



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.

Parish Office 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Holy Shop Mornings only until September. Closed Wednesdays

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Intentions

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time.

Saturday 19th August

6.00pm: Tommy Downey RIP

Sunday 20th August

8.00am: Pat Cunnane RIP

9.15am Gerald Carey RIP

10.30am: All Parishioners

12 noon: Bridget & Seamus Boyle RIP

6.00pm: Marian Teague

Monday 21st August

10.00am: Margaret Miley

7.30pm: Frank & Eveline

Houston RIP

Tuesday 22nd August

10.00am: Joseph James

Wednesday 23rd August

10.00am: Timothy O'Sullivan RIP

7.30pm: Stephen Birch RIP

Thursday 24th August

10.00am: Paige Greening & Jack Arrowsmith

7.30pm: Pearse Fagan

Friday 25th August

10.00am: Jim & Helen Maguire RIP

Saturday 26th August

9.30am: Kate Houston RIP

6.00pm: Daniel & Esther Farley RIP

Sunday 27th August

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Lane & Murphy Family RIP

10.30am: William Scanlon RIP

12.00 noon: Jane & Joseph Doherty RIP

6.00pm: Martin McDermott RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Hilda M^cMillan and David Hall who are sick.

The Church will be closed after the morning Mass during the week and opened again at the usual time in the evening when there is an evening Mass.

HOLY SHOP will be open **mornings only** 10.30-12noon until September. (Closed all day Wednesdays).

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The Parish pilgrimage sets off on Monday after their Mass at 9.00am. It seems strange that I am not preparing sermons and packing my suit case ready to go to Lourdes. I am sad that I can't accompany them this year but next year I will be back on form, I leave them in the safe hands of Fr Maurice. You have got until Sunday after the last Mass to place your petitions in the box in front of the Lectern. At some point during the pilgrimage your petitions will be placed in the Grotto. I know that our pilgrims will remember the parish and schools in their prayers and exercises. Have a safe Pilgrimage.

LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR: will be here next weekend to take up their annual collection to help their continued care of the elderly at St Joseph's Home in Harborne. The Sisters have devoted their lives to care for the elderly in their time of need. I am sure you will be as generous as ever. Thank you.

RCIA PROGRAMME: will start again in October. If you know any non-Catholics who might be interested in the Catholic faith please invite them to join this course. This is a good opportunity for you to ask maybe your spouse or family who are not catholic to consider the course. Please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN WHO ATTEND NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Children starting Year 3 and Year 6 who attend non catholic school please contact the Parish Office about attending classes in the coming year in preparation for the celebration of their First Communion and Confirmation. Please have your child registered before the end of August.

ABBEY 500 + TOTE: Winning numbers 9,10,14 & 24. No Jackpot winners. Mike Teague had three correct numbers and receives £84.00.

Be in it to win it!

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT £1,000

Parish Priest's Corner

I've had some good and bad news this week. The bad news is that I have only managed to harvest 1.7 million cells a short fall of 300! The consultant is giving my body a rest for around five weeks before I try and harvest again. It just means a delay in the process. The good news is that for the last couple of weeks I have had a problem in my throat which makes swallowing food difficult, so on Thursday I had an endoscopy to investigate the matter and was given an all clear. The discomfort I am having is due to the radio therapy and in time will heal. The consultant told me that although there is a hitch with the Stem Cells everything else is fine and that I look well but I do need to exercise more so if you see me walking around the parish come and have a quick chat, bring a Guinness with a straw!

♪♪ On a lighter note

The police officer approaches the driver, "When I saw you driving down the road, I guessed 55 at least." The lady driver looks at the officer and replies, "You're wrong officer, its only my hat that makes me look that old." Fr. Gabby C.Ss.R.

Collection: £1779.55
CAFOD: £34.00
Zimbabwe: £13.14
Holy Souls: £24.70

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