



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

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

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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.

Feast of the Holy Family

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30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 29th December

6.00pm: Christie & Bridget Kelly  
RIP

#### Sunday 30th December

##### Feast of the Holy Family

8.00am: Trudie & Gerard  
Brookes RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Ned McGinnell RIP

12 noon: Pauline Richards RIP

6.00pm: Octave Mass\*

#### Monday 31st December

10.00am. Octave Mass\*

#### Tuesday 1st January

##### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10.00am. Octave Mass\*

#### Wednesday 2nd January

10.00am: Mary Thomas RIP

#### Thursday 3rd January

10.00am: Elizabeth Renshaw RIP

#### Friday 4th January

10.00am: Philip Marron RIP

3pm: Holy Hour

#### Saturday 5th January

9.30am: WInifred Lutwyche RIP

6.00pm: Michael Mulligan RIP

#### Sunday 6th January

##### Solemnity of the Epiphany

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Sandra Morgan RIP

10.30am: Benny McGrath RIP

12.00noon: Con McCauley RIP

6.00pm: Mary Harbutt RIP

\*Octave of Christmas Masses for  
your relatives and friends

## Season's Greetings and a very happy New Year to you and your Families

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Doreen Wheelwright, Rita Lewis, Peter Lane, Chris Dawe, Mae Sarl, Maureen & Larry Shiels, John Reidy Snr, Ursula Gibbs and Mary M<sup>c</sup>Grath who are sick

*Thank you for your very generous Christmas offering on Christmas Day and the gifts to myself and the Redemptorist Community.*

**Special thanks** to the choir, organist, readers, servers, flower group, their first time at tackling Christmas and to all those who decorated and cleaned the Church for Christmas. A great effort by all.

**Please be aware**, no evening Masses this week. Back to normal on the 7th January.

**HOLY HOUR ON FRIDAY** 4th January 3-4pm. Let us start the New Year in a good way by spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**PARISH OFFICE and Holy Shop** will be closed until Monday 7th January.

**COFFEE MORNING** will start again next Wednesday 9th January.

**DIOCESAN YEAR DIRECTORY** on sale at the back of the Church £3.50.

**ABBEY DIARIES** also on sale price 75p.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will start again on Monday 14th January, until then the church will be locked after morning Mass during the day.

**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 0143.

**APF PROMOTERS MEETING** in the Abbey Hall on Sunday 27th January at 4pm.

**ABBEY 750 + TOTE** : The tote has been running for many years and has brought great income to the parish. These extra funds have paid for the spot lights on the Stations of the Cross around the church, it pays for the Wednesday Word, which is an A4 sheet of scriptural insight for each Sunday and is for children and parents to look at together. This is given out each Wednesday at the Abbey school. The tote has also provided an outing for the servers to see an amateur pantomime each year plus various other things which are helpful to the parish. We need more parishioners to play the tote which is only £1.00 each week. The more we have on board the larger the jackpot. So be audacious this year and join up. The tote is drawn every Monday evening and the numbers and names of the winners are printed in the bulletin each Sunday.

**This weeks Jackpot is £375.00. Think how high the jackpot could be if you joined!!**

### Parish Priest's Corner

My Christmas week began with three visits to the hospital for an intravenous drip of antibiotics for an infection on my nose. Thankfully it has worked and I am now on oral antibiotics. It just meant that I couldn't be over at church on Christmas Day to see you all. Despite being out of action I am in good spirits. This week I am going to see Bishop Ralph for a few days in Sheffield, which I am looking forward to. I hope you enjoy the New Year celebrations, lets hope that next year is a good one for all of us. I pray for you and your families that you will be blessed with peace and happiness.

♪♪ On a lighter note

What do you call a pony with a sore throat? A small Hoarse

Fr. Gabby

Collection: £20867.57

CAFOD: £67.57

Zimbabwe: £252.57

Holy Souls: £8.92

Thank you for your  
generosity  
throughout the year