



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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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

9th August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th August

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

Monday 10th August

10.00am: Lana Rose RIP
7.30pm: Mary Cahalane RIP

Tuesday 11th August

10.00am: George Mealy
11.30am: Mary Hussey *Requiem*

Wednesday 12th August

10.00am: Julie Cronin RIP
7.30pm: Derek Green

Thursday 13th August

10.00am: Paul Potter RIP
7.30pm: Gerard Ryan RIP

Friday 14th August

10.00am: Hannah Brown RIP

Saturday 15th August

9.30am: Peter Lane RIP
6.00pm: Jean McDonald RIP

Sunday 16th August

Solemnity of the Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am: All Parishioners
9.15am: Eugene McWilliams RIP
10.30am: Sandra Morgan RIP
12.00noon: Elizabeth Burns RIP
6.00pm: Dorothy Denieffe RIP

Heavenly Father, you are our comfort and strength in times of disaster. Surround the people of Beirut with your grace and peace. Lift up those who are suffering, sustain those who work to rescue and rebuild, and take to yourself those who have died. We ask this through Christ your Son.
Amen.

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

SVP RETIRING COLLECTION today. Thank you for your voluntary contributions to the work of the SVP in the parish and the local area.

PARISH OFFICE back to normal opening hours this week. 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Please note the Parish Office is closed on Wednesday afternoons.

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.

READERS: If you have a cold of any description on the day you are due to read, please let Claire know so that alternative arrangements can be made. Thank you very much.

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: The SVP will continue to collect for the Food Bank on a daily basis. If you are able to donate please bring items to the Parish Office between 9.00am and 11.00am and 1.00 -4.30pm. during the week, except Wednesday afternoon as the Parish Office is closed. Again I thank you for your continued support to those in need in the local area.

My Dear Parishioners

First of all let us remember in our prayers the disaster in Beirut in the Lebanon. We pray for all who have lost their lives, all who have been injured and all who grieve the loss of their loved ones. Let us also pray that a vaccine will be found so that we can get back to our normal lives without all the restrictions imposed on us. Please make sure you all keep safe especially if you are going on holiday.

The Feast of The Assumption is next Sunday when we celebrate Our Blessed Lady going into heaven. A lovely feast to celebrate here with Mass and with your families. May Our Lady watch over our parish and bring us many blessings.

A fairly quiet week. The roofers think they have found the source of the leak by Our Lady's altar and are able to mend the leak beyond the sanctuary door. They have gone away to price the work to be done and I am hoping it will be agreeable so that we can get the leaks repaired and not have to worry every time it rains!

Although you see Fr Dickinson and myself when we say Mass, I believe parishioners are asking how we are? Well we are very well, thank you very much. This time of year is a good time to have some relaxation as things are quiet in the parish. Fr Dickinson enjoys his snoozes and I enjoy catching up with family and friends in Zimbabwe.

Fr Gabby is in good spirits. He is now out of quarantine. This means he will be able to explore his surroundings a bit more—well he'll find out where the dining room is! The home is not open to visitors. Father thanks parishioners who have written to him over the past two weeks, he can't reply but is delighted that you remember him!!

Last weeks collection raised £1797.00. Thank you very much.

Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSsR*