

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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Parish Office: 9.00am-11.00am and 1.00pm-4.30pm Monday to Friday. Closed Wednesday afternoon.

"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



19th July 2020

Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th July

6.00pm: Elia & Joseph Fabre RIP

Sunday 19th July

8.00am: George Manners RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Ned & Lucy

McGinnell RIP

12.00noon: Mary & Michael

Maughan RIP

6.00pm: Benny McGrath RIP

Monday 20th July

10.00am: Mandy Comasky RIP

7.30pm: Richard Cummins RIP

Tuesday 21st July

10.00am: Rita Lewis

Wednesday 22nd July

10.00am: Tony & Ann Cooke

7.30pm: Ned Coughlan

Thursday 23rd July

10.00am: Tommy Boyle

11.30am: Eileen Hoey *Requiem*

7.30pm: Mr & Mrs J. Bishop RIP

Friday 24th July

10.00am: David Desmond &

Family RIP

Saturday 25th July

9.30am: Christopher Dillon RIP

6.00pm: Andrew Howley RIP

Sunday 26th July

8.00am: Margaret O'Shea

9.15am: Michael & Mary

Madden RIP

10.30am: Sheila McDermott RIP

12.00noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Kevin McCarthy RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Patrick Maguire, Tommy Boyle, Tony Finnegan and Catherine Forde who are sick.



Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Titular Feast of the Redemptorists. This is a very special day for Redemptorists world-wide. Let me give you some interesting facts: We were founded in 1732 in Southern Italy by St Alphonus Ligouri. There are 5,049 Redemptorists in the world, working in 79 countries. 53 Bishops, 3,909 are priests, 430 are brothers, 645 are students in vows and 88 are novices. We are one of the biggest orders in the Church. We have 4 Redemptorist Saints and 14 Redemptorist Blesseds. In 1866 Pope Pius IX gave us the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and told us to 'Make her known!' This I hope we have done! Our motto is 'Copiosa apud eum redemptio' which means 'with the Lord there is plentiful redemption; we try to live this truth and preach it wherever we go. Please pray for Fr Dickinson and myself on this feast day and continue to pray that the congregation will be blessed with vocations, especially here at home.

A Warm Welcome to Sharon Gillespie, Michelle Rogers, Ciara Conlan and Awah Agnes Ndikum who will be received into the church today (Sunday) during the 6pm Mass. They started their journey in September 2019 and should have been received at Easter! Now their moment has arrived and I am delighted for them and their families. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS: will be on Wednesday mornings in the Hall after the morning Mass. No appointment necessary. If you make your way to the Hall and wait in the first part of the hall while Father will be in the second part. You will be asked to go through to Father when he is available. Thank you.

ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please note. All waiting lists are shredded each July. If you wish your child to be on the waiting list for a place in the school, you must apply again in September at the school office or www.abbeyrc.bham.sch.uk.

My Dear Parishioners

This will be our third week back at coming to celebrate Mass as a community. I am very pleased with the way we are progressing and by all accounts you are too—that's a relief!! We have had no more instructions from the diocese as to further ease-down of restrictions such as taking Communion to the sick, singing in church, numbers at weddings and funerals. As soon as these instructions come through I will let you know.

Thank you to those at the weekday Masses who have their details already written down before coming into Church. This is a great help for our stewards. If you have forgotten today, not to worry, it is just getting yourself into a routine! Your details can still be recorded as you enter the porch.

The collection last week raised £1094.00. Thank you very much for your contribution to the Abbey.

Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSsR*

Prayer for Redemptorists

We come before you, Father, to ask your blessings.

In your mercy strengthen the Redemptorists in truth, and help them to be open to your grace.

Breathe into them your Holy Spirit so that they may be able to discern your will for the Province. Revive in them the mind, the heart and the spirit of St Alphonsus. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen