



**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

14th June 2020 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th June

6.00pm: Joseph O'Neill &
Diane Tsopanis RIP

Sunday 14th June

**Solemnity of the Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ**

8.00am: Mandy Comasky RIP
9.15am: Tom Joyce RIP
10.30am: Liz & Jim Peake RIP
12 noon: Michael Moore RIP
6.00pm: All Parishioners

15th June

10.00am: Andrew Howley RIP
12.30pm: Eileen Crane **Funeral**
7.30pm: O'Hara & Lennon
Families RIP

Tuesday 16th June

10.00am: Tom O'Rourke RIP

Wednesday 17th June

10.00am: Glyn & Wayne
Sweeney RIP
7.30pm: Timothy & Mary
Cooney RIP

Thursday 18th June

10.00am: Bridget Broom
7.30pm: Jackie Wilson RIP

**Friday 19th June Solemnity of
the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

10.00am: Gertie Shanley RIP

Saturday 20th June

9.30am: Elizabeth Meara RIP
6.00pm: Louie Beirne RIP

Sunday 21st June

8.00am: Julie Cronin RIP
9.15am: Maureen Joyce RIP
10.30am: Phyliss Carey
12.00noon: Ann Baxter
6.00pm: All Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland James Hageney and Bobby Roddy who are sick and for Anna Fleming who has died.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP. For obvious reasons we will not be celebrating this feast in the customary way. The nine days of prayer will begin on Friday and I ask perhaps that you say a decade of the Rosary or say the prayer to Our Lady each day. I am hoping by Friday I will have a 'Thought for Mary' on our Facebook platform each day during the Novena.

PARISH OFFICE is progressing well. The partition wall is erected. We now wait for the glass to be fitted then move to the next stage which is to appoint the electricians. Thank you for your patience and keeping visits to the office to the minimum.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: There are 82 boxes still to be collected! Please collect from the Hall from 9.30-12noon this week. If you are unable to collect your box, it can be arranged that our 'Bulletin Team' to post it through your door. If for any reason this is better for you, please ring the Parish office to arrange. Thank you.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Following consultation, it has been decided that the Abbey Pilgrimage will not take place this August. A request will be made to Tangney Tours to transfer the booking to 2021. If any parishioner still wants to visit Lourdes this August or needs more information please contact Nicholas Bartleet on 07778857369.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE CHRIS KEANE would like to thank all family, friends and parishioners for their kind thoughts and prayers following the passing of their father. All donations raised have been distributed: Heartlands Hospital Endovascular Training Fund £1,250.00 and John Taylor Hospice £622.00.

Masses on Line : Fr Denis McBride CSsR, The 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.

FOOD BANK—IMPORTANT NOTICE! 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. If you are bringing perishables, if at all possible please could you bring them to the Hall on Mondays. If this is not possible, still bring the items and we will try to distribute them. Thank you.

My Dear Parishioners, I know many of you have been asking about when the Church will be open. At the beginning of the week all the Churches in the dioceses received a 'Risk Assessment' document, which was 12 pages long! After a Zoom meeting with my fellow priests in the deanery, I set about filling in the form. Opening the Church does not come without its complications! There are so many things that need to be adhered to, to keep in line with the diocesan guidelines. Once the diocese receives all the Risk Assessment forms, each one will need to be assessed for its feasibility. All the Churches that meet the criteria will then have a visit from the diocese to implement the risk assessment. Once all that has been approved, that particular Church will open its doors. So you see my dear friends, there is a lot that needs to be approved before we know if the Abbey can open its doors. All we can do now is wait to hear from the diocese. I will let you know as soon as possible.

I would like to thank you for your continued contribution to the collection. Over the past four weeks the collection raised £3,815.00. This is a wonderful amount especially in these most difficult times—thank you very much. Over the next few weeks we will be having some essential work done on the Church roof: loose slates and the repair of a leak by the Martyrs Chapel.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us. 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.*