

# 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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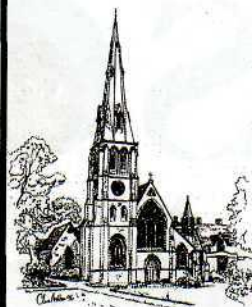
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Safeguarding Officer: Marie Donoghue

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



18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

6.00pm: Joseph Maher & Peg  
Hogan RIP

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

8.00am: Frances Shelly RIP  
9.15am: Maureen Joyce RIP  
10.30am: All Parishioners  
12.00noon: Martin, Kitty & Chrissy  
O'Reilly RIP  
6.00pm: Richard Lutwyche RIP

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am: Martin O'Neill  
7.30pm: Felix McCann RIP

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am: SVP Benefactors

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

10.00am: Maxine Desmond  
7.30pm: James Farrell RIP

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

10.00am: Mathew Mathai RIP  
7.30pm: Mary Walsh

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

10.00am: Thanksgiving  
(Corcoran)  
11.30am: Eileen Hipkiss *Requiem*

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am: Mary Hughes RIP  
6.00pm: Esther Howley

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

8.00am: Jim Shannon RIP  
9.15am: Phillip & Sue Fox  
10.30am: Frank & Beryl  
Gilsenan RIP  
12.00noon: All Parishioners  
6.00pm: Noel Sweeney RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Imelda Holland, Catherine Forde, Martha Krlova and Philip Cooper who are sick and for Eileen Hipkiss and Lional Knight who have died.

**CONFESSIONS** this Wednesday after the 10.00am Mass in the Hall and on Saturday after the 9.30am Mass in the in Father Elias' office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Today the next group of children are making their First Holy Communion. As a parish community we will keep the children and their families in our bidding prayers each week.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES:** This year we will not be able to have our usual service for the blessing of graves here in our cemetery as the restrictions will not allow it. What I propose to do is bless six graves each day during the month of November. This will be through an appointment system so that members of the family can be present and we can still adhere to the social distancing restrictions. Please ring the parish office for a date and time. May our loved ones rest in peace.

**Annual Mass Count** will take place today.

**THANK YOU** for your donations to the APF collection today.

**Gentle reminder:** If you are paying your donation to the Abbey by cheque, please make the cheque payable to **ERDINGTON ABBEY PARISH ACCOUNT**. Thank you.

**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.

**KATHLEEN BOYLE AND FAMILY** would like to thank all who sent Mass and Sympathy cards for the sad lose of Tommy. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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

**Dear Parishioners:** *I understand that the schools break up for half term this Friday, it doesn't feel that long since you were just starting back! I hope all families in the parish have a good break even though there are restrictions. Stay safe!*

*Thank you to those who journeyed with us during the Novena to St Gerard. I know many parishioners have a devotion to our Redemptorist saint; this is wonderful for us Redemptorists to see. May he bless our parish.*

*I thank again the stewards who are looking after us all, making sure that we are safe. Let us help them by moving in a social distancing fashion when coming in and out of Church. Thank you very much.*

*As we are in the month of October I have put a short prayer to Our Lady, one of the many prayers St Alphonsus wrote to her. I hope that you might like to say it each day during the rest of this month.*

*Have a blessed week.*

*Fr Elias CSsR*

I love you, most dear Lady;  
and for the love I bear you, I  
promise to serve you willingly  
for ever and to do what I can  
to make you loved by others.  
I place in you my hopes for  
salvation; accept me as your  
servant and shelter me under  
your mantle, you who are the  
Mother of mercy.  
Blessed Mary pray for me.