



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. 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-

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th March

1st Sunday of Lent

6.00pm. Martin Boyle, Kevin M'Cabe & Hugh Lawrie RIP

Sunday 9th March

8.00am. Meehan Family

9.15am. Wasyl Tatarczuk RIP

10.30am. Franciszek

Skrakowski RIP

12 noon. Michael

Callaghan RIP

6.00pm. All Parishioners

Monday 10th March

10.00am. Pat Madden

7.30pm. Marcelina

Gulewicz RIP

Tuesday 11th March

10.00am. Margaret Miley

Wednesday 12th March

10.00am. Barry Cox RIP

7.30pm. Mary & Tom Duffy

Thursday 13th March

10.00am. Phil M'Carville RIP

11.00am Norah Brennan

Requiem

7.30pm. Josie Newman

Friday 14th March

10.00am. Michael Reynolds

Saturday 15th March

Feast of St Clement C.Ss.R.

9.30am. Holy Souls

6.00pm. Farrel Family

Sunday 16th March

8.00am. All Parishioners

9.15am. Pat Cunnane RIP

10.30am. Johnny Molloy RIP

12.00noon. Breda Keane RIP

6.00pm. Joe Kiernan RIP

Collection: £1,932.12

Cathedral Maintenance:

£884.34

CAFOD: £7.31

Holy Souls: £8.15

Zimbabwe: £1.40

SVP

Retiring Collection

Thank you

for your generosity

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Helen Hartley, John Morrissey, Michael Murphy and Tom Smith who are sick .

PRAYERS PLEASE for Claire Gallagher, Levi Roberts, Chris Rowe & Luke Murphy who will be received into the Church at Easter as we present them to the Archbishop today at 3.00pm.during the Rite of Election.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: Please pick up your **CAFOD envelopes** this week and return them next week at the Offertory Collection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS after the 10.00am Mass every Friday and before the evening Mass on Thursday during Lent at 7.00pm.

LENTEN COURSE: I invite you to take part in this three course journey of Faith on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Hall. As we need food to live so it is very important that we have spiritual nourishment , make this journey of faith part of your Lenten observance. Open to all, do give it a try. Thank you

Oscott College are presenting the Stations of the Cross by artist Ghislaine Howard on Sundays during Lent at 3.00pm and you are warmly invited. See the poster and letter from the Rector in the porch.

The RYM Youth Group (12-17years) Meet in the Abbey Hall every 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be Wednesday 19th March from 7-8.30pm. *If you are interested in joining* please contact Paul Murphy (Co-ordinator of Youth Ministry) on 0775 123 7473 or email paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk. *You can also follow us on Twitter @RYM-GB.*

ANYONE FOR BRIDGE? a Bridge Drive be held in the Abbey Hall on Wednesday 21st May 2014 in aid of the Heating Fund. *If you would like to participate as a player, or help with the catering please contact Peter Towers on 308 7047.* A minimum number to justify the event would be 10 tables i.e. 40 players.

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday, in the Hall after the 10.00am Mass. We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day at the Coffee Morning this week.

Week of Prayer & Awareness of Dementia: 12-19th March., and on the 19th March there will be a Coffee Morning after Mass and an opportunity to discuss Dementia with a Specialist nurse. Please pick up a prayer for those suffering Dementia from the back of the Church. Thank you.

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION will be having a charity football match on Sunday 11th May; your support would be very much appreciated. See Posters in Parch.

ABBEY 500 + TOTE : Winning numbers were 6, 7, 10 & 20. GM Brookes & E Hoey had three correct numbers and receive £36.00.

Next Week's Jackpot will be £1,000

Be in it to win it!

Parish Priest's Corner Parish Surgery this Thursday 12th 4-6pm

On this First Sunday of Lent we have just begun our journey of forty days to Easter. We are the people of the forty days The people of God in the Old Testament needed forty years in the desert to grow through the trials and mistakes into the People of God ready for the Promised Land. Jesus spent forty days in the desert in fasting and prayer to prepare himself to make his choice to be the kind of Messiah God wanted. We today are given forty days, too, to re-examine ourselves before God whether we want to be and are the kind of Christians God wants us to be. We look up to Jesus here among us to see if with him and by his power we are willing to reject the temptations that try to divert us from the task God has given us.



On a lighter note

Did you hear about the incense accident at Mass last Sunday?

It was thurible!

Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.