

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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Safeguarding Officer: Marie Donoghue

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



2nd August 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st August

6.00pm: Mattie Nolan RIP

Sunday 2nd August

8.00am: Jimmy Williams RIP &
Stephen Jordan

9.15am: Kathleen Healy RIP

10.30am: Winnie Lutwyche RIP

12.00noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Doreen
Wheelwright RIP

Monday 3rd August

10.00am: Arthur Wood RIP

7.30pm: Donal Forker RIP

Tuesday 4th August

St John Vianney

10.00am: Mary Burden RIP

Wednesday 5th August

10.00am: Farrell Family RIP

7.30pm: Joseph O'Hara RIP

Thursday 6th August

Transfiguration

10.00am: Jimmy Donlon RIP

7.30pm: Fr. Gabby

Friday 7th August

10.00am: Gerard Dempsey

Saturday 8th August

9.30am: Maureen O'Hanlon

6.00pm: Hannah & Joseph
O'Connor RIP

Sunday 9th August

8.00am: Michael Lambe Snr RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Junice Dickens

12.00noon: Ollie Eivors RIP

6.00pm: Breda Keane RIP

*Jesus, I pray for your faithful
priests; for missionary priests;*

For your tempted priests;

For your lonely priests;

For young priests;

For dying priests;

*I pray for the priest who bap-
tised me, who absolved me from
my sins; who gives me Your
Body and blood at Holy Com-
munion.*

*O Jesus, keep them all close to
your heart, and bless them now
and in eternity. Amen.*

St Therese of Lisieux

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

PARISH OFFICE will be closed this week. If you need to see a priest please ring 0121 373 0143.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Just a reminder to sanitise your hands after you have received communion yourself. Thank you very much.

Bulletin Distribution Team: Please collect the bulletins you need as you leave church today. Thank you.

Thank you to those who joined Fr Dickinson yesterday for the Feast of Saint Alphonsus. Remember to pray to our founder and for all Redemptorists.

NEXT WEEK the SVP will have their retiring collection as you leave church.

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

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: For this week only, due to the Parish office being closed, please bring food items to the office on either **Monday or Tuesday**, between **9.30am and 10.45am**. After this time there will be no one available to take the food from you. Please be mindful of this. Again I thank you for your continued support to those in need in the local area.

Abbey Grave Yard: Please could I request that no dogs be brought into the grave yard when you are visiting your loved ones. Also please put all foliage from the grave into the white commercial bins in the car park at the back of the hall, where there are two, and not into the green paper bin. Thank you very much.

My Dear Parishioners

Can you believe that two weeks of the summer holi-
days has gone already! I do hope we have some good weather to enjoy!
Once again I thank the stewards and those who clean the church for helping
at the various Masses and services during the week. Your volunteering helps
all run smoothly.

This week we had a historian photographer in church taking a photograph
of the west window which as you are aware was designed by Pugin. This
picture will appear in a book called 'Buildings of England' by Nicholas Pevs-
ner, revised by Andy Foster. It is about the architectural history of various
buildings in Birmingham and the Black Country, to which the Abbey is one
of them! He thought the window was magnificent and said the Abbey was
well known to historians in this field of expertise. Doesn't that make you
feel proud?

Have you noticed anything strange this week as you have walked down the
path to church, like a slight breeze brushing past you? Well do not worry its
nothing to do with the weather, not even the Holy Spirit: it's Sr Terez on her
new scooter!! Make sure you give her a wave as she shoots past you in the
queue to get into church!!

It was lovely to be at the Deaconate ordination of Br Royston yesterday. We
look forward to his time with us as he prepares for the priesthood.

Fr Gabby is still in quarantine but never-the-less happy at the Little Sisters.
Hopefully Fr Dickinson and myself will visit him soon.

Thank you for your contribution to the church collection, £1560.00 was
raised last Sunday. Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR