

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



13th September 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th September

6.00pm: Tom Donohoe RIP

Sunday 13th September

8.00am: Brian Whitehouse RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Alex James RIP

12.00noon: Healy & Kelly

Families RIP

6.00pm: Nobbie & Pauline

Richards RIP

Monday 14th September

Triumph of the Cross

10.00am: Sarah Fletcher & John &

Mary Pierce

7.30pm: John Cooney RIP

Tuesday 15th September

10.00am: John Hanbury RIP

11.30am: Patrick Fahey *Requiem*

Wednesday 16th September

10.00am: Jack & Agnes Mullally RIP

7.30pm: Alvina & Angelin Benny

Thursday 17th September

10.00am: Patrick Bolan RIP

12.00noon Robert Bolan *Requiem*

7.30pm: Sadie Harnett RIP

Friday 18th September

10.00am: Franciszek

Skrakowski RIP

Saturday 19th September

9.30am: Barrie Baxter RIP

6.00pm: Suzy Vowles

Sunday 20th September

8.00am: Nora Finnerty

9.15am: Millie Burden-Williams

10.30am: Michael Mulhern RIP

12.00noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Larry Byrne RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Patrick Maguire, Catherine Forde, Philomena Hayes, Michael Rafferty, Martha Krlova, Callimus Corcoran who are sick and for Anna Siejka and James Farrell who have died

NO CONFESSIONS this Wednesday. Next Saturday (19th) I will start hearing confessions after the 9.30 Mass in the Hall.

SVP Thank you for your donations today in support of the work of the SVP.

9.15 MASS FAMILY MASS. As a sign of getting back to some normality I invite the children to come forward to read at the 9.15 Mass during term time. Children from Year 4 upwards are welcome to read the reading or the psalm and children in Year 3 to read the bidding prayers. The reading and psalm will be given to you the week prior to your child reading so that you can practise with them during the week. The bidding prayers will be given on the day and will be suitable for children in Year 3 to read. I ask that if your child is reading you arrive earlier so that they can read through the reading before Mass. I do hope many of you with children will take advantage of this opportunity to praise God in this way. Please give your details to the parish office and Claire will contact you during the week to put your child's name on the rota.

GIFT AID The annual claim for the recovery of the tax on the gift aided donations was received in July and amounted to £17,500. This is a wonderful amount to the parish especially at this present time. I thank all our gift aiders very much. Please, if you would like to gift aid the forms can be found on the table as you leave the church.

Gift Aid...Due to Covid 19 the Diocese is not in a position to send out the letters to parishioners setting out the amount donated in the 2019/20 incoming tax year. If any parishioner needs this information to complete an income tax return, please contact the parish office and leave your details. The Parish Treasurer will make contact with you to let you know the figure you require. Thank you.

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.

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: 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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: For £1.90 you get a bumper deal for both the Catholic Times and the Universe.

RED MISSION BOXES: The APF red mission boxes may be brought to the Parish Office as the Promoters are unable to visit your homes.

RECEPTION INTAKE FOR ABBEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2021 you need to apply on line for a school place. Information can be found on the Local Authority website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Dear Parishioners:

The attendance at the Masses last weekend was very encouraging. I thank God that gradually parishioners are feeling confident to come out to Mass. As long as we all follow the guidelines with sanitising our hands, wearing face masks and social distancing ourselves, our prayer routine will continue to flourish. Thank you very much.

Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR

Lord Almighty, into your hands
I give my soul and my body.
Grant me strength to bear the
cross as yourself. Teach me
to bear it with great humility
and may you allow me to
partake in your glory for
ever and ever
Amen