



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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MASSES: 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 March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

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Saturday 20th March

6.00pm: Hugh McCallion RIP

Sunday 21st March

8.00am: Colin Walsh

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Margaret Farquaher

12.00 noon: Elizabeth Burns RIP

6.00pm: Betty Lordan RIP

Monday 22nd March

10.00am: Thanksgiving (Howley)

No Evening Mass

Tuesday 23rd March

10.00am: John Leyden RIP

11.00am: Joseph Bracken

Funeral Service

Wednesday 24th March

10.00am: Holy Souls

No Evening Mass

Thursday 25th March

Annunciation of the Lord

10.00am: Irene Pilnick RIP

No Evening Mass

Friday 26th March

10.00am: John Lawlor RIP

Saturday 27th March

9.30am: Margaret & Keith Danks

6.00pm: Ita Henson RIP

Sunday 28th March

Palm Sunday.

8.00am: Johnny Carrabin RIP

9.15am: Miss Orange RIP

10.30am: All Parishioners

12.00 noon: Pam Madden RIP

6.00pm: Bridie Kiernan

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal word, You became incarnate as man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You, through whom the universe was created, began your earthly course, in the womb of a humble and chaste Virgin. At the Annunciation of this miracle, Mary responded in faith: "Let it be done to me according to your word." May we who are made new creatures of your grace, respond to such faith, when you call us to your service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR : Fr John Kearns, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd and Stephen O'Reilly who are sick and for Gerard McEvelly and Annabella Maric who have died.

Fr John Kearns: As you know Fr John has been saying Mass at the Abbey for many years. Fr John has written to you as follows: *It is with great sadness that I let you know that I have been diagnosed with cancer. I very much miss saying Mass in the Abbey, my home parish, and meeting parishioners. I would be very grateful for your prayers for me and my family. Thank you.*

Congratulations to our last group of children who made their first Holy Communion today. **NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION** on the anniversary of the first lockdown this Tuesday 23rd March. The Bishops' Conference have asked us to hold this day as a day of Reflection and Prayer for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year.

CAFOD ENVELOPES: Thank you for returning your Cafod Envelope this week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday during Lent, after the 10'o'clock Mass. .

Lenten Penitential Evening: There will be two penitential services during Holy Week, the first being on **Monday 29th March** and the second on **Tuesday 30th March both starting at 7pm.** The forms remain in the church porch for you to tick if you wish to attend, this is to help us plan ahead. Thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER Although we will not be able to have the usual show of flowers in the church this year, you are welcome to donate any money towards decorating the Church for Easter in memory of a loved one. Please leave your name and donation in the Parish Office. Any money we have over will be used for flowers in the church during the year. A list of those to be remembered will be displayed in the porch at Easter. Thank you.

Confessions: in the Hall on Wednesday after the 10am Mass and Saturday after the 9.30 Mass.

PARISH OFFICE open Mon-Fri 9-12.00 and 1-4.00pm. If you need to visit the office, please ensure you wear a face mask. Thank you. **PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE will be Closed all day Wednesday (24th).** If you need to speak with a priest during this time please ring 0121 373 0143. **HOLY SHOP** is closed during lockdown.

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK Thank you for your donations.

ABBAY CEMETERY Please do not place plants, pots or stones on the grassed area of the graves and cremation plots. As stated in the deeds these graves and plots are to be kept clear to allow the area to be mowed, thank you. Please also note no dogs are allowed in the cemetery.

GIFT AID: As quite a few Gift Aiders signed up for the standing order, it has been necessary to reduce the Gift Aid envelopes. This means that we need to consolidate the envelope numbers; therefore, when you receive your new box it will most probably have a new number. We cannot start this process until after the 11th April (the end of the tax year) and so the envelopes for next year will not be available until late April. Thank you very much for all the offertories we receive.

Dear Parishioners, Our Triduum celebrations this year will take a very simple form. On Maundy Thursday evening there will be no symbolic action of 'washing the feet'. On Good Friday 'Veneration of the Cross' will be done in a different way than the usual and on Holy Saturday there will be no 'Easter fire' and our candidates will now receive the sacraments at a later date. However disappointing we may feel about this, we are in a much better position than last year! Because the Triduum is a series of unique services I have decided that we will live-stream the three main services. I will give you further details next week. I trust you will keep Fr John in your prayers and we will keep you informed of his progress. Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR