

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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"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

5th April 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th April

6.00pm: Alan & Philomena
Romney & Family RIP

Sunday 5th April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8.00am: All Parishioners
9.15am: Jim & Helen Duignan RIP
10.30am: Paul Martin RIP
12 noon: Ollie Eivors RIP
6.00pm: John Coll RIP

Monday 6th April

10.00am: Jim Rabbitt & Rose
Mannion RIP
7.30pm: Michael Doorley

Tuesday 7th March

10.00am: Mary & Martin Dooley RIP

Wednesday 8th April

10.00am: Mai & Michael Cusack RIP
7.30pm: Bridget Carey RIP

Thursday 9th April

Maundy Thursday

11.00am: Bernie Heskin
Private Burial Service
8.00pm: Readers & Eucharistic
Ministers

Friday 10th April

Good Friday

3.00pm: Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday 11th April

Holy Saturday

9.00pm: RCIA Candidates

Sunday 12th April

Easter Sunday

8.00am: Joan Saydravouten RIP
9.15am: Angela & Nello
Allegriini RIP
10.30am: Margaret & Rory
O'Sullivan RIP
12.00noon: Mary M. Kelly RIP
6.00pm: All Parishioners

We continue to pray for those affected by the Coronavirus and for those on the frontline who are working tirelessly to help those in need.

'For whenever out of love we minister to the needy, we receive an increase of grace, and the image and likeness of Christ grows in our souls'

St Alphonsus, Stations of the Cross

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Kathleen Boyle Snr, Tess Reidy and Michael Moore who are sick and Eugene Higgins who has died.

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.

Mass live from St Chad's Cathedral. Mass will be streamed daily: Sunday at 11.00am, Saturday at 11.00am and weekdays at 12.15pm. All Holy Week Services will also be available live-streaming. Please go to the address www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Scroll down to *Latest News*.

FOOD BANK: If you are able to donate, please bring food items to the Parish Office during the week between the hours of 10 -12 noon. Just ring the parish office 0121 373 0143 and someone will arrange to take them from you. We can also arrange to pick up the food items from you if you can not bring them to the Parish Office. *Thank you to those who have contributed already.*

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.

PHONE BUDDY: If someone you know, is feeling isolated and would like to keep in contact with other parishioners over the phone, please let us know and we can arrange this. Thank you!

My Dear Parishioners, Thank you to those parishioners who are doing their best to help others in the parish—but I must stress that you also must take care of yourselves; we all need to take necessary precautions to stop the virus from spreading! Many of you have been enquiring how Fr Dickinson and myself are. Well, we are both well and bearing up, as I hope you are too. We continue to say Mass at 10 o'clock each day and remember you all in our prayers. With Holy Week upon us and further restrictions in place (social distancing) the Sacrament of Confession becomes impossible. Therefore I suggest that you take a quiet moment either as individuals or as a family to contemplate on your failings and place them before the Lord with a sincere heart and ask the Lord through his tenderness and compassion for forgiveness, and then say a good Act of Contrition. I encourage you to live-stream the events of Holy Week from St Chad's (address above) or any other church or Cathedral which is doing the same. Please remember our RCIA candidates who were to have been received into the Church on Holy Saturday—this will now happen at a later date. Let us take each day of the Triduum and make it special in our hearts so that we can rejoice at the triumph ^{over} Christ's death and resurrection on Easter Sunday. ^{of}

Let us do our best to keep the faith going!

Fr Elias CSSR