



# 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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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

27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

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

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 Farrell RIP

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am: Nuala & Phil Jones  
1.00pm: Camillus (Con) Corcoran Requiem  
7.30pm: Jean McDonald RIP

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am: Theresa Bolger RIP  
11.30am: Anna Siejka Requiem

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am: Martin Ferry RIP  
7.30pm: Darren McGrory RIP

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

**St Teresa of Lisieux**  
10.00am: Divine Love Community  
7.30pm: Patricia McMullan RIP

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

10.00am: Tommie Regan RIP  
11.30am: James Farrell Requiem

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

9.30am: James Heganey Snr RIP  
6.00pm: Maureen Condon RIP

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

8.00am: All Parishioners  
9.15am: Tom Joyce RIP  
10.30am: Dillon Family RIP  
12.00noon: Mary Swords & Tom Mackessy RIP  
6.00pm: Bridget, Michael & Raymond Sullivan RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Catherine Forde, Martha Krlova and Philip Cooper who are sick and Patrick Maguire, Brian Fitzpatrick who have died.

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Next Sunday at the 9.15, we will be having the first group of children making their First Holy Communion. There will be six children with four members of their family each week in a bench but other members of the family are welcome. With over sixty children in all to receive the Sacrament this will continue over the next couple of months. Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers.

**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:** Last call! 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 bring 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.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** held their annual sponsored walk to raise funds for SIFA Fireside. Donations can now be given on line: <https://virgmoneygiving.com/KSC293>. Please contact Nicholas Bartleet for further details on 07778857369.

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

### Dear Parishioners:

I know that some of our young people of the parish have recently left home and gone to university to continue their studies. I'm sure their moms and dads have shed a tear or two! We wish your children well and trust they will be in a happy and safe environment. Don't worry, they will come back for a break...and with their washing!

So we now know that we are in further restrictions for another six months! Can you imagine if it was forty years!! Again I will emphasise that we are still having our daily Masses during the week and at the weekend. Thank you to our stewards for continuing to volunteer each week and thank you to all parishioners for your patience and understanding. The important thing is that we are able to go to Mass and receive the Sacrament. This truly is a wonderful blessing for us all.

All parishes have been notified this week by the diocese to have four collections, which should have been taken during this year. These collections will be taken over the next four months, the first being this week for Fr Hudson's Society.

I hope you all have a blessed week. Let us be mindful of one another in all we do.

Fr Elias CSSR

St Theresa, Flower of love,  
please intercede for us.

Fill our hearts with your pure love of God.

As we approach and celebrate your feast day, make us more aware of the goodness of God.

Instill in us your little way of doing ordinary things with extra-ordinary

love.

Amen.