



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

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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*

5th September 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th September

6.00pm: Chis O’Dea RIP

Sunday 5th 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

Monday 6th September

10.00am: Martin McDermott RIP

7.30pm Mark Lordan RIP

Tuesday 7th September

10.00am: Michael O’ Reilly RIP

Wednesday 8th September

Birthday of Our Blessed Lady

10.00am: Margaret O’Hara

7.30pm: Sheila McCashin RIP

Thursday 9th September

10.00am: Tess Sharkey RIP

7.30pm: May & Caesar

Rangel RIP

Friday 10th September

10.00am: Camillus Corcoran RIP

Saturday 11th September

9.30am: Kathleen & Patrick

Swift RIP

6.00pm: Healy & Kelly Families

Sunday 12th September

8.00am: Sheila & Michael

O’Connell RIP

9.15am: Colin Heeley RIP

10.30am: Alex & James RIP

12.00 noon: Mary Carroll RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners

God our Father, give your chosen people your help and strength. The birth of the Virgin Mary’s son was the dawn of our salvation.

May the celebration of her birth bring us closer to lasting peace and may the virtues that she modelled develop in our lives, to love you and our neighbours more perfectly.

Amen.

*Our Blessed Lady
Pray for us.*

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

Abbey Choir: Two people have taken an interest in joining the choir. If there are any budding choristers out there who think they would like to give it a try and have a good knowledge of music please contact Joe on 07721 753992 or contact the parish office with your details. I will be praying to St Cecilia to give you a nudge!!

9.15 Family Mass: From next Sunday our young parishioners will be able to read at this Mass and families take part in the offertory procession. Any young parishioners from year 4 or above are welcome to read the reading and responsorial psalm. Children in Year 3 are welcome to read the bidding prayers. The readings will be given out the week before so that the children can look over them beforehand. The rota will be in the sacristy after Mass today for you to sign up. Let’s get our young people active in our Church—they are our future!

Flower Group: I would like to restart the flower group now that we are coming back to normal times! There will be a meeting on Friday 17th September at 5.00pm

in the back sacristy. As before we will start a rota for groups to prepare the flowers in the Church. It will entail collecting the flowers and preparing them for the various statues in the Church or for the more experienced an arrangement on Our Lady’s altar. This will need to be done as near to the weekend as possible so that they are fresh for the weekend. If you are interested please come to the side sacristy door on the 17th September. Why not come along and give it a go!

Little Sisters wish to thank you very much for your donations last weekend you raised £1930.31. Fr Gabby will be able to have an extra Guinness!!

NEW PA SYSTEM IN CHURCH: I am happy to let you know that we will be having a new PA System fitted in Church this week. This will indeed benefit us all! I am also very happy to say that the winnings the Abbey received from the Tote over the years will pay for this! I am hoping to restart the tote as it is a valuable source of income to the parish. Thanks you.

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

Second Collection today is for the Upkeep of the Church. Thank you very much.

SVP will be collecting for the Erdington Food Bank next Sunday. Please leave your donations in the Church Porch. The SVP will also be having their monthly retiring collection next Sunday.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: If you are interested in joining the classes 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.

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!

Dear Parishioners,

Father Dickinson had a lovely day yesterday celebrating his 70 years profession as a Redemptorist. Thank you to all who attended the Mass, you made it very special for him. I hope all the children got off to a good start at school on Friday! If you haven’t gone back to school yet—good luck!

A man went to the doctor’s and said, “Doctor I keep thinking I’m a moth!” Doctor: You don’t need a doctor, you need a Psychiatrist!” Man: “I know, but I saw your light on so I came over!”

Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSSR*