



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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Masses: Sunday: 6.00pm (Vigil Sat) 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00 & 6.00pm.

Feast of the Holy Family

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29th December 2013

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th December

6.00pm. Octave*

Sunday 29th December

Feast of the Holy Family

8.00am. Dr Joseph Padinjath RIP

9.15am. All Parishioners

10.30am. Agnes Finn RIP

12 noon. Carol Sullivan RIP

6.00pm. Octave Mass*

Monday 30th December

10.00am. Octave Mass*

Tuesday 31st December

10.00am. Octave Mass*

Wednesday 1st January

The Solemnity of Mary the Holy

Mother of God

10.00am. Octave Mass*

Thursday 2nd January

10.00am. Elizabeth Renshaw RIP

Friday 3rd January

10.00am. John Paul Reddan RIP

3.00pm. Holy Hour

Saturday 4th January

9.30am. Tracy Dickens RIP

6.00pm. Eileen Gordan &

Lorraine M'Guigan RIP

Sunday 5th January

Solemnity of the Epiphany

8.00am. John M'Carron RIP

9.15am. Stephen Cronin RIP

10.30am. Margaret Brookes RIP

12.00noon. Michael & Raymond
Sullivan RIP

6.00pm. All Parishioners

*Octave of Christmas Masses for
your relatives and friends

Collection: £2,081.54

CAFOD: £28.00

Holy Souls: £18.42

Zimbabwe: £8.50

Thank you for your
generosity
throughout the
year

Season's Greetings and a very happy New Year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Bridget Sullivan, Helen Hartley, Pauline Richards and James Kelly who are sick.

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S PASTORAL LETTER on the Holy Family: please pick up your copy and read it at your own leisure at home.

NO EVENING MASSES or confessions this week. The church will be closed after morning Mass.

Thank you for your very generous Christmas offerings to Frs. Gabby and Dickinson, we very much appreciated all your gifts and the spirit in which they were given!

Special thanks to the choir, organist, readers, servers, flower group and to all those who decorated and cleaned the Church for Christmas: a great team effort. A word of thanks to Janet and Martina Rowley for this year's crib; please find time to pray before it.

HOLY HOUR ON FRIDAY 3rd January 3-4pm. Start the year well by joining in this special time of prayer.

PARISH OFFICE AND HOLY SHOP will be closed until Monday 6th January.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Starts again on Monday 13th January.

ABBEY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Have you got your ticket yet? For bookings phone **Phil on 07710503726** by Sunday evening please.

ABBEY CALENDAR 2014 Please pick up your calendar from the back of the Church and say now and again the prayer for Redemptorist Vocations.

ABBEY DIARIES in the Church Porch price 75p.

ABBEY 750 + TOTE: Winning numbers were 5, 11, 13 & 19. Congratulations to David Hird who won the Jackpot of £1,850. JE Birch, A M'Donald, M M'Cormack and M Thompson each had three correct numbers and each receive £25.00. Jo Daly was a bonus winner.

Next Weeks Jackpot will be £500.00

Be in it to win it!

NB. A few agents due to ill health will no longer be able to help. It is necessary therefore to restructure the prize money to avoid running at a loss. From this week the Jackpot will begin at £500, and will increase by £50 each week. The Jackpot will be capped at £1,000, and if necessary a second Jackpot will be built up—I hope you will agree, this is still an attractive chance for a small stake. Promoter Fr Gerard Kelly.

Parish Priest's Corner

No Parish Surgery this week

Every family has its cares and worries. On today's feast of the Holy Family we are shown that Mary and Joseph and Jesus had more than their share of problems and woes, especially because the very reason and heart of this family was Jesus, this bewildering son. They did everything for him. What is typical for us in the Holy Family is that in everything they sought God's will; this will be characteristic too for Jesus. God's will was to be his food and drink. Let the heart of our families too, be Jesus, and with him Mary and Joseph, as we ask ourselves what God wants of us and we do it.



On a lighter note

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out of the other.

Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.

