



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

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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

17th May 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th May

6.00pm: Kathleen Boyle Snr.

Sunday 17th May

8.00am: Margaret Coyne RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Brendan Fleming RIP

12 noon: Timothy Mackessy RIP

6.00pm: William M^cCarthy RIP

Monday 18th May

10.00am: Ronald Fernadopulle

7.30pm: Neville David

Tuesday 19th May

10.00am: Theresa Cooper RIP

Wednesday 20th May

10.00am: Betty Boxwell

7.30pm: John Mead RIP

Thursday 21st May

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

10.00am: Antoni Sannio RIP

7.30pm: John Morrissey

Friday 22nd May

10.00am: John Hanbury RIP

Saturday 23rd May

9.30am: Kevin Hanlon RIP

6.00pm: Peggy Hill RIP

Sunday 24th May

8.00am: Jim Sullivan

9.15am: Michael Kenny RIP

10.30am: Don McCrossan

12.00noon: Angela & Nello

Allegrini RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Vicki Darby, Imelda Holland and James Hageney who are sick and for Tom Joyce who has died.

Masses on Line : Fr Denis McBride CSsR, says Mass in our Redemptorist Publications House in Chawton. The Mass is online after 12 midday on Saturdays. Go to Redemptorist publications online mass. You can still receive daily live streaming Mass from St Chad's at 12.15pm each week day. www.stchadscathedral.org.uk choose News and scroll down

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: Your continued support of the food bank is very much appreciated. We continue to collect on a daily basis. If you would like to donate please bring items to the Parish Office between 10am and 12noon during the week. If you not able to bring items in yourself we can arrange for them to be collected. Please ring 0121 373 0143 or Mike Warom vice president of the SVP on 0121 218 3165.

HELP WITH SHOPPING OR PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION: Thank you to our volunteers who are helping our self-isolating parishioners. We continue to help those in need. If you need help with shopping or collection of prescriptions, the SVP can help. Please contact Mike Warom on 0121 218 3165 or the Parish Office 0121 373 0143.

PHONE BUDDY: Many Parishioners are keeping in touch via telephone and watsapp. 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.

Feast of The Ascension. It's hard to believe that forty days have past after the resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday. This is truly a wonderful feast and reminds us that our own path is to follow Jesus to the Father's heavenly kingdom where there will be a place waiting for us. So this feast gives us hope of our salvation and lots to rejoice about. So pray and celebrate it well with your families.

Offertory Collection Thank you very much for your continued offertory contributions. Up to this date all gift aid offerings are being treated as relating to the tax year ended 5th April 2020, apart from two or three offerings which we were specifically asked to treat as being for the current tax year. Your response has been wonderful and please continue to bring your offerings, posting them through the hall door during these uncertain times. Any gift aid offerings received from today will be treated as having been received in the current tax year and as long as you tell us your gift aid number or name and address we will be able to claim the gift aid where appropriate. As soon as can be arranged, we will issue the gift aid envelopes for this current year. Just to remind you, any cheques to be paid to the parish must be addressed to 'Erdington Abbey Parish Account'. Thank you very much.

My Dear Parishioners, I had the wonderful opportunity yesterday of wishing our dear parishioner Kathleen Boyle from Hart Road a very Happy 100th Birthday. Due to the circumstances I was unable to visit Kathleen but spoke to her on the phone and she was very well, having a lovely time surrounded by her family. Along with her card from Her Majesty, The Queen, Kathleen received congratulations from the Irish President and a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, so all-in-all she celebrated well.

I am very please to say that our offertory total for over the past eight weeks has reached £6363.00. This amounts to £800.00 per week and although this is not the normal amount, it is very generous of you and I thank you.

We have no news from the Bishops' Conference to say when we can open our Churches, so we continue to pray in our homes. God bless. *Fr Elias CSsR*

*As we celebrate the
Ascension of Our Lord,
grant that Christian hope
may draw us onwards until
we are united with you in
body and soul.
Amen.*