

The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury Erdington Abber

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Served by the Redemptorists since 1922

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Website: www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk Twitter-@ErdingtonAbbeyh MASSES: Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, & 6.00pm. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am & 7.30pm. Tuesday & Friday 10.00am. Saturday: 9.30am. Wednesday Novena 7.00pm. Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am and Saturday 10.00am & 4.30pm.

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"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, as to the dearest and most loving of friends" St Alphonsus

10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions Saturday 9th December 6.00pm: Christine Burns RIP Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Nora Foley RIP 9.15am: All Parishioners 10.30am: Colette Stalford 12.00noon: Rita Minea RIP 6.00pm: Kate Cawley RIP Monday 11th December

10.00am: Sr Mary Hanrahan RIP 7.30pm: Ruth Ramsey RIP Tuesday 12th December

10.00am: Mary & Raymond Walsh RIP

Wednesday 13th December 10.00am: John & Nicholas Symth RIP 7.30pm: Trish Miles

Thursday 14th December

10.00am: John Delaney RIP7.30pm: Patrick & Noel Lennon

Friday 15th December 10.00am: Patrick Hughes RIP Saturday 16th December

9.30am: Trevor Taylor RIP 6.00pm: Mary Neal RIP

Sunday 17th December

8.00am: All Parishioners 9.15am: Imelda Holland RIP 10.30am: James Foley RIP 12.00noon: Roland

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Abbey QR donation code

Church Offering Church Restoration Fund SVP

Retiring Collection this week is for the SVP



<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u> Dee Dunston, Easton Hurd, Janina Surowiec, Theresa Floyd, Maxine Desmond, Teresa Monteiro, Rose Reddan & Joanne Wheelwright who are sick and please pray for Bridget (Biddy) Dawes & Nuala Malloney who died recently.

The Parish Office & Holy Shop is closed every Wednesday, the Parish Office will also be closed on a Friday afternoon.

Abbey Christmas Octave Mass Cards are selling fast, priced at 70p from the Holy shop This card promises an Octave of Masses for relatives & friends at Christmas. Brother Ben's Christmas Gift Appeal. Please support our Redemptorist Social Project in Zimbabwe feeding thousands of children. The Abbey has always excelled in generosity and solidarity with this project. Buy "A Real Christmas Gift" card as a present for someone this Christmas, they cost £10. Unlike other charities, we guarantee that every penny goes directly to helping a child.

Penitential Service on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm.

Christmas Masses, Sunday 24th, 8am, 10.30am and 12noon, (there will be No 9.15 Mass). Christmas Eve, 6pm Family Vigil, 11.30pm Carol Service and 12, Midnight Mass. Christmas Day Monday 25th Masses, 8am, 10am & 12noon. No evening Mass. Thank you to all the organisers of the Fayre, the SVP Christmas dinner and The Abbey Primary School. Totals raised for restoration to follow next week.

Bible Study Group: every Monday after 10am Mass, new members are welcome. WARM WELCOME & CRAFT & CHAT: Every Tuesday with the support of the SVP, 10.30-2.00pm, open to all Parishioners and friends. There will be tea, coffee, sandwiches, lunch. We have Pilates every 2 weeks. Join us for an enjoyable day. Require transport? Call 07958939449. This weekend is the SVP retiring collection & foodbank drop-off. In the last month the SVP has continued to visit and shop for those who require help. We have also helped a family with furnishings to make their home more comfortable. We had the SVP Christmas dinner last Sunday, thank you for all your donations and support to the work of the SVP.

The Sweeney family wish to thank all those who gave Mass cards and support after the loss of Gerry. £910.00 was raised for ward 26 at Heartlands hospital and a Mass has been offered for your intentions.

<u>Christmas Festive Coffee Morning</u> is on Wednesday 13th December at 10.30am, please come along and join us.

PRAYER GROUP: this Thursday at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

SPONSOR A SLATE. Please pay your sponsor money to the Parish Office.<u>Lourdes pilgrimage</u> is on June 10th - 14th 2024. We hope to hold the price at around £700.00. If interested, please contact the Parish Office or Nicholas on 07778 857369.

Retiring collection next week is for the Restoration fund.

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 at the Parish office. The closing date for names and donations is FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER. Their names will be displayed in the Church porch at Christmas. Can anyone assist the Flower ladies on Friday 22nd at 11.30am please?

The Funeral Service of James Finnegan is on Tuesday 12th December at 4.30pm. The funeral Service of Edwin Pope is on Thursday 14th December at 11.30am.

Fr Kieran Brady CSs.R.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our acting Parish Safeguarding Representative is Liz Shipman, her contact details are sg.stpeter-stpaul.bham@rcaob.org.uk Diocesan Safeguarding team are on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.