



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

21st June 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th June

6.00pm: Louie Beirne RIP

Sunday 21st June

8.00am: Julie Cronin RIP

9.15am: Maureen Joyce RIP

10.30am: Phyliss Carey

12 noon: Ann Baxter

6.00pm: All Parishioners

Monday 22nd June

10.00am: Tom & Winifred

Madden RIP

7.30pm: Josie Newman RIP

Tuesday 23rd June

10.00am: Aiden Mullins RIP

12.00noon: Anna Fleming **Funeral**

Wednesday 24th June

St John the Baptist

10.00am: Mick Lambe Jnr.

7.30pm: Tommy Boyle

Thursday 25th June

10.00am: Joanne Curley RIP

7.30pm: Peter Kilroy RIP

Friday 26th June

10.00am: Jack Bishop RIP

12.30pm Martin Ferry **Funeral**

Saturday 27th June

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

9.30am: Matthew Butterfield RIP

6.00pm: Nora M'Greal RIP

Sunday 28th June

Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

8.00am: Rose Lyons

9.15am: Mary Burden RIP

10.30am: Kathleen &

Phil Smyth RIP

12.00noon: Camillus Corcoran

6.00pm: All Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland James Hageney, Bobby Roddy and Patrick Maguire who are sick and for Bridie Molloy and Catherine 'Melda' Horan who have died.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: I received an email from the diocese late last Friday afternoon to say that the Abbey had the go-ahead to open the Church for private prayer. This news was too late to go in last week's bulletin but I decided we would open the Church anyway, which we did last week. The official days and times are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10.30 to 12.30pm.



We have been given strict guidelines which we all must adhere to at all times. There will be Stewards in the Church who will direct you as you come into the porch and into the Church. These directives must be followed to ensure a successful visit and to ensure that the Abbey stays open. This is the first step to

normality!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP. On Friday we started the Novena to Our Lady. If you go on to the Abbey facebook I have posted a different thought on Our Lady for each day of the Novena. Please join the face book page to be part of the Novena. Alternatively I encourage you to say the rosary in your private prayer or as a family—this is a good opportunity to introduce your children to this form of family prayer.

CANDLELIGHT MASS FOR THE DEAD. If you subscribe to Redemptorist Publications you can take part in the Mass for the dead with Fr Denis. A truly wonderful experience. The Sunday Mass is available 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.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA: One of the highlights in the parish diary. But regrettably our Summer Afternoon Tea will not go ahead this year. We hope that next year will be kind to us, so that we can come together as a parish community and enjoy this wonderful parish event. It's something to look forward to!

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: I am hoping that some gift aid envelopes have not been collected because parishioners have been unable to come to the parish office for them. I have asked that the bulletin team post whatever boxes they can on their round. If you still haven't received your box this week or no longer require one please ring the parish office. Thank you very much.

FOOD BANK: Due to the work being carried out in the Parish Office please could you bring any food items in the mornings only, 9.30-12noon. Thank you.

My Dear Parishioners,

This week has been quite eventful. Fr Dickinson and I have moved back to saying Mass at 10 o'clock in the Church each morning, having said it in the house during lockdown. Then we had the opening of the Church for private prayer. Now that more people are aware of the Church opening times I am expecting more people, possibly from other parishes too, to pay a visit. If you visited the Church this week it may be busier than last week. The system that we are using seems to work and I ask that we all be patient with one another. Thank you to all involved.

Last Friday I had a wonderful opportunity to attend the Final Profession of one of our Redemptorist student Royston Price in Clapham. It was lovely to share in the moment and meet up with my fellow Redemptorists. Please pray for Bro Royston as he prepares for his diaconate and ordination next year. Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSSR

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help
In times of temptation, protect me.
In times of suffering, comfort me.
In times of affliction, strengthen me.
In times of discouragement, renew me.
In times of perplexity, guide me.
In times of doubt, lead me.
Whenever I call to you, hear me.
Mother of Perpetual Help,
Pray for me.*