able to help many people who are in need. Thank you for supporting this good cause each week, it is a good almsgiving practice. 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 only between 1-4pm and Tuesday Mornings between 9- 9.30am.

Dear Parishioners, I know many of you are very saddened at the passing of Fr Joyce; both Fr Dickinson and myself are too, but we know that Father will have gone to heaven—to his greatest reward. Please take note of the funeral arrangements and if you can pray in your homes on the day of his funeral in doing so you will be with us in Spirit. If the funeral is to be live-streamed we will give you the code as soon as possible. We await details from the Archdioceses which is arranging the funeral.

Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR