

# The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury Erdington Abbey

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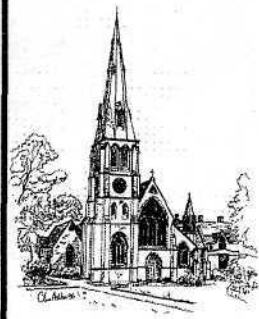
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*"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, as to the dearest and most loving of friends"*

*St Alphonsus*



28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER & PAUL

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

#### Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

6.00pm: Nora M<sup>c</sup>Greal RIP

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

8.00am: Rose Lyons

9.15am: Mary Burden RIP

10.30am: Kathleen &

Phil Smyth

12.00noon: Camillus Corcoran

6.00pm: All Parishioners

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am: Fr Tony

Johnson CSsR RIP

1.30pm : Catherine Horan

Funeral

7.30pm: Margaret Kenning RIP

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

10.00am: Jack Forest RIP

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

10.00am: Martin & Raymond

Cooney RIP

7.30pm: Edward Gallagher RIP

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

10.00am: Rita Gallagher

7.30pm: Dan Flynn RIP

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

10.00am: Pat Connolly RIP

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

9.30am: Eva Dunn RIP

6.00pm: Eileen Swift RIP

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

8.00am: Irene M<sup>c</sup>Dermott RIP

9.15am: Gerard Corcoran RIP

10.30am: All Parishioners

12.00noon: Christina M<sup>c</sup>Coll RIP

6.00pm: Mary Dowling RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, James Hageny and Patrick Maguire who are sick, also for Fr Tony Johnson CSsR who has died.

**Feast of Ss Peter & Paul:** Two wonderful apostles. St Peter a great encourager through trials and persecution and St Paul, a true missionary of Christians. Let us give thanks today for these great men who were leaders in strengthening the faith.

*My Dear Parishioners,* The time we have been waiting for has finally arrived! From next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July the Abbey will be open for daily Masses. This has been a long time coming and now that it is here it is something to rejoice and thank God for. However, it does not come without its guidelines and stipulations! This last week or so, we have opened the church for two hours each day for private prayer. This has gone extremely well and I thank everyone involved and for your cooperation in helping it all run smoothly. Having thought long and hard to try and meet the needs of the Abbey parishioners, it will be tricky to get everyone in the church at all of the Masses as we will only be able to seat 120 parishioners at each Mass when adhering to the social distancing measures put in place. This seating capacity is less than half of what the church could normally facilitate therefore I ask for your patience as we move yet another step nearer to normality! Please be aware that this might mean that you may have to go to Mass at a different time to what you normally would do. The fact that we are going to Mass and receiving the Sacrament once again must be the focal point in our minds! Once again there will be stewards in the porch as you arrive and in church to take you to your seat. Once you are seated, you are to remain in the bench until it is time to leave. When Mass has finished all are to leave the church through the sacristy. This must happen in a quiet efficient way directed by the stewards. Once all have left, the church will need to be cleaned ready for the next Mass. So when you arrive for Mass, you may be asked to wait outside until the cleaning has finished. As you can imagine this will take some organising and I ask that everyone cooperates with each other. For each Mass there will need to be a team of 4 stewards and 8 cleaners. I am asking for volunteers to come forward and take up a role at the Mass they attend. Please give your details into the parish office. If we don't have enough people the cleaning process will take longer and Masses may not run on time! **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!** The week day Masses will commence on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July with the daily 10 o'clock Mass and the 7.30pm Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These Masses will also need stewards and cleaners. I must point out at this point that stewards and cleaners must be 69 years and under and 20 years and above.

This week the Church will be open from Monday to Friday 10.30am -12.30pm for private prayer. The Novena is suspended until further notice. Confessions will be by appointment only—please ring the parish office.

*Let us bless the Lord! Fr Elias CSsR*

The Parish Office: is nearly completed. Hopefully by next week it will be running to full capacity. Thank you very much for your patience.

**ABBEY SCHOOL UPDATE:** Ms Talon will be leaving the Abbey School in the Autumn for pastures new. I thank her for her service to the Abbey children. Mr Joseph M<sup>c</sup>Ternan has been appointed as the new Headteacher and takes up his new post in the Autumn term. This will be a new chapter for the school and parish and I look forward to this new adventure.

**ST VINCENT'S CLOTHES BIN:** The SVP shop is now open but can only accept donations direct to the shop. Please do not put clothing into the St. Vincents cloths bin at the back of the hall, as it cannot be emptied at the present time. Please be mindful of this. Thank you.

*O God, whose right hand raised up blessed Peter, when walking on the water and began to sink and Three times delivered St Paul from the depths of the sea, when he was shipwrecked; graciously hear us and grant by the merits of them both, that we also may attain everlasting glory. Amen.  
Ss Peter & Paul  
Pray for us.*