



# The Parish of St. 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 & Friday 10.30-12.00 & 2.30-3.45. Closed all day Wednesday.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

6.00pm. Holy Souls

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

#### Feast of Christ the King

8.00am. All Parishioners

9.15am. Holy Souls

10.30am. Kath & Jack

Dunphy RIP

12.00 noon. Sarah, Thomas &

Brendan Boyle

6.00pm. John Scanlon RIP

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am. Brookes Family RIP

7.30. Holy Souls

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am. Holy Souls

11.00am Annie Monaghan

Requiem

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am. Holy Souls

7.30pm. Mai & Michael

Cusack RIP

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am. Holy Souls

7.30pm. Bryan Downey RIP

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am. Holy Souls

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am. Deceased Redemptorists

Parents and Relatives

6.00pm. Holy Souls

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

#### First Sunday of Advent

8.00am. Nancy McGoldrick RIP

9.15am. All Parishioners

10.30am. Diane Tsopanis RIP

12.00 noon. Terry Flemming RIP

6.00pm. Holy Souls

Collection: £1,184.91

Upkeep of the

Church: £977.00

CAFOD: £32.97

Holy Souls: £28.50

Zimbabwe: £9.33

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Catholic Youth Service

Thank you for your  
generosity

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Maureen Shiel and Mary Burden who are sick.

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY:** we are blessed that Paul has started the RYM here with both young and old. Today we think about all the good work that is carried out by them throughout the country, because our young people are the future of the church.

**B**ishop Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat will be with us next weekend. He will arrive at 2.00pm Saturday and will visit some of the housebound. At **4.30pm** he will meet with representative's of the parish groups, you are welcome, that will take place in the Hall. Bishop Robert will preach at all the Masses and hopefully you will be able to meet him after Mass. He will be present for Sung Vespers, so it would be lovely to see many more of you present. It is a great blessing for the parish.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** This week is your last opportunity to remember your loved ones. Please put the names of those you wish to be remembered into the box **along with your offering**. A Mass will be offered.

**CHRISTMAS OCTAVE CARD** on sale in the Holy Shop price 50p. Abbey diaries also on sale 50p. Advent calendars, boxed Christmas cards and other gifts are available for sale.

**DAY OF RETREAT FOR ADVENT: The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis**, given by David McLoughlin, lecturer from Newman College, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the Abbey Hall. Cost £8.00. Still some places left. To book a place please contact the Parish Office 0121 373 0143.. **Are you missing out?**

**RYM ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND** for young adults. From Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Hawkstone Hall Shropshire. Cost: £100 ( £50 unwaged / students ) Contact paul.murphy@redemptorist.co.uk. Telephone 07751237473.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS:** Please pick up your Advent Walk with Me booklet and read the meditation each day as part of your daily prayer. Donations of £1.00. Please put in newspaper box.

**DONATIONS PLEASE FOR THE ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE** which will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Abbey Hall from 10.00am-1.00pm. **We will be collecting after all Masses this weekend and next - Bottles for the tombola, good quality toys(new), fancy goods and gift sets suitable for the fayre.**

We would also welcome donations such as gifts or vouchers suitable for the raffle. **CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS** : All counterfoils money and unsold tickets to be returned to the Church at Sunday Mass or the Parish Office by 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Wednesday in the Hall after the 10.00am Mass. Please come and join us.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES** New Hall 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2.30pm, Witton 30<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm.

**ABBEY 500 + TOTE:** Winning numbers were 5, 8, 13 & 14. JE Birch had three correct number and receives £50.00.

Next Weeks Jackpot will be £ 1,000

Be in it to win it!

**N**HS surgery consultation: I have been sent some consultation papers, if you are interested in replying please get a copy from Fr. Gabby. Your views are needed.

## Parish Priest's Corner

Parish Surgery Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4-6.00pm

In a grandiose vision the Church year ends with the celebration of Christ the King, and next Sunday the Church's new year starts with Advent. Matthew presents to us the scene of Christ our Lord coming as a king in judgement. This scene is the counterpart of the beatitudes, where the poor and the suffering were called blessed. At the judgement the Lord will ask us: "What have you done for the poor and those who weep?" Jesus shows himself here not only close to the poor and the humble, but he himself the gentle, the sick, the persecuted. He asks us; "Have you met me in them?" What do we answer him.

♪ *On a lighter note*

The priest was on the golf course when he heard another golfer, deep in a sand pit, let loose a stream of profanity. "I have often noticed," chided the priest, "that the best golfers are not addicted to the use of foul language." "Of course not screamed the man," "What do they have to swear about?"

Fr Gabby C.Ss.R.

