

# 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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Safeguarding Officer: Marie Donoghue

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



20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

6.00pm: Suzy Vowles

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am: Nora Finnerty

9.15am: Millie Burden-Williams

10.30am: Michael Mulhern RIP

12.00noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Larry Byrne RIP

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

#### St Matthew, Apostle

10.00am: Michael Rafferty

7.30pm: Maureen Doggrell RIP

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

10.00am: Kathy Donnelly RIP

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

10.00am: Holy Souls

7.30pm: Pat Loughlin RIP

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am: Lane Family

7.30pm: Thanksgiving (Hickman)

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am: Des Furey RIP

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am: Breda Wilson

6.00pm: Michael O'Hehir &  
Family RIP

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Colin Heeley RIP

10.30am: Peter Bowen RIP

12.00noon: Margaret Lennon Snr RIP

6.00pm: John & Margaret  
Farrelly RIP

## Prayer to St Matthew

Glorious St Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven  
Amen

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Patrick Maguire, Catherine Forde, Philomena Hayes, Michael Rafferty, Martha Krlova and Camillus(Con) Corcoran and Eve Kelly who have died.

**CONFESSIONS** this Wednesday after the 10 o'clock Mass and on Saturday after the 9.30am Mass in the Hall.

**9.15 MASS FAMILY MASS.** Thanks to those who have shown an interest in their children reading at the 9.15 Mass. Let me remind you: 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Having thought long and hard with the teachers, parish catechist and following Government guidelines on social gatherings, the children from the school and parish will be making their First Holy Communion at the 9.15 Mass over the next few months. As you can imagine, our children have been prepared for this since June and were disappointed that this great day had to be postponed! I feel it is not fair on the children for them to wait another year for this important Sacrament. So each week starting from Sunday 4th October, there will be six children and four members of their family with them to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their spiritual lives. I do hope the regulars at the 9.15 will embrace these children and their families weekly.

**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.

**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. Please note if you are bringing fresh produce, this **MUST** be brought to the Hall on Monday. All other produce can be delivered to the Hall by Tuesday at 9.30am. Thank You.

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS:** £1.90 for the Universe and supplement of The Catholic Times.

**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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** annual sponsored walk in Sutton Park, to raise funds for Sifa Fireside. Social distancing will be maintained. Donations can be given on line at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KSC293>. Meet at Holy Trinity after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 26th September. Please contact Nicholas Bartleet for further details 07778 857369.

## Dear Parishioners:

At the moment we are still carrying on with our daily Masses at the Abbey but let us remember those who can not come out to Mass and receive the Sacrament—you are in our prayers. Thank you to our stewards and everyone for understanding the routine we must follow in order to keep the Church open. Let us hope we will have a vaccine soon.  
Have a safe and blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR