



**The Parish of St. 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** (Sunday)

Morning: Mass at 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00noon

Evening: 6.00: Vigil Family Mass

11.30: Readings and Carols

12.00: Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY** (Monday)

Masses: 8, 9, 10, 11.00am; 12.15pm

**CONFESSIONS** No confessions Wednesday 27th or Saturday 30th December

Fr Gabby, and the Redemptorist Community wish you all a happy and fulfilled Christmas. God Bless you all and Thanks.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Jackie Wilson, John Swift, Anna Turner John Maloney, Mae Sarle and Ray Taylor who are sick and for Sue Daly who has died.

**THANK YOU** to the organist and choir, the flower group, those who helped to clean and decorate the church and those who prepared the crib. You are all wonderful, please keep it up.

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who donated money for flowers to decorate the Church. A list of those who are to be remembered will be in the Church porch at Christmas.

**SPUC Carol Service**, which took place in St Edmund Campion School due to the bad weather raised £267.74. Well done to all involved.

**NO EVENING MASSES** this week. The Novena will be prayed during the 10am Mass on Wednesday.

**NO CONFESSIONS** on Wednesday (27th) or Saturday (30th)

**NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING** until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**PARISH OFFICE will be closed until Tuesday 2nd January and the HOLY SHOP will be closed until Monday 8th January.**

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

**CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES** on sale in the Holy Shop price £3.00

**ABBEY 750 + TOTE:** Winning numbers were 4, 7, 10 & 22. Alex Mungovan had three correct numbers and receives £50.00. There was no jackpot winner.

**Be in it to win it! The jackpot next week will be £1,000**

Collections: £2224.09 Upkeep of the Church £1367.28 Cafod: £27.75

Zimbabwe: £43.20, Holy Souls: £14.20

**The collection on Christmas day will be your offering to the Community.  
Thank you.**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

6.00pm. Tom Donohoe RIP

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

**Christmas Eve**

8.00am. Malcolm & Marie M<sup>c</sup>Dermott

9.15am. Patrick & Cissie  
M<sup>c</sup>Gough RIP

10.30am. All Parishioners

12.00 noon. Angela & Nello  
Allegrini RIP

**Christmas Masses**

**Vigil Family Mass**

6.00pm. Mike Pilnick RIP

11.30pm Carol Service with the choir

12.00 Midnight: Michael & Mai  
Cusack RIP

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

**Christmas Day**

8.00am: Dr Joseph Padingath RIP

9.00am: Hubert & Kitty Donoghue RIP

10.00am: Breda Keane RIP

11.00am: All Parishioners

12.15 pm.: Octave Mass

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

**Feast of St Stephen**

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

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

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

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

10.00am: \*Octave Mass

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

**Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury**

10.00am.: \*Octave Mass

11.00am: Mary Hackett **Requiem**

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

9.30am.: \*Octave Mass

6.00pm: Pauline Richards RIP

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

8.00am: Fr Patrick Joyce

9.15am: \*Octave Mass

10.30am: Ned McGinnell RIP

12.00noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Fr Gabby

**\*Octave of Christmas Masses for  
your relatives and friends**

**PARISH PRIEST CORNER**

*Unfortunately the infection I had has knocked me back a bit but thankfully it has now past with the help of antibiotics and I am back in good form again. I have physio everyday where they get me out of bed to walk on my 'jelly pins' It's a good time now to give you a kick if I owe you one! Sadly I won't make it back for Christmas Day but have hopes for New Year! My Christmas wish is that you all celebrate this wonderful Feast of the Birth of Our Lord by coming to Mass, where there is plenty of opportunity; please remember the family Mass is at 6pm on Sunday, Christmas Eve.*

*On a lighter note*

The priest was invited to have a Christmas drink with the teachers in the staff room. As he left the school he bent down to talk to a little girl. She threw her arms round his neck and said, "You smell just like my Daddy!"

*Fr. Gabby*

