

The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury

Erdington Abbey

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

Served by the Redemptorists since 1922

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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

Parish Office 9-11am and 1-4.30pm.

Holy Shop Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12noon and 2.30-3.45pm Closed Wednesdays



9th December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th December

6.00pm. Audrey Richmond RIP

Sunday 9th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am. All Parishioners

9.15am. Mary Hackett RIP

10.30am. Elish Kearney RIP

12 noon. Denis & Josie

O'Neill RIP

6.00pm. Christina Patterson

Monday 10th December

10.00am: Peggy Roberts &

Ann Brereton RIP

7.30pm: Angelin Shaji

Tuesday 11th December

10.00am: Mick Finnegan RIP

Wednesday 12th December

10.00am: Rita Riley

7.30pm: SVP Members

Thursday 13th December

10.00am: Ted & Joan

Kenny RIP

7.30am: Loretta Carn

Friday 14th December

10.00am: Mathew Family

Saturday 15th December

9.30am: Abel Sajan

6.00pm: John Farrell RIP

Sunday 16th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Gerry O'Sullivan

RIP

10.30am: Jim Foley RIP

12.00 noon: Ollie Eivors RIP

6.00pm: Mary & Michael

Carney RIP

Collection: £1803.36

Poor Parishes

Fund: £1021.21

CAFOD: £15.12

Zimbabwe: £6.70

Holy Souls: £17.38

SVP

Retiring Collection

Thank you for your
generosity

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Doreen Wheelwright, Rita Lewis, Peter Lane, Chris Dawe, Mae Sarl, Maureen Shiels, Brian Black and John Reidy Snr who are sick and for Michael Nolan, Margaret Mookerjee (Clifford) and Bill Morgan (Former teacher of the old St Thomas' Secondary school) who have died.

SVP FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY. Thank you for your donation. This will help someone have a decent meal over Christmas. Thank you.

NO ADORATION ON TUESDAY (11th) as the Organ Tuners are in Church.

Bro Benjamin Feeding Project: The Redemptorist are running this project again this year as it was very successful last year. Many children in Zimbabwe have been orphaned by HIV/Aids. Often children as young as twelve are left to bring up younger siblings. By buying a gift card for £10 to send to your friends and relative you are buying maize for a family for a month. If you wish to purchase a gift card please see Claire.

SPUC CAROL SERVICE by pupils from St Edmund Campion School on Tuesday 11th December in the Church from 6-7.00pm. All are welcome to come along.

Refreshments in the Hall after the Carol Service. Donations for SPUC.

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

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE on TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 7.00PM. Please keep this time free.

ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE Total amount raised was £5,284.66. Thanks again to all the organisers for such a wonderful day.

FLOWERS 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 names of the persons you would like remembered, in the Parish Office. Their names will be displayed in the Church Porch at Christmas.

ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD The night time painting of the Abbey by Clive Ashton is our Octave card this year on sale in the Holy Shop, price 50p. This card promises an Octave of Masses for your relatives and friends from 25th December to 1st January. There is a box in the Holy Shop where you can place your list of names and your donation. Also Abbey diaries on sale price 75p.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will finish this Friday 14th. Thank you to all those who give their time to be official watchers.

SUNDAY MINIBUS Still looking for volunteers to drive the minibus on a rota base to bring parishioners to the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Please have a think about it and get in touch with the office if you can help..

IS THERE A DRUMMER IN THE HOUSE? If you play the drums or perhaps know someone who does, we are looking for a drummer to help with the music at the family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm. The sound of the drums really creates that exciting atmosphere of the Christmas spirit. Please see Claire.

NATIVITY PLAY: Parishioners and Grandparents are invited to the Reception class Nativity Play at the Abbey School on Tuesday 18th December at 2.15pm. Please enter the school by the middle door.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ERDINGTON: Christmas Carol Open Air Service on Saturday 15th December at 11.00am opposite St. Barnabas in the High Street

ABBEY 500 + TOTE: Winning numbers were 10, 11, 18 & 19. No Hit. Mary Mungovan had three correct numbers and receives £200.00. Next week's Jackpot will be £335.00. .

Parish Priest's Corner The Provincial has been visiting all of the communities in the London Province to discuss the European structure of the Redemptorist Provinces This week we welcomed Fr Ronnie into our community to enlighten us on the ongoing discussions that have taken place in various communities in Europe, one of these meetings having taken place in Kinnoull in Scotland. This is a European plan not a local plan, so there's no need to worry! Remember the Advent Penitential service on Tuesday 18th December at 7pm – be prepared for Christmas!

♪♪♪ on a lighter note. What was Mr Cheese's philosophy on life? K Cheddar, Cheddar, what ever will Brie, will Brie, the Fetes not ours to see, K Cheddar, Cheddar!

Fr. Gabby C. Ss. R.