



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

23rd August 2020

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd August

6.00pm: Tommy & Eilish Kearney RIP

Sunday 23rd August

8.00am: Joe Diffin RIP

9.15am: Margaret Henry RIP

10.30am: Gretta Lynch RIP

12.00noon: Mary Baines RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

Monday 24th August

St Bartholomew, Apostle

10.00am: Mary Stanley

7.30pm: John & Catherine McAdams
RIP

Tuesday 25th August

10.00am: Eve Kelly

Wednesday 26th August

Blessed Dominic Barberi

10.00am: Camillus, Seamus & Patjoe
Corcoran

7.30pm: Patrick & Agnes Finn RIP

Thursday 27th August

St Monica

10.00am: Oliver Moran RIP

7.30pm: Canon Gerry Breen RIP

Friday 28th August

St Augustine

10.00am: Chris Reid RIP

Saturday 29th August

Beheading of John the Baptist.

9.30am: Bridie Macken RIP

6.00pm: Jemima Prescott RIP

Sunday 30th August

8.00am: Kate Houston &
Maureen Graham RIP

9.15am: Emy Cultura Barnes RIP

10.30am: Mary O'Reilly RIP

12.00noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Con Corcoran

Blessed Dominic Barberi was a Passionist priest who laboured tirelessly for the conversion of England despite great opposition. On the 8th October 1845 he received St John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church.

I take this opportunity to wish Fr John, who belongs to the Passionist Order, a very happy Feast day on Wednesday.

Let us pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Patrick Maguire, Catherine Forde and Arthur Henry who are sick and for Emmanuel Zammit and Sadie Harnett who have died.

Welcome to Deacon Royston Price CSsR Brother Royston will be stationed at the Abbey during his deaconate. This will enable him to gain experience of parish life and also living in a smaller community. So be gentle with him as he ministers to you. I know you will give him a good Abbey welcome.

LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR RETIRING COLLECTION: Thank you for your generosity. I'm sure the sisters will be in touch!

NO CONFESSIONS this Wednesday as Fr. Elias will be away.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The RCIA Programme or 'Journey in Faith' will begin in September. This yearly programme will prepare adults who are seeking to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil next year. It is also an excellent opportunity for you, as a Catholic, to deepen your understanding of the Faith and accompany those who are making this journey into the Church. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Fr. Elias. Thank you.

CHILDREN WHO ATTEND NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Children starting Year 3 and Year 6 who attend non-Catholic schools, please contact the Parish Office about attending classes in the coming year, in preparation for the celebration of their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please have your child registered before the end of September. Thank you.

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 9-11am and 1-4.30pm during the week, except Wednesday afternoon as the Parish Office is closed. Thank you for your generosity and continued support to those in need in the local area.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: From next weekend the Catholic Times and the Universe will be on sale once again. There is a special deal available if you purchase either paper you get the other one included for a total of £1.90 for the two.

Dear Parishioners

This week I will have the pleasure of attending Brother Mike Taylor CSsR final profession and Ordination of deaconate. This will take place in our house at Bishop Eton in Liverpool. While I am there I will also be attending a Redemptorist meeting, so I will be away from Sunday evening to Wednesday.

Brother Royston arrived on Saturday morning from our house in Clapham. He is looking forward to meeting you all and working in the parish.

The workmen had to postpone their visit on Friday due to the weather. I am hoping they will be here next week to fix the leak by Our Lady's altar and over the sanctuary door.

At the beginning of this week the Care Homes went into lockdown, so Fr Gabby is cocooned in with the Little Sisters! He remains in good form and wishes to be remembered to you all.

This is the last week of the summer holidays—make the most of it!!

Have a blessed week

Fr Elias CSsR