



**The Parish of St. 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:

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Advent.

Saturday 16th December

6.00pm. Brian Kerins RIP

Sunday 17th December

8.00am. Sheila Hanlon

9.15am All Parishioners

10.30am. John & Teresa

Woulfe RIP

12 noon Ollie Eivors RIP

6.00pm. Ray Taylor

Monday 18th December

10.00am: Anne Sharp

7.30pm: Joan Quinn

Tuesday 19th December

10.00am: Bernard, Mary &

Maureen Holian RIP

11.00am: Michael Finnegan

Requiem

7.30pm Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 20th December

10.00am: Special Intention

1.30pm: Anna Warnock

Requiem

7.30pm: Pat McGeough RIP

Thursday 21st December

10.00am: William Callaghan

RIP

7.30pm: Angela Campbell RIP

Friday 22nd December

10.00am: David & MaryAnn

Constable & Jack & MaryAnn

Murphy RIP

Saturday 23rd December

9.30am: Maureen Joyce RIP

6.00pm: Tom Donohoe RIP

Sunday 24th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Malcolm & Marie

McDermott

9.15am: Patrick & Cissie

McGough RIP

10.30am: All Parishioners

12.00 noon: Angela & Nello

Allegrini RIP

Christmas Masses

Vigil Family Mass

6.00pm: Mike Pilnick RIP

11.30: Carol Service with the

choir

12.00 Midnight Mass: Michael &

Mai Cusack RIP

CONFESSIONS & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS Wednesday 10.30-11am. Saturday 10-11am, 4.30-5.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE—Fourth Sunday of Advent.

6pm(Sat),8am, 9.15am, 10.30am & 12noon only.

CHRISTMAS MASSES.

The celebration of Christmas begins with the

6.00pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve (Sunday)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses: 8, 9, 10, 11am & 12.15pm

17th December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jackie Wilson, John Swift, Anna Turner, Ray Taylor and Sue Daly who are sick and for Michael Finnegan, Mary Lancaster and Betty Ayling who have died.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm. Please make use of this opportunity for your preparation for Christmas.

ABBEY CALENDARS 2018 are in the porch for you to take. Why not pop one in your Christmas presents when you are wrapping them up and give them to your family and friends.

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 the persons you would like remembered, in the Parish Office **no later than Friday 22nd at 11.00am** thank you. Their names will be displayed in the Church Porch at Christmas.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday which is the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year, it is very difficult to get the Church prepared without encroaching on Advent! Therefore to make things easier for our flower group the Church will have the Christmas flowers prepared in Church for next Sunday but the Church will remain in purple for the fourth Sunday of Advent. Volunteers who are willing to help with putting up the decorations and flowers on Saturday morning after the 9.30am Mass will be most welcome. Thank you.

ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD is now on sale in the Holy Shop, price 50p. Also Abbey diaries on sale price 75p.

COFFEE MORNING no coffee morning until the new year. Thank you to all who have helped throughout the year.

SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY will be on Tuesday 19th December at 2.15pm in the School Hall. Please enter by the middle gate.

ABBEY 500 + TOTE: NO DRAW THIS WEEK DUE TO THE WEATHER.

Be in it to win it!

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT £1,000.00

Collection: £1105.87; CAFOD: £6.00; Zimbabwe: £5.10 & Holy Souls: £10.00

Parish Priest's Corner:

A bit of a hiccup this week, as I have developed an infection, which has caused a swelling at the back of my left ear, so this has slowed me down somewhat! But I have told the doctor that I want to be out for Christmas and she replied, "I want you out for Christmas too!" Please continue to pray for me as your prayers are a constant source of comfort to me. Thank you.

Please make good use of the Penitential Service on Tuesday evening—I want to hear reports of a good turn out – keeping the priests busy!

Fr Gabby