



# The Parish of Sts. 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 1-5pm. Holy Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00noon and 2.30-3.45pm Closed Wednesdays

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

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4<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

6.00pm. Brian Bradley RIP

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

8.00am. All Parishioners

9.15am. Annie Sheppard RIP

10.30am. Paula Desmond

12 noon. Michael & Raymond  
Sullivan RIP

6.00pm. Elaine & Dave Hird

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am. Frank Heskin RIP

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am. Don Nimmo RIP

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am. Marueen & Ray Taylor

7.30pm John Cassidy

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am. Georgina Harris RIP

7.30pm. Holy Souls

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am. Crosby Family RIP

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am. John F Birch RIP

6.00pm. Molly Cashin RIP

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

8.00am. Mary & Michael Hassett

9.15am. All Parishioners

10.30am. C Fernandopulle RIP

12.00 noon. Nicholas & Cynthia  
Bartleet

6.00pm. Eileen M<sup>c</sup>Carthy RIP

Collection: £1,989.93

Lourdes Fund: £871.91

CAFOD: £17.40

Holy Souls: £17.13

Zimbabwe: £267.82

Thank you for your  
generosity

Novena tour Lady of  
Perpetual Help.

St. Francis Handsworth

12-21 May

See poster.

Red Boxes raised

£5,620.00

Well done

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** John Morrissey, Michael Murphy, Pamela Baird, Agnes Devaney and Bridget Sullivan who are sick and for Tom Smith, Helen Hartley and Kathleen Duckett who have died.

**ADORATION:** If you can help watch before the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 12.00-12.30pm, 1-1.30 and 1.30-2.00pm please see Fr Gabby or contact the Parish Office.

**NO EVENING MASS ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY** also the **PARISH OFFICE AND HOLY SHOP:** will be closed.

**COINS** thanks for all those coins you placed at the back of the church, they have brought in £519 for the Redemptorist Mission in Zimbabwe. Keep it up. Report on stamps later.

**FIRST COMMUNIONS:** we celebrate this special occasion with Mrs Howley's class on Saturday at 10.30am. Please pray for these children and their parents.

**NO CONFESSIONS** on Saturday morning because of First Communions.

**REDEMPTORIST YOUTH MINISTRY:** *The RYM Young Adult Group (18-35)* will next meet on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The *RYM Youth Group (12-17)* will next meet on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Anyone interested in joining either group contact Paul Murphy (coordinator of Youth Ministry) on 07751237473 or email paul.murphy@redemptorists.co.uk

**COFFEE MORNING** Wednesday after the morning Mass. Please come and join us.

**REFLECTION DAY:** In the Abbey Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Led by Sr. Anna O'Connor. Theme -Mindfulness. Cost of the day £8.00— to include Soup, tea & coffee. To book a place, please contact the Parish Office.

**ABBAY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2014:** 4-8<sup>th</sup> August 2014. General Information Forms are available in the Church porch.

**BRIDGE DRIVE:** Fundraising for the Abbey Heating Fund. The Drive will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. There is still room for another 2 or 3 tables so ring Peter Towers on 308 7047 if you would like to participate. Any offers of help with the refreshments would be appreciated.

**HAYDN'S CREATION :** Performed by Sutton Coldfield Choral Society and Orchestra at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets (0121 354 6999) £10. £12 at the door, £7 students.

**MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION:** Charity Match Aston Villa old stars followed by early evening entertainment on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm. See poster in church for further details.

**MARRIAGE CARE:** Whatever your skills Marriage Care invite you to give them a helping hand. They are looking for volunteers to facilitate their courses, manage their centres, counsel couples in difficulty and provide administrative support. See poster in Church or contact www.marriagecare.org.uk/volunteer.

**MARYVALE LECTURE** 'Towards the synod on Family' May 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm see poster.

**ABBAY 500 + TOTE :** Winning numbers 2, 18, 19 & 21. ATT had three correct numbers and receives £36.00.

Next Weeks Jackpot will be £1,000.

Be in it to win it!

### Parish Priest's Corner Parish Surgery Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 4-6.00pm

Too often we think we are all alone on the rocky road of life, with our struggles and discouragement but also our joys and happiness to share. Does the Lord know? Is he there? Our Christian faith and sensitvity, as known already from the earleist times of the Church, assure us that he is present and that he walks with us the sometiems rocky road of life. He speaks to his word of life in the Scriptures proclaimed to us every Sunday. He is indeed our companion in life, that is, literally, he who breaks his bread for us, as he did for his disciples at the Last Supper and on the pilgrim road to Emmaus.

♪♪ On a lighter note

Three men were discussing at a bar about coincidences. The first man said, "My wife was reading a 'Tale of two cities' and she birth to twins." "That's funny", the second man remarked, "my wife was reading 'The Three Musketeers' and she birth to triplets." The third man shouted, "Good God, I have to rush home!" When asked what the problem was, he exclaimed, "When I left the house, my wife was reading 'Ali Baba and the forty thieves'!!!"

Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.

