

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

Novena Service: Wed: 7.00pm.

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

HOLY SHOP: Open mornings only this week, 10.30am until 12.00noon, closed all day Wednesday

16th February 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions Sixth Sunday in ordinary time

Saturday 15th February

6.00pm: Eileen King RIP

Sunday 16th February

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Letitia Corrigan RIP

10.30am: Patrick & Mary

Flaherty RIP

12 noon: Mary Mackessy RIP

6.00pm: Thanksgiving (Keane)

Monday 17th February

10.00am: Gerard Brennan RIP

7.30pm: Sajan Mathew

Tuesday 18th February

10.00am: Michael Swaine

Wednesday 19th February

10.00am: Canon Gerry Breen RIP

7.30pm: Margaret Francis

Thursday 20th February

10.00am: Nial Cosgrove RIP

7.30pm: Bernadine Wesley

Friday 21st February

10.00am: Wayne & Glyn

Sweeney RIP

Saturday 22nd February

9.30am: Brendan Fleming RIP

6.00pm: Loran Phillips RIP

Sunday 23rd February

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Mark Lavin RIP

10.30am: James & Brigid

Wiseman RIP

12.00noon: Sean Johnston RIP

6.00pm: Carmel Conroy RIP

Collection: £1,678.77

CAFOD: £12.04

Zimbabwe: £204.68

Holy Souls: £11.20

2nd Collection
Lourdes 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 Haynes and John Grimes who have died.

ORGAN RESTORATION: The organ is in urgent need of repair and restoration. The first phase of repair is beginning this week. The restoration will take place over a period of approximately three years. This will be a long term project for the parish and I appreciate that not all of you who come to the Abbey hear the organ played, but it is a vital instrument in any Church and enhances the liturgy not only for Sunday Mass but for weddings, and funerals and other services besides. Any donations received from now on will go to the organ fund. Thank you.

LENT EXTRA: I know you are familiar with this Redemptorist publication. This issue will link in with the year of 'THE WORD—The God who speaks' It has a daily thought for the day and some very interesting articles to read. Please pick up your copy from the porch today. Cost £1.00. All monies in the newspaper box please. Let's journey towards Easter together.

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK. The Church will be closed after the morning Mass during the week and opened again at the usual time in the evening when there is an evening Mass.

HOLY SHOP: Open mornings only this week, 10.30am until 12.00noon, closed all day Wednesday. St Patrick's Day cards & badges are on sale from this week.

NO COFFEE MORNING for the next two weeks.

RCIA: We have 6 people who are in the process of discernment regarding their faith in joining the Catholic Church. This is a very important time for them and their families. Please remember them in your prayers. Once this period of discernment is decided, the candidates will be presented to the Archbishop at a special service in the Cathedral on Sunday 1st March. It is wonderful to see the Catholic Church growing each year with new members.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020 17th—21st August. 3 star accommodation at Hotel Beau Site. 30 places available at a fixed cost. Information sheets available from the church porch and booking forms available at the Parish Office. For further information please contact Nicholas Bartleet 07778 857369.

Gift Aid: If you are a regular tax payer this is the easiest way to raise parish funds at no extra cost to yourself. We get the money from the TAX Man on any monies you donate each week. So please think about joining the gift aid scheme. A reminder: if you are paying by cheque please make the cheque payable to **ERDINGTON ABBEY PARISH ACCOUNT**. Thank you.

THE 106th BIRMINGHAM (Our Lady's) BROWNIES meet at the Abbey on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm-7.30pm. We currently have a few spaces available for girls aged 7-8 to join us. Further information about Brownies can be found on the girl guiding website, www.girlguiding.org.uk. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Parish Office for further details about getting in touch with our unit.

ABBEY 750 + TOTE: No jackpot hit. Winning numbers 5, 11, 12 & 14. P Carpenter had three correct numbers and receives £50.00. **Next Week's Jackpot £650.00**

Parish Priest's Corner

If you are on holiday this week I hope you enjoy yourselves. With Lent nearly upon us, let us think about our Lenten observances, I encourage you to come to Mass during this time and pray as a parish community for all our needs. Something to think about! During this week we remember in a special way our brothers and sisters in Wuhan, China who cannot gather to celebrate Mass because of the corona virus. How lucky we are!

Have a blessed week. Fr. Elias C.Ss.R.