



**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*

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00pm: Michael & Mary  
Madden RIP

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am: John F. Birch RIP  
9.15am: Paddy Miley RIP  
10.30am: Molly Cashin RIP  
12 noon: Eilish Kearney RIP  
6.00pm: All Parishioners

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am: Alan Sajan  
7.30pm: Maureen Teague RIP

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am: Bunny Cronin RIP

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am: Joan Quinn  
7.30pm: Humphrey & Anne  
Shiels

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**St Matthias, Apostle**

10.00am : Beatrice Baird RIP  
7.30pm: Jane O'Keefe RIP

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am: Julia Doherty RIP  
11.00am: Nora Gavin **Funeral**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am: Jane Spinks RIP  
6.00pm: Kathleen Boyle Snr.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am: Margaret Coyne RIP  
9.15am: All Parishioners  
10.30am: Brendan Fleming RIP  
12.00noon: Timothy Mackessy RIP  
6.00pm: William M<sup>c</sup>Carthy RIP

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice,  
alleluia.*

*For he whom you did merit to  
bear, alleluia.*

*Has risen, as he said, alleluia.*

*Pray for us to God, alleluia*

*Rejoice and be glad,*

*O Virgin Mary, alleluia.*

*For the Lord has truly risen,  
alleluia*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Vicki Darby and Imelda Holland who are sick.

**Fr Denis McBride CSsR**, our well known Scripture scholar, 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](http://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. 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.

My Dear Parishioners,

Since we have been in lockdown, we have had many funerals which have been conducted either at the graveside or at the crematorium. This is particularly difficult as no Mass can be said and only a few members of the family allowed to attend. I feel a great sense of sadness for the families, as part of our Catholic tradition and part of our final farewell is the funeral Mass. I ask you please to remember the families of parishioners who have died, that they will find some consolation in the passing of their loved ones in such testing times.

I thank, once again, all those who have posted their offertory contribution through the door of the Hall and delighted that quite a few have moved to a 'standing order'. If you wish to move to a 'standing order' then please ring the office for a form to be sent to you for you to fill in. Thank you very much.

As the bulletin has gone to press before our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, addresses the nation this evening, I have no enlightenment as to when we might be nearer to opening our churches. Once the decision is made the Bishops of England and Wales will give us guidance as to how we might approach this. I realise it will be a 'step by step' approach and I pray that we can worship in the Abbey together in the near future. In the mean time, we still have to adhere to social distancing ourselves using our homes as our churches! Thank you once more to those parishioners who are helping with the Food Bank, delivering bulletins, helping with shopping and ringing those who need a friendly chat on the phone. All this shows that the 'Abbey spirit' is at its best even through tough times—how uplifting!

So my dear brothers and sisters, keep strong, well and safe and as St Paul says, 'Keep the Faith'. *Fr Elias CSsR*