

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.



21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th February

6.00pm: Hannah McHugh RIP

Sunday 21st February

8.00am: Anthony Malone

9.15am: Margaret Henry RIP

10.30am All Parishioners

12.00 noon: Ian Roberts RIP

6.00pm: Mary Lennon

Monday 22nd February

10.00am: Brendan Fleming RIP

No Evening Mass

Tuesday 23rd February

10.00am: James & Bridgid

Wiseman RIP

Wednesday 24th February

10.00am: Mary McGrath RIP

No Evening Mass

Thursday 25th February

10.00am: Martha D'Souza RIP

No Evening Mass

Friday 26th February

10.00am: Holy souls

Saturday 27th February

9.30am: Seamus Turbitt

6.00pm: Sean & Josie

Johnson RIP

Sunday 28th February

8.00am: Mary Wilkinson

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Shaun Moloney RIIP

12.00 noon: John Quinn

6.00pm: Ann Perry RIP

*Loving Shepherd, you
are the source of my
every need. As one of
your sheep I often loose
my way and become
lost in the valley. My
certainty is that you
are always at my side
with your rod and staff
that give me courage.
Draw me close to you, O
God, so that I may
never stray from you
again.
Amen.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR : Annabella Maric, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd, Stephen O'Reilly and Frank O'Sullivan who are sick and Fr Brian Russell CSsR who has died.

Fr Brian Russell CSsR. Some of our older parishioners might remember Fr Russell as he was a member of the Abbey community in the early 1980's. He was part of the missionary team but helped in the parish as well. He died in Liverpool on Wednesday morning. May he rest in peace.

Prayers please for our confreres in Bishop Eton as a number of them have tested positive for the Covid-19!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday after the 10'oclock Mass. A good Lenten exercise.

RITE OF ELECTION The usual ceremony will not take place in the cathedral this year as it draws large crowds from all over the diocese! I will be presenting the candidates to the parish during the 10.30am Mass today. Please remember the candidates in your prayers: John Boxwell, Toni-Marie Conlan and Scarlet Shannon. Thank you very much.

This Friday is Lent Fast Day; we will be taking our annual CAFOD envelopes collection on Sunday 21st March.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: 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.

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: Thank you for all the food donated after the Masses last Sunday, your donations have helped enormously. We are slowly getting back to some form of normality by having our regular food collection every second Sunday of the month. You can also bring your food items into the parish office during the week; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-12 and 1-4pm. Thank you.

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.

Gift Aid: If you are a regular tax payer this is the easiest way to raise parish funds at no extra cost to yourself. We get the money from the TAX Man on any monies you donate each week. So please think about joining the gift aid scheme. A reminder: if you are paying by cheque: please make the cheque payable to **ERDINGTON ABBEY PARISH ACCOUNT**. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners, So we have reached the first Sunday of Lent! It was good to see the large numbers who came out for Ash Wednesday. I hope you will try your best to come to Mass during Lent and also Stations of the cross after the 10 o'clock Mass every Friday.

To our families in the parish, I hope you had a good break and feel refreshed. Don't forget the Church welcomes you every Sunday to Mass! Please try to make this part of your family routine. Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR