

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

Parish Office 9-11am and 1-4.30pm.

Holy Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12noon and 2.30-3.45pm Closed Wednesdays



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First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st December

First Sunday of Advent

6.00pm. Nora Mungovan & Eugene Lynch RIP

Sunday 2nd December

8.00am. Jane Robinson RIP

9.15am. Maureen Dogrell RIP

10.30am. Kathleen & Jack Dunphy RIP

12 noon. Anne Nelligan RIP

6.00pm. All Parishioners

Monday 3rd December

10.00am: Mary Boyle RIP

7.30pm: Jack & Alice Cuzick RIP

Tuesday 4th December

10.00am: Patrick & Agnus Finn RIP

11.00am: Antonetta Kowalczyk

Requiem

Wednesday 5th December

10.00am: Philip Marron RIP

11.30am: Michael Mulligan

Requiem

7.30pm: Phylis Fields

Thursday 6th December

10.00am: Denis O'Sullivan RIP

11.00am: John Morrissey

Requiem

7.30am: Sarah Ruane RIP

Friday 7th December

10.00am: Eamon Devlin & John Conlon RIP

3.00pm: Holy Hour

Saturday 8th December

Immaculate Conception

9.30am: Jimmy Powers RIP

6.00pm: Audrey Richmond RIP

Sunday 9th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Mary Hackett RIP

10.30am: Elish Kearney RIP

12.00 noon: Denis & Josie O'Neill RIP

6.00pm: Christina Patterson

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Doreen Wheelwright, Rita Lewis, Peter Lane, Chris Dawe, Mae Sarl, Maureen Shiels and Brian Black who are sick and for Michael Mulligan who has died.

WALK WITH ME Please pick up your Advent Walk With Me booklet to help you prepare to celebrate Christmas. Donations of £1.00 please to go into the newspaper box. Thank you.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE on TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 7.00PM. Please make a note of this in your diary. A good opportunity to become closer to the Lord this Christmas.

HOLY HOUR on Friday (7th Dec) at 3.00pm. Please come and spend some time in adoration.

ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE Thank you all for your very generous donations for the Fayre and Grand Prize Draw and for the wonderful support you all gave on the Day. Thanks to the Abbey School for their donations and to the school Choir for their wonderful Carol Singing. To the Kerala Community who once again brought along some wonderful Indian Cuisine for us to take away. To the Co-op and Lloyds Pharmacy for donating Raffle prizes. **And of course to all who helped on the day.** A list of prize winners can be found in the Church Parch. Total amount raised will be in next week's bulletin.

SVP FOODBANK next weekend. This month's donation will help someone have a decent meal over Christmas. Thank you.

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 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 The night time painting of the Abbey by Clive Ashton is our Octave card this year on sale in the Holy Shop, price 50p. This card promises an Octave of Masses for your relatives and friends from 25th December to 1st January. There is a box in the Holy Shop where you can place your list of names and your donation.

SUNDAY MINIBUS It is wonderful that we are able to bring some of the housebound to the 10.30 Mass on Sundays but we are only able to do this with help from your good selves. We need more drivers and escorts to be prepared to go on a monthly rota to join the existing volunteers. I know that this is very much appreciated by those who benefit from being able to come to Mass. Please have a think about it and if you can help please ring the Parish Office. Thank you.

IS THERE A DRUMMER IN THE HOUSE? If you play the drums or perhaps know someone who does, we are looking for a drummer to help with the music at the family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm. The sound of the drums really creates that exciting atmosphere of the Christmas spirit. Please see Claire.

SPUC CAROL SERVICE by pupils from St Edmund Campion School on Tuesday 11th 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.

NATIVITY PLAY: Parishioners and Grandparents are invited to the Reception class Nativity Play at the Abbey School on Tuesday 18th December at 2.15pm. Please enter the school by the middle door.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ERDINGTON: Christmas Carol Open Air Service on Saturday 15th December at 11.00am opposite St. Barnabas in the High Street

ABBEY 500 + TOTE: Winning numbers were 3, 12, 14 & 15. No Hit. PJ Connell and Mr Mulligan had three correct numbers and each receive £50.00.

Parish Priest's Corner

I personally want to thank the organisers of the Christmas Fayre for once again putting on a splendid day yesterday. I know there is a lot of time and hard work spent in the weeks running up to the fayre itself and I thank you very much. Today sees the beginning of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas, please take note of the Penitential service on Tuesday 18th December at 7.00pm and prepare your hearts in earnest for the coming of Our Lord..

♪♪♪♪ on a lighter note.

How did Mr Cheese paint his wife? He doubled-glossed her!

Fr Gabby C.Ss.R.

Collection: £1861.50

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£735.32

CAFOD: £14.90

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Holy Souls: £21.13

2nd Collection:

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