

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

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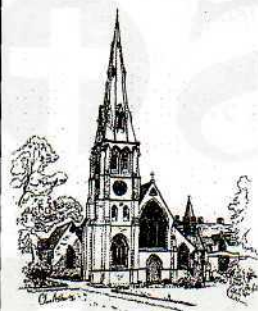
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"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with him, as to the dearest and most loving of friends"
St Alphonsus

11th April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Devine Mercy Sunday

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th April

6.00pm: Alan & Philomena
Romney & Family RIP

Sunday 11th April

Divine Mercy Sunday

8.00am: Kathleen Smith RIP
9.15am: All Parishioners
10.30am: Joseph Bracken RIP
12 noon: Ollie Eivors RIP
6.00pm: John & Mairin Coll RIP

Monday 12th April

10.00am: Helena & Bernard
Rogers RIP
11.00am: Teresa Moloney
Requiem

Tuesday 13th April

10.00am: Peter McGrath RIP

Wednesday 14th April

10.00am: Wayne & Glyn
Sweeney RIP

Thursday 15th April

10.00am: Maureen Powley RIP

Friday 16th April

10.00am: Bridget Carey RIP

Saturday 17th April

9.30am: Beryl Gilsenan RIP

6.00pm: Michael Rafferty

Sunday 18th April

8.00am: Eithne O'Rourke RIP
9.15am: All Parishioners
10.30am: Fr John Kearns
12.00noon: Thanksgiving
(B. O'Reilly)
6.00pm: Paul Callaghan RIP

*Risen and redeeming Christ, you have entered into my pain and struggle and blessed me abundantly. In your gentle presence I have been given hope that no matter what may come my way, I can face tomorrow. Thank you for being such a present help, making this Lenten and Easter journey a source of spiritually growth and renewal. This journey encourages me to never stop walking towards your goodness and glory.
Alleluia!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Fr John Kearns, Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Catherine Ford, Easton Hurd, Stephen O'Reilly, Michael Rafferty and Daphne M^cCarthy who are sick.

*Thank you for your Easter Offering to the
Redemptorist Community.*

Welcome: At the 6 o'clock Mass last night (Saturday), our RCIA candidates received the sacraments and they now participate fully in the life of the Catholic Church. This is a wonderful time for our parish community and on your behalf I congratulate John Boxwell, Toni-Marie Conlon and Shannon Scarlett. My thanks also to the RCIA team who over the last six months have supported them through their journey. A truly blessed achievement.

9.15am Mass: I would like to try and get the children back involved with the readings at the 9.15am Mass. First of all, parents, I encourage you to bring your children to Mass on Sundays. If you haven't visited the Church over Easter, The Abbey is one of the safest places you could visit, much safer than the supermarket! Your hands are sanitised, there is a 'Track and Trace' and also social distancing system in place—so you see, it is a very self place for you and your family to be in! If your child is in Y3, they are welcome to read the bidding prayers. These will be given to your child on the day and will be an easy and familiar text for them to read. If your child is in Y4 or above they are welcome to read either the reading and/or the psalm. The readings will be given to you the week before so that the children can read over them during the week. Due to social distancing the rota will be left in the parish office. Please ring 373-0143 to place your child on the rota. We will begin the rota on Sunday 25th April and it will run up until half term and begin again after half term. Lets move forward together praising God in our parish community.

PARISH OFFICE will be **open** during the week from 9-12.00 and 1-4.00pm. Closed Wednesday afternoon. The **HOLY SHOP** will be back open this week with the ladies raring to help you. Opening times Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00 and 2.30-3.45pm. Closed all day Wednesday.

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

ERDINGTON FOOD BANK thank you for your donations today. If you forgot your donations, you can bring your food items to the Parish Office during the week; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-12 and 1 - 4pm.

GIFT AID ENEVELOPES: 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 all for the offertories we receive.**

My Dear Parishioners, I mustn't forget to thank the members of the flower group who prepared the church flowers at home and the wonderful Easter Garden which has made the Church look so lovely. It was lovely also to hear the Abbey bells ring before the 10.30am Mass last week. These are all good signs of the Church getting back to it's normal routine. Parents please take note of the notice for the 9.15 Mass!
Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR