



# 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 Alphonsus*

26th September 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

6.00pm: Michael O’Hehir &  
Family RIP

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

8.00am: Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Dermott

9.15am: Louise & Ashley  
Vaughan

10.30am: All Parishioners

12.00 noon: John & Margaret  
Farrell RIP

6.00pm: Margaret Lennon RIP

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

##### **St Vincent de Paul.**

10.00am: Pete Bowen RIP

7.30pm: SVP Benefactors

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00am: Phyliss Fields RIP

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

##### **Archangels: Michael,**

##### **Gabriel & Raphael**

10.00am: Ruth Dennis RIP

7.30pm: James Farrell RIP

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

##### **St Jerome**

10.00am: Kathleen Sweeney RIP

12.30pm: Elizabeth Rouse

##### *Requiem*

7.30pm: Darren McGrory RIP

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

##### **St Therese of Lisieux**

10.00am: Mary Bartleet RIP

11.30am: Engelina Karimupfumbi

##### *Requiem*

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

##### **Guardian Angels**

9.30am: Sr Ancilla

6.00pm: Ruta Giluce RIP

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

8.00am: Thomas Graham RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Bridie Gallagher

12.00 noon: Dillon Family

6.00pm: Maher & Hogan

*Angel sent by God to guide  
me,  
Be my light and walk  
beside me;  
Be my guardian and  
protect me;  
On the path of life direct  
me.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dee Dunston, Easton Hurd, Bridget Butler, Phyllis Carey, Evelyn Rose, Janina Surowiec, Stephen O’Reilly and Kathleen Walsh who are sick and for Maureen Roberts who has died.

**THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Thank you to their teachers and our parish Catechist for preparing them so well.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** On Friday 8th October at 7.00pm, there will be a special Mass in thanksgiving for arriving at this stage of moving forward from the coronavirus, which has effected us all in so many different ways. I invite you all to come along and thank God that we have reached this moment.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** I would like to re-introduce adoration Monday to Friday from 10.30-12.00noon. There will be half-an-hour slots to fill. I would like many people to come forward as possible so that the whole time is covered. Perhaps if we could leave those parishioners who do not have transport and who come to the 10 o’clock Mass to have the first half-an-hour and those who have transport come a little later on. You don’t have to come everyday but you will need to register by visiting or ringing the parish office and leaving your details plus the day and time you would like to adore. I know Fr Gabby said in the past that ‘Those who come to adore keep the engine of the parish going!’ Let’s reignite the parish with parishioners offering their time before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us bless the Lord.

**FLOWER GROUP:** Only one new member joined the flower group last week! We have a rota for once every three weeks so this is not pressing too much on your time. Why not give it a try, no experience needed, come and join the fun? We will be praying in the community to St Theresa of Lisieux, patron saint of florists for more members!!

**MINIBUS:** The minibus is slowly filling up to bring parishioners to the 10.30 Mass each Sunday. If you think you would benefit from this service please contact Ronnie Sweeney (SVP member) on 07958939449. Also if you are willing to be an escort on the minibus which will be on a rota-based system please contact the above number and leave your details. This is a good way of fulfilling what the Lord Jesus asks us to do—‘Love thy neighbour’.

**MASS COUNT:** The Mass count will take place over the next three weeks.

**PRAYER GROUP:** meet in the Abbey Hall every Thursday, at 8pm. All are welcome.

**FATHER HUDSON’S ANNUAL COLLECTION will be taken up today. Thank you for your generosity.**

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Upkeep of the Church. Thank you very much. **St John Paul II Multi Academy** are seeking a Foundation Governor. To find out more about the role go to: <https://youtu.be/ukazuzrg8r8>. If you feel you would be interested and you are over 18 please contact [enquiry@sjp2.net](mailto:enquiry@sjp2.net) for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

It was a lovely morning yesterday, welcoming all the children who made their First Holy Communion. Parents, I urge you now to continue in your faith journey with your family and come to Mass on Sunday. We are very blessed here at the Abbey to have so many Masses available to you. Do not deprive your children of the practice of coming to speak to the Lord in his house and to ask for his blessing. This weeks prayer is a good one to say with your children each morning. Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSSR*