



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

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

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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.

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

6.00pm: Eugene Clancy RIP

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January

##### Conversion of St Paul

10.00am: Pat & Margaret

Mulligan RIP

No Evening Mass

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January

##### Ss Timothy & Titus

10.00am: John J Murphy RIP

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am: Wayne Brerton

No Evening Mass

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

##### St Thomas Aquinas

10.00am: Rose Reddan

11.00am: Josie Johnson *Requiem*

No Evening Mass

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am: Joseph Szarka RIP

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am: Mike Lindegren RIP

6.00pm: Annie Ellis RIP

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

8.00am: Hilda & Geoff

Green RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Mick Scally

12.00 noon: Patricia Harrison RIP

6.00pm: Damian Reddy RIP

*O Glorious St Paul,  
after persecuting the  
Church you became by  
God's grace its most  
zealous Apostle. Obtain  
for us the grace to work  
towards bringing the  
faith to others and to  
accepting any trials  
and tribulations that  
come our way. Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** : Annabella Maric, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd, Julie Barnes, Patrick Rigby and Stephen O'Reilly who are sick and Elizabeth Murray who has died..

**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.

**Brother Benjamin Project**. We have received a message from Bro Benjamin via Fr Ronnie McAinsh.

**Brother Benjamin writes: 'On behalf of the Zimbabwe confreres and myself I thank the parishioners of the Abbey for their generosity in supporting the families in need here in Zimbabwe. The amount of £1200.00 is amazing and will be used in these challenging times. Because of the severe droughts in recent years, the crops have failed for some time; and so for the families to get a bag of maize courtesy of the Abbey is a very great gesture of support. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.'**

**HELP WITH SHOPPING OR PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION**: Reminder during this 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. Thank you.

**PHONE BUDDY**: Thank you to those who have volunteered to be a 'phone buddy'. This is another way the Abbey reaches out to those who need that little extra support. 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** Thank you for your continued support for the Erdington Food Bank. We are certainly a shining light to those in need. Please keep up the good work. Remember 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 only between 1-4pm and Tuesday Mornings between 9- 9.30am.

*Dear Parishioners,* Well ,we have survived another week in lockdown! Our numbers are low, which I understand, but well done to those of you who are able to get to Mass—its good to see you! If you are staying at home, I reiterate what I said in the first lockdown—your home has become your Church. Take time to pray and if you can, to watch Mass online. To the families in the parish, try your best to come together and pray as a family. Parents there is a huge responsibility for you to steer your children in the faith and it is especially difficult at this time, but do your best to not only pray but to talk about our faith to your children. Have a blessed week. *Fr Elias CSSR*