



# 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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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.

28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions

#### Second Sunday of Lent

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February

6.00pm: Sean & Josie

Johnson RIP

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am: Mary Wilkinson

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Shaun Moloney RIP

12.00 noon: John Quinn

6.00pm: Ann Perry RIP

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

#### Feast of St David

10.00am: Bridie Dunne RIP

No Evening Mass

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

#### Feast of St Chad

10.00am: Raymond Cooney RIP

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

10.00am: Moloney Family

No Evening Mass

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am: Orla M<sup>c</sup>Greal

No Evening Mass

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am: Christine Short RIP

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am: Linda Ward

6.00pm: Frances Burke RIP

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am: Kate Houston &

Maureen Graham RIP

9.15am: Vashtee Steer RIP

10.30am: All Parishioners

12.00 noon: Mary T. Daly RIP

6.00pm: Teresa Mee RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR :** Annabella Maric, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd, Stephen O'Reilly and Frank O'Sullivan who are sick and for Joseph Bracken who has died.

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

**Please keep in your prayers the RCIA candidates** John Boxwell, Toni-Marie Conlan and Shannon Scarlett, who will receive the sacraments at Easter.

**Lenten Penitential Evening** will be on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.** Please make a note of this date in your diary.

**Next Sunday** there will be a collection for the Cathedral Maintenance.

**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:** We are 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. Please do not bring clothes in with the Food Bank Donations as we can not take these at the Parish Centre.

**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.

### *Never Lose Hope*

*were you even to drive  
me from your presence,  
My Lord, I would still  
not stop hoping in you.  
You are my saviour.  
Your wounds encourage  
me to hope for every  
good from your mercy.  
I love you, dear Jesus, I  
love you and I hope in  
you.*

Dear Parishioners,

After listening to the Prime Minister this week we are heading for a release from the lockdown. Although the lockdown will end in stages we will still be social distancing, santising our hands as we come into Church and the seating arrangements in Church will remain the same. Most of us have probably had the vaccination but we still need to be cautious. Stewards, I thank you most sincerely for your time and efforts in making sure we are all safe.

Our children are going back to school on the 8th March: this must be a blessing for our mom's and dad's as I can only imagine how hard it is to educate your children at home when you are not a teacher. We pray that they will be safe in our schools and enjoy being back with their friends and enjoy the learning!

I hope you are continuing with your Lenten duties: keep up the good work. It's good to see many of you at Mass during the week.

Have a blessed week.

Fr Elias CSSR