

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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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: Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Wednesday: morning only.

Holy Shop: 10.30-12noon and 2.30 until 3.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Closed all day Wednesdays



8th December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th November

Second Sunday of Advent

6.00pm: Andrew Deward RIP

Sunday 8th December

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Ned Callaghan RIP

10.30am: Christopher Keane RIP

12.00 noon: Kathleen & Sean

Kelly

6.00pm: May & Caesar Rangel RIP

Monday 9th December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10.00am: Francis McGreal RIP

7.30pm: Mai + Michael Cusack RIP

Tuesday 10th December

10.00am: Alexander Ward

Wednesday 11th December

10.00am: Mick Finnegan RIP

11.15am: Martin (Chris) Keane

Requiem

7.30pm: Marie Lydon

Thursday 12th December

10.00am: Tony Finnegan

11.15am: Lucy McGinnell

Requiem

7.30pm: Ashan de Silva

Friday 13th December

10.00am: Urszula & Mark Peckham

11.00am: Mary Gallagher

Requiem

Saturday 14th December

9.30am: Dennis Daly RIP

6.00pm: John Farrell RIP

Sunday 15th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Pham Thi Hoai &

Pham Van Phan

10.30am: Gerard Hanratty RIP

12.00 noon: Ollie Eivors RIP

6.00pm: Mary & Michael

Carney RIP

Collection: ££1,920.53

Poor Parishes Fund: £1,005.00

CAFOD: £111.03

Zimbabwe: £5.00

Holy Souls: £19.80

SVP Retiring Collection

Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Kathleen Boyle Snr, Tess Reidy, Dorothy Denieffe and David Davoren who are sick.

SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY Thank you for your generous donations.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE on TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER AT 7.00PM. There will be a number of priests available on the evening so please make a note of this in your diary. It's a good way to start Christmas!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will finish this Friday 13th until the New Year.

THE ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the organisers of our Christmas Fayre. Such a lot of work has gone into making the day a good and happy occasion. Thank you to the children for their carol singing, the Keralan community for their lovely food, the Co-op Super store and Lloyds Chemist for their contribution to the Raffle prizes and of course to yourselves for coming along to enjoy the fun. Thank you all very much. A list of Prize winners can be found in the church porch. The total amount raised will be printed in next week's bulletin. PS: I hoped you like my Christmas card!

COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday in the Hall after Mass. 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 name of the persons you would like remembered, in the Parish Office. Their names will be displayed in the Church Porch.

A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE Bro Benjamin Feeding Project. The Redemptorists have been running this project for the last three years. Many children in Zimbabwe have been orphaned by HIV/Aids. Often children as young as twelve are left to bring up younger siblings. By buying a gift card for £10.00 to send to your friends and relatives, you are buying maize for a family for a month. If you wish to purchase a gift card please see Claire.

THE ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE CARDS on sale in the Holy Shop price 50p. The 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 intentions and donations. Abbey diaries and Christmas stock now on sale.

ABBEY PRIMARY NATIVITY PLAY: Reception Classes will be performing their **Nativity on Tuesday 17th December 2019.** The 2.15pm performance is for Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners. We ask that toddlers/babies DO NOT attend this session. Tickets, which are free, will be available from the school office from Tuesday 3rd December. You need a ticket to attend so that the seating capacity in the hall is not exceeded. Please park off-site or in the bottom car park if you are attending, thereby leaving the top church car park free for visitors to the Church.

ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL: A DAY OF ADORATION IN PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND COMING. If any parishioners would like go along for Adoration in the school between 10.20 and 2.30pm on Friday 13th, they are welcome to attend during this time.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ERDINGTON: Christmas Carols on Saturday 21st December at 11.00am opposite St Barnabas Church in Erdington High Street. All are welcome.

ABBEY 500 + TOTE: Winning numbers were: 4, 5, 10, & 19. No Jackpot Hit this week and no winners from the Abbey. Next week's Jackpot will be £400.00. Be in it to win it!

Parish Priest's Corner

This week we received a letter from Fr Ronnie our Provincial. Unfortunately Fr Ronnie's health has not been too good in recent months and our Fr General has asked him to take a three month sabbatical in order for him to have a complete rest. Therefore Fr Richard Reid will be acting Provincial with Fr Andrew Burns as Vicar. With this going into effect from the 1st December our Provincial council has asked me to become the Rector of the Abbey. This will have no real affect on the parish—just on the Redemptorists. Please remember Fr Ronnie in your prayers. Have a blessed week.

Fr Elias CSSR