



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

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Served by the Redemptorists since 1922

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MASS: 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 Alphonsus

1st August 2021

## Feast of St Alphonsus CSsR

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July

6.00pm: Donovan & Moloney  
Families

#### Feast of St Alphonsus

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

10.00am: Winifred Lutwyche RIP  
11.30am: Chris O'Dea *Requiem*  
7.30pm: Mrs Delecka RIP

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

10.00am: Arthur Wood RIP  
11.30am: Mary Deeprose

*Requiem*

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am: Eddie Gallagher RIP  
7.30pm: Thanksgiving

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am: Michael & Tracy  
Smyth

7.30pm: P & E & A

Cunningham RIP

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August

#### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

10.00am: Elaine Hird RIP  
11.30am: Peter M'Linden

*Requiem*

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am: Phillip Dowling RIP  
6.00pm: Mattie Nolan RIP

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August

8.00am: Damien Reilly RIP  
9.15am: All Parishioners  
10.30am: Michael Mulhern RIP  
12.00 noon: Ollie Eivors RIP  
6.00pm: Paddy Morris

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Easton Hurd, Stephen O'Reilly, Phyllis Carey, Bridget Butler, Maureen McCaffery, Caroline Murphy (Rigby), Rita Lewis, John Mullan, Noreen Kenny and Evelyn Rose who are sick and for Loretta Carn, Garry Jenkins and Damian Reilly who have died.

**F**EAST OF ST ALPHONSUS Today we celebrate the Feast Day of our Redemptorists' founder, St Alphonsus. Born near Naples in 1696. At nineteen he started to practice law and became one of the leading lawyers in Naples. It was during his time as a lawyer that he decided to become a priest. He later started a community of priests in honour of the Most Holy Redeemer, who later became known as the Redemptorists. St Alphonsus had a great commitment to his priesthood and continued to preach missions and write books to the end of his life. He is truly an inspiring saint with a great love for the Blessed Sacrament. I ask you to remember to pray for Redemptorists and the courage for men to take up the invitation to enter a religious life.



**RESTRICTIONS:** Last Sunday our new regulations were well received at all Masses. I thank you for your patience. I realise things may be different in other Churches but I firmly believe that the little steps that we are doing here at the Abbey will give more confidence to parishioners (as many of you have already said). The 10 o'clock Mass and the 7.30pm Mass during the week may be slightly different at communion times and I ask you please wait to be directed by the stewards. Thank you.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please note that two ministers will be needed at weekend Masses, so please check your rota to see when your next ministry is. When you arrive in Church please let Claire know that you are here for duty. Thank you.

**STEWARDS:** Some of our stewards have been stewarding right from the very beginning, when we opened the church over a year ago! They have done a fantastic job - not only stewarding at weekday and weekend Masses, but for funerals, funeral receptions, weddings and Baptisms. Without the stewards it would be difficult to get the Abbey running smoothly. You are very generous parishioners and I thank you most sincerely. I now ask if other parishioners will step forward to help so that we have cover over the holiday period and that some stewards can take a break! This won't happen if parishioners don't come forward to help. Please think about it! Ring the parish office on 0121-373-0143. Thank you!

**THE SVP** will be collecting food items for the Erdington Food Bank next weekend. Thanks to your generosity the Food Bank is able to help many people who are in need. Thank you for supporting this good cause each month. The SVP will be taking their Retiring Collection next weekend to help those in need in the parish and in the local area. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** for the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your generosity

**HOLY SHOP** will be open mornings only 10.30-12noon until September. (Closed all day Wednesdays)

**PAPER/CARDBOARD RECYCLING BINS** These are the three new bins with dark blue lids. PLEASE do not put general rubbish or green waste /flowers into these recycling bins! It is a hard job for somebody to clear them out! If this continues the bins will not be emptied by the council! Thank you for your cooperation.

*Your God is ever  
beside you—indeed,  
He is even within  
you.  
St Alphonsus*

In the Bible it rained for forty days, they called it a disaster; in Britain we call it 'Summer!' Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSsR*