



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

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

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th December

Third Sunday of Advent

6.00pm. John Farrell RIP

Sunday 16th December

8.00am. All Parishioners

9.15am. Gerry O'Sullivan RIP

10.30am. Jim Foley RIP

12 noon. Ollie Eivors RIP

6.00pm. Mary & Michael

Carney RIP

Monday 17th December

10.00am: Mr & Mrs j Collins RIP

7.30pm: Noel Donaghy RIP

Tuesday 18th December

10.00am: Fr Gerry M'Carthy

7.00pm Penitential Service

Wednesday 19th December

10.00am: Noel Flanagan

Requiem

7.30pm: John Hanbury RIP

Thursday 20th December

10.00am: Serena Whitehouse

7.30am: Elaine Ashton RIP

Friday 21st December

10.00am: Patrick McGeough RIP

11.30am. Michael Nolan

Funeral Service

Saturday 22nd December

9.30am: Hubert & Kitty

Donoghue RIP

6.00pm: Mike Pilnick RIP

Sunday 23rd December

8.00am: Breda Keane RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: John & Teresa

Woulfe RIP

12.00 noon: John & Maryann

Murphy RIP

6.00pm: Angela & Nello

Allegrini & Oreste Marroto

RIP

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 Noel Flanagan and Michael Nolan who has died.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: This Tuesday 18th December at 7.00pm. Please think about celebrating confession on Tuesday. Lots of people tend to shy away from this sacrament when it is actually a great gift of healing and that's when Christmas starts!. There will be a number of priests available to make it even easier for you! So come along and let's rejoice together.

Please note Wednesday morning Mass will be a Requiem.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: will commence again in the New Year. Once again I thank all who are official watchers during the year. Maybe next year we will have a few more on board! The church will be closed after morning Mass during the week.

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 name of the person you would like remembered, in the Parish Office **no later than 11.00am on Monday 24th**, thank you. Names will be displayed in the Church porch over the Christmas season.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: just a reminder that help will be needed after the 10 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve to decorate the church. I would be grateful if you could spare an hour or so. Thank you.

Bro Benjamin Feeding Project: the Redemptorists 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 £10.00 to send to your friends and relatives you are buying maize for a family for a month. If you wish to purchase a gift card please see Claire.

Congratulations to St Edmund Campion School for a lovely Carol Service on Tuesday for SPUC. Donations amounted to £107.75. Thank you.

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

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.

SUNDAY MINIBUS: Still looking for volunteers to drive the minibus on a rota basis 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.

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.

ABBEY 500 + TOTE : Winning numbers were 4, 8, 9 & 16. No Hit. Mrs B McCormack had three correct numbers and receives £29.00.. **Next week's Jackpot will be £350.00.**

Collection: £1,956.92

CAFOD: £12.95

Zimbabwe: £4.10

Holy Souls: £6.73

**Second Collection:
Upkeep of the Church**

**Thank you for your
generosity**

Parish Priest's Corner

I am continuing to have regular exercise from my Personal Trainer and have struck up a friendship with my exercise bike! This is strengthening my legs and back and helping my wellbeing. I trust you are all getting ready for Christmas. An even better way is to come to the Penitential service on Tuesday at 7pm. Please make note of the posters showing the times of the Masses on Christmas Day.

♪♪♪♪ on a lighter note.

What do you call a hen who looks at a lettuce? Chicken Caesar Salad!

Fr Gabby C.Ss.R.