



# 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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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 Alphonsus*

**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

6.00pm: Liam Mooney RIP

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Patrick Cunnane RIP

10.30am: Anne Maguire RIP

12.00 noon: Smith, Carter &  
Whitehouse Families RIP

6.00pm: Gretta Lynch RIP

#### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

##### **St John Wall**

10.00am: Bridie Andrews

7.30pm: Maggi Collins

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

##### **St Bartholomew**

10.00am: Joel Joseph

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

10.00am: Mary & John Delaney

7.30pm: Patrick & Agnes Finn RIP

#### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

##### **Blessed Dominic Barberi**

10.00am: Kate Houston &  
Maureen Graham RIP

7.30pm: Thanksgiving (Carroll)

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

##### **St Monica**

10.00am: Leslie Caston RIP

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

##### **St Augustine**

9.30am: Christy Reid RIP

6.00pm: Laura M Brooks RIP

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

8.00am: Catherine Forde RIP

9.15am: James Stergiopoulos RIP

10.30am: McAdams Family RIP

12.00 noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Mark Tomlinson RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Easton Hurd, Stephen O'Reilly, Phyllis Carey, Bridget Butler, Maureen McCaffery, Caroline Murphy (Rigby), Rita Lewis, Noreen Kenny, Evelyn Rose and Janina Surowiec who are sick and Betty Daly who has died.

**THE GOOD NEWS!** As you will have noticed when coming into Church today the 'Track and Trace' system is no longer required. It is up to individuals if they choose to wear a mask and to have their hands sanitised although I feel sanitising your hands is still a good thing to do when coming into Church. From now on the Church will no longer need to be cleaned after each service but it will be sanitised with an antibacteria spray. If you would like to donate any antibacteria spray that would be very helpful. Thank you.

**STEWARDS:** Your role is nearly done! I think at this stage, it would be good to have one steward in the porch to sanitise parishioners' hands and to spray the Church after each Mass.

**COMMUNION TIME AND LEAVING THE CHURCH:** In the middle aisle if we could start at the top on the lectionary side and work down towards the back and then across and work your way up to the front bench on the pulpit side. Side aisles from the first bench down to the back and then the side chapels please. I think this will work both reverently and effectively. I am hoping that there won't be a stampede to leave the Church at the end of Mass but that we are all mindful of each other. Thank you very much.

**HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEBSITE?** Why not pay it a visit? [www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk](http://www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk).

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be open mornings only this coming week, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

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

**R**ITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS the RCIA Programme will start again in September. This yearly programme will prepare adults who are seeking to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil. It is also an excellent opportunity for you, as a Catholic to deepen your understanding of the Faith and accompany those who are making this journey into the Church. Please contact the Parish Office (morning only) to arrange for an appointment with Fr. Elias. Thank you.

**C**HILDREN WHO ATTEND NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Parents of Children starting Year 3 and Year 6 in September, who attend non Catholic schools, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Fr Elias about attending classes in the coming year in preparation for their First Communion and Confirmation.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** We hope to start this group in the Abbey Hall on alternate Monday evenings 7-8.30pm, starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and alternate Monday afternoons 2-3.30pm, starting on 20th September. For details phone Elaine Joyce on 07952186893.

### **Interested in exploring what the Lord might be calling you to be?**

Come along to the Redemptorist Vocations Weekend for young men (18-35): 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August, at St Mary's Monastery, Perth. Contact Fr Royston for details.

**THANK YOU:** The Carroll Family would like to thank parishioners for prayers, Masses and support at the funeral of Mary Carroll. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

THE LITTLE SISTERS at Harborne will be here next weekend to take up a retiring collection for the work they do looking after the sick and the elderly. As you all know Fr Gabby is with the Little Sisters. Thanks to their care and attention he is doing very well. I ask that you be as generous as ever. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners, Fr Isaac returns to us this week and on Tuesday I will be going to the Ordination of Br Michael Taylor CSSR in Bishop Eton. Fr Dickinson tells me that he has lost his mind! If anyone finds it, don't bother returning it—he says, it wasn't working properly anyway! *Fr Elias CSSR*

*We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic so that the Church may further honour him and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.*

*Bl Dominic Barberi  
Pray for us.*