

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

Fr Elias Gweme CSSR Rector & Parish Priest

Fr Francis Dickinson CSSR (Parish), Fr. Kieran Brady C.Ss.R. (Missioner).

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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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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st March

6.00pm: Aileen Rotheram RIP

Sunday 22nd March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Anna & Michael

Warnock RIP

10.30am: Angela & Nello

Allegrini RIP

12 noon: Rose McGrath RIP

6.00pm: Teresa Nevin RIP

Monday 23rd March

10.00am: Eamonn Fleming RIP

7.30pm: Anne Woodhouse RIP

Tuesday 24th March

10.00am: Intentions

Wednesday 25th March

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

10.00am: Maryann & Frank

Smith RIP

7.30pm: Barry Floyd RIP

Thursday 26th March

10.00am: Dorothy Denieffe RIP

7.30pm: Emma Ward

Friday 27th March

10.00am: Padraic O'Connor RIP

Saturday 28th March

9.30am: Chris Reid RIP

6.00pm: Ita Henson RIP

Sunday 29th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Claire Burden RIP

10.30am: Victor Lafite RIP

12.00noon: Marie & Barney

Donoghue

6.00pm: John Swift RIP

Collection: £1,401.61

CAFOD FAST

ENVELOPES: £1190.79

CAFOD: £6.83

Zimbabwe: £131.03

Holy Souls: £9.66

Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Kathleen Boyle Snr, Tess Reidy, Susan McCormack and Bernie Heskin who are sick.

CORONAVIRUS. As the virus is becoming more widespread through our country and our communities, the time has come when we need to protect ourselves and those around us. As some of you are aware the Bishops of England and Wales have made the decision that all services in the Church are suspended from Saturday 21st March. So there will be the usual 10 o'clock Mass on Friday (20th) with an extra Mass at 7.30pm in the evening, the intention for this Mass being for all those who are involved in protecting our society from this virus. I do hope many people will be able to come to this Mass. The Bishops also requested that Churches remain open. With this in mind, the following will be happening at the Abbey. Fr Dickinson and myself will say Mass in the Church at 10 o'clock each day privately. I will stress at this point that all the intentions booked here at the Abbey will be said by either myself or Fr Dickinson. The Church doors will open at 10.30am so

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT can take place from 10.30am to 3.00pm each day. I am hoping that people will be prepared to stay in Church for half an hour on a rota basis—I think more than ever now we need to pray in earnest for this crisis to come to an end! If you are fit, able and willing, please ring the Parish office for an available time slot. As the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church there will be more than enough room for parishioners to sit well away from each other.

CONFESSIONS During this time of Lent our focus is very much on cleansing ourselves from sin, therefore confessions will be available, but by appointment only, between 10.30—3.00pm each day. The priest is not allowed to use the confessional so therefore the confession will take place in a quiet area in Church. Under these circumstances confession will be no more than five minutes. If you would like confession please ring the Parish office 373-0143. I am hoping parishioners will still come and receive this sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. If a member of your family is very poorly and would like to receive this sacrament, please ring the parish office to arrange a suitable time.

HELP FROM THE SVP Two areas in which the SVP can help are as follows:

1) **ERDINGTON FOOD BANK:** the food bank collection will continue, as now, more than ever before, your donations are needed. Please bring food items to the Parish Office at a time during the week between the hours of 9-11am and 1.00 - 4.30pm. Just ring the parish office 0121 373 0143 and someone will arrange to take them from you. The SVP will be delivering these to the food bank on a regular basis. They can also arrange to pick up the food items from you if you can not bring them to the Parish Office.

2) If you or someone you know needs help with necessary shopping for groceries or collection of prescriptions, the SVP can help. Please contact Mike Warom (SVP Vice President) on 0121 218 3165 or the Parish Office 0121 373 0143 to arrange help for both of the above. Thank you.

ABBEY 750 + TOTE: No Hit. Winning numbers 12, 15, 22 & 24. P Carpenter, Amanda Morrison and Michael Spellman had three correct numbers and each receives £40.00.

Due to the Coronavirus the Tote will be suspended until further notice