

# 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: 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

1st December 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Mass Intentions

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

**First week of Advent**

6.00pm: Holy Souls

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

8.00am: Angelin Shaji

9.15am: Mary & Tony Hackett RIP

10.30am: Mary & Martin Folan RIP

12.00 noon: Patricia Wood RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

10.00am: Philip Marron RIP

7.30pm: John & Nicholas  
Smyth RIP

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

10.00am: Mary Boyle RIP

11.30am: Eileen King *Requiem*

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am: Agnes & Patrick

Finn RIP

7.30pm: Laurence Byrne RIP

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am: Maureen Frayne

7.30pm: Sarah Ruane RIP

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am: Eamon, Devlin &  
John Conlon RIP

3.00pm: Holy Hour.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am: Brian O'Mahoney RIP

6.00pm: Andrew Deward RIP

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Collection: £1,883.32

Catholic Youth

Service: £861.65

CAFOD: £14.25

Zimbabwe: £10.00

Holy Souls: £13.07

**2nd Collection:**

**Poor Parishes Fund**

Thank you for your generosity

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Kathleen Boyle Snr, Tess Reidy and Dorothy Denieffe who are sick and for Mary Gallagher, Chris (Martin) Keane, Lucy M<sup>c</sup>Ginnell and Stephen Perkins who have 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.

**HOLY HOUR** this Friday (6<sup>th</sup>) at 3.00pm. Please make an extra effort to join in this Advent Holy Hour.

Please note the Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

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

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

**ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Abbey Hall: 10.00am-1.00pm. Please come along on the day and give your support. Bring the Children to visit Santa's Grotto, listen to the children from the Abbey Primary school singing carols, Tombola Stall, Cake stall, face painting, Guess the weight of the cake, and the Keralan Community will once again bring along some wonderful Indian Cuisine for us to take away. Also the Grand Prize Draw will take place at the fayre. Thank you for your very generous donations so far. Please don't forget it's still not too late to bring bottles for the Tombola, good quality toys, gifts, fancy goods etc. You can bring them to the Parish Office during the week. **Also helpers needed for the Friday evening from 6.00pm and Saturday morning from 8.00am.**

**CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please remember to return counter-foils, money and unsold tickets by 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**SVP FOODBANK** next weekend. This month's contributions will help some local families 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 name of the person you would like remembered, in the Parish Office. Names will be displayed in the Church Porch.

**A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE – Bro Benjamin CSsR 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 25<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**ABBEY 500 + TOTE:** Winning No. 9, 10, 11 & 22. No Jackpot winner this week. Gary Fletcher and PJ Towers from the Abbey had three correct numbers and each receive £50.00.

Next week's Jackpot will be £375.00. Why not give it a go!

## Parish Priest's Corner

Here we are, the first week of Advent! The weeks are flying by so quickly. Next Saturday is the social highlight of the year—its our Christmas Fayre. I hope many of you will come along and enjoy the different stalls, the liqueur coffees, the carol singing, the delicious Indian food and the many scrumptious cakes that you've made. See you there!

I encourage you to come to the Penitential Service as there will be no other extra confessions before Christmas. Something for you to think about! Have a blessed week. Fr. Elias C.Ss.R