

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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00am. Saturday 9.30am

Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am and Saturday 10.00am in the Abbey Hall after Mass.



17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th January

6.00pm: Bernard Corcoran RIP

Sunday 17th January

8.00am: Gerry M^cCabe RIP

9.15am: Colin Heeley RIP

10.30am: Nancy Doyle RIP

12.00 noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Michael, Brid &

Ray Sullivan RIP

Monday 18th January

10.00am: Catherine O'Neill

11.30am: Cynthia Sweeney

Requiem

No Evening Mass

Tuesday 19th January

St Wulstan.

10.00am: Bill Bradley RIP

Wednesday 20th January

10.00am: Tommy M^cCann

No Evening Mass

Thursday 21st January

St Agnes.

10.00am: Kevin & Ciara M^cGreal

No Evening Mass

Friday 22nd January

10.00am: Elsie & Ron

Bishop RIP

Saturday 23rd January

9.30am: Betty Flynn RIP

6.00pm: Eugene Clancy RIP

Sunday 24th January

8.00am: Brian Whitehouse RIP

9.15am: Siobhan & Niall

O'Callaghan RIP

10.30am: Paul Marklow RIP

12.00 noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Joseph James

Prayer to St Agnes

St Agnes,

you refused to give up

your faith; help us to

be proud of our faith,

to love it, to be strong

in it and to give

witness to it in our

daily life.

Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR : Annabella Maric, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd, Julie Barnes and Patrick Rigby who are sick and for Fr. Patrick Joyce, Ursula Gibbs and Breege Kennedy who have died.

FR PATRICK JOYCE RIP . Many of you will be aware that Fr Joyce passed away on Wednesday evening through natural causes. This is a sad loss to our dioceses, to our deanery and to our parish community, as Father was very fond of the Abbey and its parishioners! As of yet we have no information about the funeral but will let you know in due course. With the restrictions of course there will only be a limited number of people can attend, but I hope to have a Mass said for him here at the Abbey.

LOCKDOWN. During this period of lockdown our Church remains open for Mass. There will be the usual 10.00am morning Mass Monday to Friday and the 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. The weekend Masses remain the same: Saturday 6pm(Sun), Sun: 8.00am. 9.15am. 10.30am 12.00noon and 6.00pm. There will be no 7.30pm Mass in the evening.

Confessions: We will continue to have confessions in the Hall on Wednesday after the 10am Mass and Saturday after the 9.30 Mass.

THE PARISH OFFICE will remain open during the week from 9-12.00 and 1-4.00pm. Closed Wednesday afternoon. If you need to visit the office, please ensure you wear a face mask. Thank you.

HOLY SHOP is closed during lockdown but you can get your Abbey Diary as you leave the church! Please place 75p in the basket. Thank you.

HELP WITH SHOPPING OR PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION: Reminder during this further lockdown period, if you or someone you know needs help with necessary shopping for groceries or collection of prescriptions, the SVP can help. Please contact Mike Warom (SVP Vice President) on 0121 218 3165 or the Parish Office 0121 373 0143 to arrange help for both of the above.

PHONE BUDDY: If someone you know, is feeling isolated and would like to keep in contact with other parishioners over the phone, please let us know and we can arrange this. Thank you!

THE SVP will be collecting food items for the **Erdington Food Bank** on a daily basis. You can bring your donations to the Parish Office between 9-12 and 1-4pm during the week, except Wednesday afternoon as the Parish Office is closed. Please note fresh produce to be brought on Mondays between 1-4pm and Tuesday Mornings between 9- 9.30am. Thank you for your continued support to those in need in the local area.

PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021: In view of the continuing pandemic it is unlikely the Parish will organise a Pilgrimage to Lourdes during 2021. The current Covid-19 situation and the necessary restrictions appear to be with us for some time. Although the 2020 Pilgrimage was cancelled the Parish was committed to paying Ryanair for 30 seats on the out-bound flight to Lourdes, booked in November 2019 and costing £3449.70! A letter has been sent to Ryanair with a request that some refund can be made due to the exceptional circumstances. The letter has not been acknowledged and to date no reply has been received! Tangney Tours who arrange the pilgrimage for the Abbey have been very helpful in these difficult times and have made a contribution to the cost of the Ryanair bill!

Dear Parishioners, I hope you are all managing during this lockdown? I have heard that quite a few of you have received your first vaccination—that is good news. I hope and pray that many more parishioners will receive the vaccination very soon. We still need to take care by wearing face masks and social distancing ourselves, this all helps to keep our Church open so that we can all worship together safely. Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSSR*