

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

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"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



16th August 2020

Solemnity of the Assumption

Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th August

**Solemnity of the Assumption
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6.00pm: Jean McDonald RIP

Sunday 16th August

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Eugene McWilliams RIP

10.30am: Sandra Morgan RIP

12.00noon: Elizabeth Burns RIP

6.00pm: Dorothy Denieffe RIP

Monday 17th August

10.00am: Wall & Brandt Families

7.30pm: John Collins RIP

Tuesday 18th August

10.00am: Gerald Carey RIP

Wednesday 19th August

10.00am: Margaret Miley

7.30pm: Patrick & Agnes

Finn RIP

Thursday 20th August

10.00am: Eddie McGreal RIP

7.30pm: Anne Weir RIP

Friday 21st August

10.00am: Eileen Doyle RIP

Saturday 22nd August

9.30am: Jerry Nash RIP

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have destroyed the power of death and filled us with hope of the eternal life in soul and body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of your blessed Mother, give us a renewed confidence in the victory of life over death.
Amen.

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

Feast of the Assumption: A truly wonderful Feast of our Lady. Mary is our Heavenly Queen for whom we have genuine love and devotion that through her-our petitions and our prayers will be answered. Happy Feast Day to you all.

Bro Royston Price CSsR will be joining the community on Friday. I'm sure you will give him an Abbey welcome next weekend.

LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR Although the Sisters cannot be here themselves this year due to the current climate, I have decided to go ahead with the retiring collection for them. As you are well aware they now look after Fr Gabby for which the Redemptorists are truly grateful. The Sisters have had a very difficult time during the last 5 months, unable to have in-house fundraising events along with Church and store collections. It is now more than any other time gone before that they need our help. I hope you will be as generous as ever next week. As you leave the church there will be a basket clearly marked 'Little Sisters of the Poor'; please place your donation in the basket. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS: will be on Wednesday mornings in the Hall after the morning Mass.

Dear Parishioners

It has been a somewhat troubling week! Last Saturday morning the church was burgled! Nothing of any importance was taken, only two of the collection boxes in the wall were tampered with. Luckily there was not a lot of money (if any) in the boxes, but nevertheless it is very unnerving and sad that this has happened. On Sunday a forensic police officer came out and took what we hope will be evidence of finger prints, but I think this man was a professional for as well as carrying an instrument of some kind he also had a rag presumably to wipe his prints off anything he had handled. CCTV footage has been sent to the police and we wait to hear of the outcome. We have also put the footage on social media. I ask you all please to be very vigilant from now on inside and outside the Church. If you see anything untoward please ring 373-0143. This leads me to mention that a better and safer way of giving to the collection at the Abbey is by 'Standing Order.' Please think about this seriously and help us to keep the Abbey as safe and protected as possible. 'Standing Order' forms are available from the parish office or you can collect a form as you leave church next week. Thank you very much.

You may have seen the visitors we had across the road in the old Colliers site last week as you came to church. They were moved off the site on Monday only to return on Tuesday afternoon parking up outside our car park! The gate to the car park was quickly closed and after a while they moved on. This has led me to make the decision of closing the yellow barrier to our car park in the evenings. When there is an evening Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday the gate will close at 8pm. On a Tuesday and Friday the gate will close at 5pm. This is in no way to discourage parishioners from visiting the graves of their loved ones but I consider, as I'm sure you do too, a wise way to protect the Abbey property. Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias*