



# The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury Erdington Abbey— Jubilee Church of Mercy 2016

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Served by the Redemptorists since 1922

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Masses: 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: 10.30-11.00. Saturday 10.00-11.00am. 4.30-5.00pm.

Legion of Mary: Monday 10.45am. Prayer Group: Thursday 8.00pm

Parish Office: Monday—Friday 9.00—11.00am, 1.00—4.30pm. Holy Shop: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.30am—12noon, & 2.30—3.45pm

Feast of the Epiphany Year C

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3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

6.00pm. O'Brien Family RIP

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Feast of the Epiphany

8.00am. Barrie Baxter

9.15am. Eileen & William Dawe & John Wright

10.30am. Crawford Mullan RIP

12 noon. John Paul Reddan RIP

6.00pm. All Parishioners

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am. Cathy Holian RIP

7.30pm. Stephen Cronin RIP

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

#### St. John Neumann C.Ss.R.

10.00am. Winnie Lutwyche RIP

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am. Peggy O'Shea

7.30pm. Hickman Family

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am. Holy Souls

11.00am Mary Coughlan

#### Funeral Service

7.30pm. Nellie Cunningham RIP

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am. Pauline Sheridan RIP

11.00am Michael Byrne Requiem

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am. Marion Brookes RIP

6.00pm. Jack Kelly RIP

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January

#### Feast of the Baptism

#### of the Lord

8.00am. Timothy Mulrennan RIP

9.15am. James & John Healy RIP

10.30am. All Parishioners

12.00noon. Con M<sup>c</sup>Cauley RIP

6.00pm. Benny McGrath RIP

Collection: 1,971.00

CAFOD: £36.90

Holy Souls: £23.12

Zimbabwe: £4.10

Thank you for your  
generosity

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Doreen Wheelwright and Peggy O'Shea who are sick and for Teresa Tallon (mother of our head teacher) and Arthur Brennan who have died.

**SCHOOLS RE-OPEN:** I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday, and are eager to start back in our New Year of 2016.

**HOLY SHOP** back to normal opening hours from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. 10.30-12noon and 2.30 -3.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, closed all day Wednesday.

**DIOCESAN YEAR DIRECTORY** on sale in the Holy Shop £3.00 and some copies at the back of the church.

**COFFEE MORNING** starts back on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January after the 10.00am Mass.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will start again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, until then the church will be locked after morning Mass. If you can spare some time to watch before the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays between 12.00-12.30, Tuesday between 2-2.30pm and Thursdays between 3-3.30pm see Fr Gabby or contact the Parish office.

**LENT GROUPS** Please sign the list in the Church Porch by 17<sup>th</sup> January. This is an annual event during Lent, so please consider joining a discussion group.

**SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY** on the afternoon of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm, here in our Church. We are hosts this year so please come along and not let the side down. Refreshments in the Hall after the service.

**APF PROMOTERS' MEETING** in the Abbey Hall Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm.

**RETIREMENTS:** we say thanks to Aileen Rotheram who has kept the accounts for the parish and the Redemptorist Community here for the last 25 years and also to Pauline and Phil Gudgeon who have managed the hall and kept it clean for many years, and for their involvement in the parish. Thank you again and a happy retirement to you all.

**ABBEY 750 + TOTE** No Hit. Winning numbers were 6, 8, 10 & 21. No winners from the Abbey this week.

The jackpot will be £1,000 next week

Don't forget the Pilgrimage to Rome, please see Fr. Gabby for a booking form.

Still waiting for a few more to join us.

## Parish Priest's Corner Surgery Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 4-6pm

On New Year's eve Pope Francis said, "Our eyes need to focus on the particular signs God has given us, to see his merciful love at first hand." The Holy Father recalled scenes of violence and death of many innocent people, the plight of refugees forced to leave their homes, of the homeless and the hungry. But he also noted the many acts of kindness, love, and solidarity that often go unnoticed, but which should not be obscured by "the arrogance of evil." "The good always wins," the Pope said, "even if at times it can appear weak and hidden. Pope Francis invites us to "go beyond the difficulties of the present moment," and never miss the opportunity to be "privileged interpreters of faith, welcome, fraternity, and peace."

♪♪♪♪ On a lighter note

Husband: "What's wrong darling." Wife: "I have severe neck pain."

Husband: "I am going out to shop can I get you anything," Wife: "Yes. A lovely necklace!!"

Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.

