



# The Parish of St. 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: Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Wednesday: morning only.

Holy Shop: Mornings only 10.30-12noon until September. Closed all day Wednesdays

25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August

6.00pm: Bridget & Kevin  
Mooney RIP

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

8.00am: All Parishioners  
9.15am: George Matty RIP  
10.30am: Timothy  
O'Sullivan RIP

12.00 noon: Tom Boyle  
6.00pm: Harry Renshaw RIP

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi

10.00am: Delia Byrne RIP

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am: Trudie & Gerard  
Brookes RIP  
11.00am: Jean McDonald

Requiem

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am: Maureen Joyce RIP  
7.30pm: Mary T Daly RIP

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am: Maura  
M'Dermotroe RIP  
7.30pm: Mary Mulhern RIP

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am: Mary Creighton RIP

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

9.30am: Ann Perez  
6.00pm: Jemima Prescott RIP

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

8.00am: Harvey Family  
9.15am: Chris Dawe RIP  
10.30am: Catherine  
Gaynor RIP  
12.00 noon: Margaret Reilly RIP  
6.00pm: All Parishioners

Collection: £1821.29

CAFOD: £19.00

Zimbabwe: £2.50

Holy Souls: £13.50

Retiring Collection:

Little Sisters of the Poor

Thank you for your  
generosity

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Fr Gabby, Martin Whelan, Anabella Maric, Theresa Bolger, Michael Moore, Dee Dunstan and Eugene McWilliams who are sick and for Gretta Lynch and Aileen Rotheram who have died.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** The pilgrims arrived safely back on Friday night, having prayed for us, lit the parish candle and placed the petitions at the Grotto. Here's to next year!

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:** We welcome the sisters once again to make their annual retiring collection this weekend. The collection helps them to continue their invaluable work with the elderly in Harborne.

**Fr Gabby:** At last, Fr Gabby's appointment to have the operation on his nose has come through for this Thursday. He will be here for a couple of weeks as he also has an appointment with his consultant on the 6th September. Please continue to pray for him.

**AILEEN ROTHERAM RIP.** Aileen died last week in a retirement home in Solihull. She will be remembered for organising and accompanying our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes for many years. She also managed our parish and community accounts: doing them all by hand. And as a member of the SVP she did great work for the needy in our parish and beyond. Her funeral will be at Olton Friary on the 18th September at 10.15am. Our gratitude is best expressed by remembering her in our Masses and prayers. A Mass will be said for Aileen on Friday 27th September, the Feast of St Vincent de Paul.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will resume in two weeks time, Monday 2nd September. St Alphonsus had great devotion to Our Lord in the sacrament and talked of the many graces one receives through this devotion. Maybe you have retired recently or maybe it's something that you haven't really thought about seriously before. All that is required is half an hour of your time each week (term time) to spend with the Lord. Look at the poster in the porch to see the times available and contact the Parish office if you are available. Thank you.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** the RCIA Programme will start again in October. If you are interested in taking part please contact the Parish Office to arrange for an appointment with Fr. Elias on his return.

**CHILDREN WHO ATTEND NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** Parents please contact the parish office to register your child for the Sacramental courses available. Thank you.

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY:** Parish office and the Holy Shop closed. Please note: NO 7.30pm Mass on Monday (26<sup>th</sup>).

**THE CHURCH** will be closed after the morning Mass during the week. It will be opened again at the usual time during the evening.

**ABBEY 500 + TOTE:** Winning numbers. 3, 9, 10 & 22. No Jackpot winners this week. Mary O' Reilly had three correct numbers and receives £67. Next week's Jackpot will be £750.00.

Flowers in memory of Dympna Bell RIP

Fr Dickinson writes...

With neither sight nor sound of Fr Elias for over a fortnight, I hope he hasn't wandered into the Hwange National Wild Life Park or got too close to the Victorian Falls!

With the GCSE results coming out this week, I was reminded of some of the classic Bible answers I have come across, like "David played the liar." "Solomon had 500 wives and 700 porcupines." "Salome was the woman who took off her clothes and danced in front of Harrods." And best of all, "The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles."