



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

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MASS: 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.

14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th February

6.00pm: Fr John Peyton

Sunday 14th February

8.00am: Julia Joseph

9.15am: Maureen Joyce RIP

10.30am Maureen Flinter RIP

12.00 noon: All Parishioners

6.00pm: Sharron Gillespie

Monday 15th February

10.00am: Ellen & Ted

Broderick RIP

No Evening Mass

Tuesday 16th February

10.00am: Sean & Beatrix

Thompson & Family

Wednesday 17th February

Ash Wednesday

10.00am: Christine Barez RIP

7.30pm: Jerry & Josie Sweeney

Thursday 18th February

10.00am: Mary Walsh

11.30am: Ursula Gibbs *Requiem*

No Evening Mass

Friday 19th February

10.00am: Michael McMahon RIP

Saturday 20th February

9.30am: Maymol Matthew RIP

6.00pm: Hannah McHugh RIP

Sunday 14th February

8.00am: Anthony Malone

9.15am: Margaret Henry RIP

10.30am: All Parishioners

12.00 noon: Ian Roberts RIP

6.00pm: Mary Lennon

PLEASE PRAY FOR : Annabella Maric, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd and Stephen O'Reilly who are sick and for Julie Barnes and Michael O'Reilly who have died.

ASH WEDNESDAY begins our season of Lent and is a day of fasting and abstinence. We will be having two Masses: 10.00am and 7.30pm. The distribution of ashes will be slightly different this year; you are asked to remain seated in your bench while Father and a minister will come forward, as at communion time, and sprinkle a small amount of ash on your head.

WALK WITH ME. Your daily reflections during Lent starts this Wednesday. Copies which can be found as you leave Church or from the Parish office cost £1.00 please. Spiritual reading can be a good Lenten exercise!

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.

THE SVP thank you for your donations today for the monthly retiring collection.

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK: Thank you for your contributions to the food bank today. As was mentioned in last week's bulletin, the Food Bank is in urgent need of food items. They are helping over 1,200 families each week. with a queue starting at 9.30am in the morning before the doors open at midday! Every second Sunday the SVP members will be collecting food items from the Church porch. There will be a reminder in the bulletin the week before. 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,

We had a lovely requiem Mass for Father Joyce on Friday. I hope you were able to live-stream it yourselves and be a part of the Mass. May he rest in peace.

Lent is upon us once again but at least we are in a better position than we were last year! I will advise you at a later date of the arrangements for the Easter Triduum.

I believe this week is the school half term. I hope you all have a good rest and enjoy your time with your family.

Lord as I begin my Lenten journey of prayer, discipline and almsgiving, I pray that you will open my mind and stir my heart to follow you more faithfully. May my Lenten sacrifices lead me to repentance and resolution to live my life for your greater honour and glory. Amen.