



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

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SUNDAY: 6.00pm (Vigil Sat) 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, 6.00pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am. 7.30pm. Tuesday, Friday 10.00am Saturday 9.30am

Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am-11.00am Saturday 10.00-11.00am and 4.30-5.00pm Novena Service:

Wed: 7.00pm.

Parish Office 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Holy Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00noon and 2.30-3.45pm Closed Wednesdays

3rd December 2017

First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd December

6.00pm. McElroy Family RIP

Sunday 3rd December

8.00am. Peggy Fegen

9.15am All Parishioners

10.30am. Sandra Morgan RIP

12 noon Mary Boyle RIP

6.00pm. Mamie Tuite RIP

Monday 4th December

10.00am: Patricia Wood RIP

11.00am. Pat McGeough

Requiem

7.30pm: Agnes & Patrick Finn RIP

Tuesday 5th December

10.00am: John Fleming RIP

Wednesday 6th December

10.00am: Joan Birch RIP

7.30pm: Philomena Jose RIP

Thursday 7th December

10.00am: Ann, William & Liam

Devine RIP

7.30pm: Sarah Ruane RIP

Friday 8th December

The Feast of The Immaculate

Conception

10.00am. Pegs & Peter Alden RIP

11.30am Anna Price **Requiem**

Saturday 9th December

9.30am: Shaun Maloney

6.00pm: Margaret & Frank

Maiden RIP

Sunday 10th December

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: William McNamara RIP

10.30am: Jim Foley RIP

12.00 noon: Mary M Kelly RIP

6.00pm: Bridget, Michael &

Raymond Sullivan RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jackie Wilson, John Swift, Anna Turner and Ray Taylor who are sick.

WALK WITH ME: Please pick up your Advent Booklet and continue with your Christmas preparation.

Donation £1, please put in the newspaper box.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm. Please make a note of this in your diary, a good opportunity to become closer to the Lord this Christmas.

ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE Thank you all for your generosity with donations for the Fayre and Grand Prize Draw and for the wonderful support you all gave on the Day. A big thank you also to the Abbey School for their donations. We would also like to thank the Co-op, Moor Hall, Lloyds Pharmacy and Gymophobics for donating raffle prizes and Thoughts of Others Ltd for their very generous donation of gifts for Santa. **And to all who helped on the day.** A list of prize winners can be found in the Church Porch. Total amount raised will be in next week's bulletin.

SVP FOODBANK next weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE: Once again I have received vouchers for Br. Benjamin's feeding programme in Zimbabwe. A £10 donation will go along way in alleviating their suffering. Vouchers available from Claire

COFFEE MORNING in the Hall after the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday. Please come and join us.

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 names of the persons you would like remembered, in the Parish Office. Their names will be displayed in the Church Porch at Christmas.

ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD is now on sale in the Holy Shop, price 50p. Also Abbey diaries on sale price 75p.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT We still need more people to give a half-hour, if you can please, to watch before the blessed Sacrament on Thursday from 3.30-4.00pm and Friday 11.00am -11.30am. Please contact the Parish Office

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ERDINGTON: Christmas Carol Open Air Service on Saturday 9th December at 11.00am opposite St. Barnabas in the High Street

SPUC CAROL SERVICE by pupils from St Edmund Campion School on Tuesday 12th December in the Abbey Church from 6-7.00pm. All are welcome to come along. Refreshments in the Hall after the Carol Service. Donations for SPUC

Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy: Holy Cross Catholic School have a vacancy for a lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator. For further information please contact the school office 675 2158. Deadline for application is Friday 15 December, thank you.

ABBEY 500 + TOTE: Winning numbers were 1, 12, 20, & 21. No Jackpot winner. Bridget Boxwell had three correct numbers and receives £125.00.

Be in it to win it!

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT £1,000.00

Parish Priest's Corner:

It's been a long tough week but I am now starting to turning a corner—feeling slightly better each day. I am having visits from the physio team each day, but maybe I'm being too eager as I fainted on Friday morning and the whole crash team came to my assistants. I woke up to find all these people in my room—it was like an episode in Holby City! I'm feeling much better as I write this. I'm sorry I missed the fayre yesterday, as I look forward to my face changing every year! Thank you to the team who have worked hard and thanks to those who supported on the day. I'm working hard to get back to you all. Keep up the prayers, I think they're working!

Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.

Collection: £2077.74

National Youth

Sunday: £876.15

CAFOD: £15.13

Zimbabwe: £2.10

Holy Souls: £13.10

2nd Collection:

Poor Parishes Fund

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