



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

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MASSSES: Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil) Sunday: 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, & 6.00pm.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am & 7.30pm. Tuesday & Friday 10.00am. Saturday: 9.30am.

Wednesday Novena 7.00pm. Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am and Saturday 10.00am & 4.30pm

"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, as to the dearest and most loving of friends"
St Alphonus

25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24th July

6.00pm: Hannah & Joseph
O'Connor RIP

Sunday 25th July

8.00am: Anne Davis RIP
9.15am: Jack Ryan RIP
10.30am: All Grandparents
12.00 noon: Whelan, Matthew
& Ruane Families RIP
6.00pm: Frank Charles RIP

Monday 26th July

10.00am: Paddy Miley
11.30am: Leslie Caston
Requiem
7.30pm: Julia Joseph

Tuesday 27th July

10.00am: Christopher Dillon RIP

Wednesday 28th July

10.00am: Mary Symmington
7.30pm: CM Chandy RIP

Thursday 29th July

10.00am: Fr Stephen Pimlott
7.30pm: Meere Family

Friday 30th July

10.00am: Brigid Warom

Saturday 31st July

9.30am: Fr. Gabby
6.00pm: Donovan & Moloney
Families

Sunday 1st August

8.00am: John Collins RIP
9.15am: Mary Burden RIP
10.30am: All Parishioners
12.00 noon: Daniel & Bridie
O'Sullivan
6.00pm: Kate Shorthouse RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Easton Hurd, Stephen O'Reilly, Phyllis Carey, Bridget Butler, Maureen McCaffery, Caroline Murphy (Rigby), Rita Lewis, Loretta Cam, John Mullan and Noreen Kenny who are sick. And for Michael Rafferty who has died.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY Thank you for your donations towards the charity The Apostleship of the Sea.

FEAST OF ST ALPHONSUS: Sunday 1st August. Come along and join the Redemptorists throughout the world to celebrate this special Feast Day of the founder of the Redemptorists. Please pray for Redemptorists throughout the world.

RESTRICTIONS: After much thought about how we can move forward at the Abbey in a safe way, the following new restrictions will be put into place as from today. There will be no social distancing in Church however I encourage you to spread out as much as you can. Our church is big enough and we are using all the benches. It should be easy for us to be comfortable and feel safe. Please sit in the bench at the very end so that another person may be able to sit at the other end of that bench. I ask you please to wear a mask in Church, as we are not socially distancing and this is a closed building. The Track and Trace system for now will continue and the benches and the Church will be cleansed after Mass when necessary. At communion the stewards will direct each bench to come to the priest for communion. Please wait until it is your turn. We will resume confessions on Saturday at 4.30pm—5.00pm.

With the rate of infection slowly rising, I am very conscious that parishioners are still somewhat unsure of moving forward to quickly! Therefore I hope that these little steps will help us as a parish to move forward in a safe manner.

STEWARDS: We still need your help! I am very grateful for all you do for our worship at the Abbey. Although we have relaxed some restrictions others are still needed. So I ask you please to continue if you can with your duty so that all runs safely and smooth. Thank you very much.

HOLY SHOP will be open mornings only 10.30-12noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until September. Closed all day Wednesdays

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-35) Will have their next meeting this Tuesday 27th July, 7pm, in the Abbey Hall. There will be a talk by Fr Michael Dolman, Rector of Oscott, on the Caravaggio painting 'The Call of St Matthew', and the spiritual lessons we can learn from it.

PLEASE PICK UP THE INVITATION FROM THE ARCHBISHOP: to help us all to take more steps towards our mission to serve God and to grow our Church.

ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL: Please note: All waiting lists are shredded each July. If you wish your child to be on the waiting list for a place in the school, you must apply again in September at the school office or at www.abbeyrc.bham.sch.uk.

Thanksgiving: details for a Mass and social for Michael O'Reilly RIP please contact Bridget 0121-382-4828.

*Please pick up a
copy of the prayer
for
Grandparents
and
the elderly.*

Dear Parishioners, The history of our grandparents is remembered not with rose petals but in the laughter and tears of their children and their children's children. It is into us that the lives of grandparents have gone. It is in us that their history becomes a future. Spare a thought for them today. Have a blessed day. Fr Elias CSsR