



# 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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**MASSES: 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*

**29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Mass Intentions

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

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

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

10.00am: Julie Barnes RIP

No 7.30pm Mass

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

10.00am: Siobhan & Niall

O’Callaghan RIP

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

10.00am: Mary & Frank Feeney RIP

7.30pm: Paula McManus

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

10.00am: Holy Souls

7.30pm: Thomas & Mary Thomas

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

#### **St Gregory the Great**

10.00am: Dee Kelly RIP

#### **HOLY HOUR 3.00pm**

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30am: Steve Hickman

6.00pm: Chis O’Dea RIP

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

8.00am: Brian Whitehouse RIP

9.15am: Kathleen Eustace RIP

10.30am: Mary E Kelly RIP

12.00 noon: Roddy & Delia

Delaney RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

*Father, you guide your  
people with kindness and  
govern us with love.  
By the prayers of  
St Gregory give the spirit  
of wisdom to those you have  
called to lead your Church.  
May the growth of your  
people in holiness be the  
eternal joy of your  
shepherds  
Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Easton Hurd, Stephen O’Reilly, Phyllis Carey, Evelyn Rose and Janina Surowiec who are sick.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:** We welcome the sisters once again to make their annual retiring collection today for the work they do looking after the sick and the elderly. We thank them for looking after Fr Gabby. I’m sure they will let us know how Fr Gabby is fairing.

**COMMUNION TIME AND LEAVING THE CHURCH:** I realise that not all parishioners would have read this notice before Mass last week, so I am hoping this week we will all be mindful especially when going to communion so that our reverence when receiving the Lord will be paramount. 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. When leaving Church please be mindful of others around you. Thank you very much.

**THE PARISH OFFICE and HOLY SHOP** will be closed Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August. **HOLY SHOP** will be open on Tuesday and Thursday morning 10.30-12.00, Closed Wednesday and then back to normal open times on Friday (3rd) 10.30-12 and 2.30-3.45pm.

**NO EVENING MASS on Monday** (30<sup>th</sup>) as it is a Bank Holiday

**HOLY HOUR this Friday 3rd September 3-4pm.** We will resume our Holy Hour every first Friday of the month. Please come and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.

**Abbey Choir:** After an absence of sung music for eighteen months, the choir is at last resuming weekly rehearsals and singing at the 10.30 Mass. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday 1st September at 8.00pm. If you have a good knowledge of music and are interested in joining the choir please contact **Joe on 07721 753992** or contact the parish office with your details.

**Car Park Gates:** The gates to the car park will be closed at the following times: Mon/Wed/Thurs 8.00pm, Tues/Fri 5.00pm & Sat/Sun 7.00pm. Any cars left in the carpark will be locked in!

**Offertory Alms Giving:** If you are paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to **ERDINGTON ABBEY PARISH ACCOUNT**. Thank you.

**RITE 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 to arrange for an appointment with Fr. Elias.

**CHILDREN 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 at 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.

Dear Parishioners,

The ordination of Fr Mike Taylor went very well. I have invited Fr Mike to come and celebrate Mass at the Abbey. There are prayer cards in the porch if you would like one. It is good to have Fr Isaac back with us, Fr Dickinson can go back to his Greek Philosophy in the afternoons!! Next Saturday at the 9.30am Mass, we will be having a Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Dickinson to celebrate his 70 years of profession as a Redemptorist. I do hope you will come and celebrate with us! Have a blessed day. *Fr Elias CSsR*