

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. Legion of Mary: Monday 10.45am. Prayer Group: Thursday 8.00pm.

Parish Office 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Holy Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00noon and 2.30-3.45pm. Closed Wednesdays



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th November

Feast of St Andrew

6.00pm. Holy Souls

Sunday 1st December

8.00am. Jim Kilroy RIP

9.15am. All Parishioners

10.30am. Martin & Mary Folan RIP

12.00noon. Mary Callaghan RIP

6.00pm Michael Aldridge

Monday 2nd Decemer

10.00am. John & Nicholas Smyth

7.30pm. Yvonne Lafite

Tuesday 3rd December

10.00am. Elizabeth McCrystal

& Mike Gordon RIP

Wednesday 4th December

10.00am. Eileen Hennigan RIP

11.15am. Jim Williams *Requiem*

7.30pm. Agnes Finn RIP

Thursday 5th December

10.00am. Joan Birch RIP

7.30pm. Eric Smith RIP

Friday 6th December

10.00am. Sheila O'Mahony RIP

Saturday 7th December

9.30am. James Campbell RIP

6.00pm. Sarah Ruane RIP

Sunday 8th December

8.00am. All Parishioners

9.15am. Dennis & Dora Lane RIP

10.30am. Michael & Mai

Cusack RIP

12.00noon. Patrick Robinson RIP

6.00pm. Doris O'Brien RIP

Collection: £1,776.25

Philippines Appeal:

£5,410.00

CAFOD: £18.53

Holy Souls: £30.85

Zimbabwe: £2.30

**2nd Collection:
Poor Parishes**

*Thank you for your
generosity*



PLEASE PRAY FOR Helen Hartley and Pauline Richards who are sick and for James Leatham who has died. **HOLY HOUR** for the first Friday at 3.00pm (6th Dec). Please join us in this time of veneration. Please pop in with your children after school.

A **DVENT READING** please get on track for Christmas by your daily reading from the "Walk with me" booklet or along side you have our Redemptorist Publication of "Advent Extra" another good read. Pick up yours today. Walk with me **£1**, Advent Extra **£2**.

A **BBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Saturday 7th December in the Abbey Hall from 10.00am-1.00pm. Please come along and support the day. Bring the Children to visit Santa's Grotto, listen to the children from the Abbey Primary choir singing carols. Tombola Stall, Cake stall, face painting, Guess the weight of the cake and lots more. Also the Grand Prize Draw will take place at the fayre. Thank you for your very generous donations so far. Please don't forget its 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 7.00pm and Saturday morning from 7.00am.** Please contact the Parish Office. **CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please remember to return counterfoils, money and unsold tickets by 5th of December.

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 in the Parish Office with the name of the person you would like remembered. Their names will be displayed on the Notice Board in the Church Porch at Christmas.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ERDINGTON: Christmas Open Air Service on Saturday 14th December at 11.00am outside the Co-op, Erdington High Street.

ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD is now on sale in the Holy Shop price 50p. This year's design features the Abbey Church. This 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 your donations.

COFFEE MORNING each Wednesday after morning Mass. Come and join us.

ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY: Parishioners are invited to the performance by the Reception children, on Thursday 12th December at 1.45pm. Tickets available from the school office. Please park in the bottom car park.

A **BBEY NEW YEAR PARTY:** At the Abbey Hall on 31st December 8pm till 1am. Licensed Bar, Buffet, Disco, Raffle and Quiz. Tickets £10.00 each available from the Parish Office.

NO MEETING of the Young Adult or Youth Group this week. Next Meeting will be Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December. Contact Paul Murphy on 0775 123 7473 or e-mail paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk.

ABBEY 750 + TOTE: Winning numbers are 2,9,13 & 17. Fr. Gabby and John Patten had three correct numbers and each receive £50.00. Teresa from the Abbey was a bonus winner.

Next Weeks Jackpot will be £1,550.00. Be in it to win it

PARISH PRIEST'S CORNER. Parish Surgery this Thursday 4-6pm

The Lord Comes! He is looking for us. Do we open to him the door of our heart? Do we recognise him when he asks us whether he may enter? Do we know him when we meet him in the street, in our neighbour? Let us ask the Lord in this eucharist that we may love and admit him in the many ways he comes to us.

♪♪♪ on a lighter note

Three preachers were discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely the best," claimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." The repairman could not contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best praying' I ever did was hanging' upside down from a telephone pole."

Fr. Gabby C. Ss.R.