

# The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury

## Erdington Abbey

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

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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.

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



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5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

6.00pm. Ann Miley RIP

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

##### 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am. Brian Whitehouse RIP

9.15am. Dennis & Dora

Lane RIP

10.30am. Victor Lafite RIP

12.00 noon. Kathleen Boyle &

Meg Brohan

6.00pm. All Parishioners

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am. Douglas Renshaw RIP

7.30pm. Holy Souls

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am. Mary T Daly RIP

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am. Gregory O'Brien RIP

7.30pm. Thomas, John &

Kathleen Madden RIP

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am. Percy Flaherty RIP

7.30pm. Betty Lordan

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am. Desmond McElwee RIP

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am. Maura Gillick RIP

6.00pm. Sean Johnson RIP

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

##### 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am. Michael Lambe & Family

9.15am. Lane & Murphy Family RIP

10.30am. Michael Farrell RIP

12.00 noon Mackessy Family RIP

6.00pm. All Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Betty Lordan and Jim Wiseman who are sick and for Gerard Brookes who has died.

**RITE OF ELECTION** This afternoon at 3pm in the Cathedral, Mike Lancaster, Letisha Narewski, Lorraine Olivier and Colleen Jones will be presented to the Archbishop as candidates for being received into the church this Easter. Please pray for them.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7pm on Thursdays and after the 10.00am Mass on Fridays during Lent.**

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

**THE SVP** will be collecting food items for the Erdington Food Bank next weekend and are very grateful for any donations. The SVP Collection will be the following week.

**COFFEE MORNING** this Wednesday after the 10.00am Mass. Please join us

**HOLY SHOP:** St Patrick's Day cards and badges and Mother's Day cards now on sale.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** help needed on Fridays from 10.30-11.00am and 11.00am-11.30am. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Total cost for a shared room £590. Booking forms available from the Parish Office. Flying from Birmingham on a schedule flight. 30 places booked and available at current price. Further details from Nicholas Bartleet on 07778857369.

**CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER** If you would like to sponsor flowers in the church in memory of a loved one please leave the name and donation in the parish office. A list of those to be remembered will be in the church porch on Easter Sunday.

**STORIES FROM ZIMBABWE AND ZAMBIA** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March following the 7pm Mass with bread and soup to mark CAFOD Lenten Fast Day at St Nicholas parish, Boldmere. Join the parishioners of St Nicholas' to hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe and Zambia and how you can get involved. Speaker: Elizabeth Wignall (CAFOD Birmingham) For more information please contact Elizabeth Wignall at ewignall@cafod.org.uk or on 01922722944.

**ABBEY 500 + TOTE:** No Hit. Winning numbers 2, 5, 15 & 18. No winners from the Abbey this week. Next week's Jackpot £1,000.00. Be in it to win it!

### Parish Priest's Corner

I am glad to be out of hospital and be in my own bed. Had a slight hiccup during the week as my feeding tube became blocked and I was unable to be fed for nearly 24 hours! Thankfully after another visit to the hospital they managed to unblock the tube and now I am back to regular feeds. My only worry now, is what I should give up for Lent! Now we have reached Lent, I hope you keep up your Lenten Promises. It pleases me to hear that all the Walk With Me books have been picked up and only a few Lent Extras are left—well done.

♪♪♪ On a lighter note.

A priest and solicitor were asked to witness the will of a dying man. "To the 1st son I leave 2 flats in Mayfair; to the 2nd Son 2 Penthouses in Chelsea and to the 3rd Son 2 shops in Regency Street." At the man's funeral the priest says to the widow "I never realised your husband was a rich man." "He's not" said the widow—"he's a window cleaner!" Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.

Collection: £1,899.54

CAFOD: £22.74

Holy Souls: £13.20

Zimbabwe: £325.01

2nd Collection  
Cathedral  
Maintenance

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