



# 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 2.30-3.45pm Closed Wednesdays

Third Sunday of Advent Year C

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13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm. Bridget Carey & Mary M<sup>c</sup>Kiernan RIP

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

#### Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am. John & Annie Patton & Family RIP

9.15am. All Parishioners

10.30am. Helen & Patrick

Farrelly & Michael Flynn RIP

12.00 noon. Joseph Forker RIP

6.00pm. Bridget, Michael &

Raymond Sullivan

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am. Eileen Walsh RIP

7.30pm. John Farrell RIP

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am. Mary & Michael

Carney RIP

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am. M<sup>c</sup>Cullagh family

7.30pm. Matthew M<sup>c</sup>Sheffrey RIP

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am. Brendan M<sup>c</sup>Carron &

David Rowland

7.30pm. Mary Baines

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am. Eugene Brennan

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am. Michael Kowalczyk RIP

6.00pm. Eileen & Dermott

M<sup>c</sup>Carthy & Desmond Teague RIP

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am. All Parishioners

9.15am. Maureen Joyce RIP

10.30am. James Foley RIP

12.00noon. Maryann & David

Constable RIP

6.00pm. Timothy Mackessy RIP

Collection: £1,823.65

CAFOD: £23.52

Holy Souls: £28.82

Zimbabwe: £3.20

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection  
Upkeep of  
the Church

Thank you very much  
for your generosity

Please pray for Anna Warnock and Mary Kearney who are sick and for Ada Hammond and Mary Coughlan who have died.

**SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION and monthly retiring collection will be** next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> boxes will be in the porch.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE ON TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.30PM.**

**YOUR PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT finishes this Friday until the New Year**

**F**lowers 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 with the name of the persons you would like remembered in the Parish Office. Their names will be displayed in the Church Porch.

**ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE** A grand total of **£4,445.45** was raised. Thank you once again for all your support.

**C**HRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE: Again this year I have vouchers for Bro Benjamin's feeding programme in Zimbabwe. A £10 donation will go a long way in alleviating their suffering.

**CHRISTMAS OCTAVE CARD** on sale in the Holy Shop price 50p. Abbey diaries also on sale 75p.

Advent calendars, boxed Christmas cards and other gifts are available for sale.

**FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING** this Wednesday will be our Festive Coffee morning. Please come and join us, as it is the last coffee morning before the Christmas break.

**NATIVITY PLAY:** Parishioners and Grandparents are invited to the Reception class Nativity Play at the Abbey School on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm.

**SPUC CAROL SERVICE** by pupils from St Edmund Campion School on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Abbey Church from **6-7pm**. All are welcome to come along. Refreshments in the Hall

after the Carol Service. Donations for SPUC.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** The Abbey Primary school will be holding an Advent Service in Church straight after the 10.00am Mass on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** Readings and Carols by Abbey School Choir.

**DEANERY CAROL SERVICE** here in the Jubilee Church, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm Please join in this Jubilee Celebration.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH:** help need on Christmas Eve to put in place the prepared church decorations. Meet after the 10.00am Mass in the church.

**THIRD TUESDAY SERVICE** at St Gerard's, Castle Vale, on 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6-9pm. Contact Bernie 01217485569. Please pick up a leaflet.

**ABBEY 500 + TOTE:** No Hit, winning numbers 3, 16, 18 & 22. M Jordan had three correct numbers and receives £42.00. J Stubbington, Michael Mungovan and Dan Daly were bonus winners.

**Next Weeks Jackpot will be £1000.00. Be in it to win it!**

**Rome Pilgrimage April 24-29<sup>th</sup> 2016. Cost £725.00 excluding insurance.**

**Please pick up your booking form from Fr. Gabby. Please Note the booking form plus deposit of £200 to be returned by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015.**

## Parish Priest's Corner Parish Surgery Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 4-6.00pm

**A JUBILEE OF MERCY** During this Holy Year of Mercy each of us will have the grace and the opportunity to join with the Church throughout the world in celebrating the mercy of God the Father. As we walk through our Door of Mercy and also enter a Church where Our Lady of Perpetual Help is venerated we will know that the mother of Mercy accompanies us. With all her motherly heart she wants each of us to be filled with the mercy she sang about when she said to her cousin Elizabeth, "His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him".

♪♪ On a lighter note

Dear optimists and pessimists, While you were all arguing over the glass being half full or half empty, I drank it!  
Sincerely, An opportunist.

Fr Gabby C. Ss.R.

