

## 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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www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk Safeguarding Officer: Marie Donoghue 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: 10.30 –12noon and 2.30 until 3.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, . Closed all day Wednesdays

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## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday 31st August

6.00pm: Jemima Prescott RIP Sunday I st 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 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

10.00am: Sr. Patricia 7.30pm: Nash & Holder Families RIP

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10.00am: Dee Kelly RIP Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am: Ted McGroder RIP 7.30pm: Andrew Parcell RIP Thursday 5th September

10.00am: Mary E Kelly RIP 12.00noon: Julie Cronin

Requiem

7.30pm: June Farmer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am: Holy Souls 3.00pm Holy Hour

Saturday 7th September 9.30am: Martin McDermott RIP

6.00pm: Tom Donohoe RIP Sunday 8th September

8.00am: Brian Whitehouse RIP 9.15am: Bridget, Michael & Ray

Sullivan RIP 10.30am: Roddy & Delia

Delaney RIP 12.00 noon: P. J. Dunne RIP

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Collection: £1649.44

Little Sisters

of the Poor: £2,620.00

CAFOD: £12.30 Zimbabwe:£5.12 Holy Souls: £6.36

> 2nd Collection Upkeep of the Church Thank you for your generosity

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR</u>: Fr Gabby, Anabella Maric, Theresa Bolger, Michael Moore, Dee Dunstan, Eugene McWilliams and Kathleen Turrell-Darby who are sick and for Thomas Houghton Christina McNally and Peter Marron who have died.

<u>Fr Gabby</u> went to hospital early Thursday morning, raring to go for his operation which he has waited a long time for. The operation lasted over two hours with a blood transfusion afterwards. He stayed in hospital over night and was released on Friday evening heavily disguised! But in good spirits. The bad news is that this is the first part of the procedure, he will have another operation in about six weeks time! Father thanks you all for your kind messages and asked that you keep him in your prayers.

<u>LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR</u>: I received a letter from Sr Miriam, thanking you for your wonderful response to their retiring collection last weekend. You raised £2620.00. What a marvellous amount! This will, I'm sure help the sisters to improve the various facilities which the Sisters spoke about last weekend. Thank you.

BACK TO SCHOOL this week, fully refreshed and ready to work hard!

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm. A good way to start the month ahead.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume on 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.

HOLY SHOP back to normal opening times from Monday 2<sup>ml</sup>, 10.30-12noon and 2.30 to 3.45 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Closed all day on Wednesdays. The Abbey Diary 2020 is now on sale in the Holy Shop price 75p. The diary depicts the Abbey Church on the front cover.

COFFEE MORNING will meet again after the summer break in the Abbey Hall this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September after the 10.00am Mass. An opportunity for you to meet and have a chat after Mass. Come and join us.

PRAYER GROUP: Meet each Thursday in the Abbey Hall at 8pm.

<u>SVP</u> collection for Erdington Food Bank next weekend. Thank you for your continued support. SVP Retiring Collection next weekend.

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. ABBEY 500 + TOTE: Winning numbers. 4, 7, 14 & 20. No Jackpot winners this week and no winners from the Abbey. Next week's Jackpot will be £750.00. Why not give the tote a go, just

Fr Dickinson writes...

This week I went to visit someone in Good Hope Hospital. As I entered the ward and looked round for him, the man in the nearest bed said, "Are you God?" Of course I admitted I wasn't, but maybe I should have said something like, "No, but you're on the waiting list to see him!" Aren't we all?

I am still trying to work this one out. A man came to our door and asked for £5 for the bus fare to town. When I told him that was only £2.40, he said, "I know, but they don't give change on the bus."

No word from Fr Elias. If he doesn't come back on Wednesday, I shall have to go looking for him!