

The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury Erdington Abbey

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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



30th August 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 29th August

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

Monday 31st August

10.00am: John & Margaret
Williams

NO EVENING MASS

Tuesday 1st September

10.00am: Monica Gallagher RIP

11.30am: Sadie Harnett *Requiem*

Wednesday 2nd September

10.00am: Margaret Sweeney RIP

11.30am: Tommy Boyle *Requiem*

7.30pm: Niall & Siobhan
O'Callaghan RIP

Thursday 3rd September

St Gregory the Great

10.00am: Tony Finnegan RIP

7.30pm: Eileen Hoey RIP

Friday 4th September

10.00am: Fred Slater

Saturday 5th September

9.30am: Ann Perry RIP

6.00pm: Sheila & Michael
O'Connell RIP

Sunday 6th September

8.00am: Joan Saydravouten RIP

9.15am: Roddy & Delia
Delaney RIP

10.30am: Mary McGrath RIP

12.00noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Benny M^cGrath RIP

Lord, we pray for you love and compassion as our children walk through this challenging term ahead. We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions for them.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may they approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Patrick Maguire, Catherine Forde and Philomena Hayes who are sick and for Robert Bolan, Arthur Henry and Patrick Fahey who have died.

BANK HOLIDAY: Please note the parish office will be closed. NO evening Mass.

LITTLE SISTERS: We have received a letter from Sister Miriam thanking you all for your very generous response to their retiring collection. A total of £1437.72. was collected. A copy of the letter can be found on the notice board outside the Hall. Thank you very much.

Standing Order forms: Thank you very much to those who have chosen to give their offertory collection through standing order. This is a much safer way for us to deal with the finances. The forms can be found on the table as you leave church or from the Parish office.

CONFESSIONS this Wednesday in the Hall at 10.30am.

SCHOOLS START BACK this week. I know this will be a strange term ahead but it will be good for our children to go back to school not only for their education but also for their social development. My hope is that parents and teachers will work together through this difficult time.

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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: From next weekend the Catholic newspapers will be back in circulation. For £1.90 you get a bumper deal for both the Catholic Times and the Universe. I will be reviewing the sale of the papers at the end of the year. If it is not viable I will cancel the order for the new year.

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.

FLOWERS ON OUR LADY'S ALTAR FOR THE WEDDING OF
Daniel Gorman & Charlotte M^cDonagh

Dear Parishioners: On Monday and Tuesday I was happy to be present at the profession of final vows and ordination of deaconate of Brother Mike Taylor CSSR. Both were very moving experiences. While I was in Liverpool I was also present at meetings which had been arranged and by Wednesday evening I was back at the Abbey doing a wedding rehearsal— Yes this week we had our first wedding at the Abbey since before the lockdown began! I thank most sincerely the stewards who help organise our routine when coming into church and for cleaning all the benches afterwards: you do a truly remarkable job. I realise that some of the stewards will be going back to work this week and so I invite anyone who is aged twenty or over and under seventy who would like to help steward on a weekday or at a weekend Mass, to please see Claire. Lets work together to keep the Abbey thriving!

Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSSR