



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.

"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

18th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th April

6.00pm: Michael Rafferty

Sunday 18th April

8.00am: Eithne O'Rourke RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am Fr John Kearns RIP

12.00 noon: Thanksgiving
(B. O'Reilly)

6.00pm: Paul Callaghan RIP

Monday 19th April

10.00am: Peter Lane RIP

No Evening Mass

Tuesday 20th April

10.00am: Barrie Baxter RIP

Wednesday 21st April

10.00am: Mary Philip

No Evening Mass

Thursday 22nd April

10.00am: Tom O'Rourke RIP

No Evening Mass

Friday 23rd April

Solemnity of St George

10.00am: John Hanbury RIP

Saturday 24th April

9.30am: Anne & Tony
Holland RIP

6.00pm: Mary Tooth RIP

Sunday 25th April

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Michael Scally RIP

10.30am: Tony Collins RIP

12.00 noon: Connor Family RIP

6.00pm: Fr Allen

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

Fr John Kearns RIP: It is with deep sadness that I tell you that Fr John died very peacefully on Wednesday evening. I had the privilege of ministering to Father and comforting his family in their sad loss. Fr John will be a great loss not only to the Passionists but also to our Abbey community. The Abbey was very much an extended part of his life and we were very grateful for that. May Father rest in Peace in the Lord. Blessed Dominic Barbari pray for him.

BACK TO SCHOOL: I hope all our children and young adults have had a good Easter break and are looking forward to school tomorrow! I also include our students at university, I have seen some of you at Mass. As you go back to your studies to work hard remember that the Church is always with you and looks forward to seeing you each Sunday. Don't be a stranger!

9.15am Mass: Perhaps many of you have been in holiday mode but now we are getting back to some sort of normal routine I would like to draw your attention to the children and young people who read at the 9.15 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 safe 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, and this includes those at secondary school, 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. It is important that our young people get involve with parish life and this is a great way to start. So please think about it and ring the parish office to put your name down. Thank you very much.

THE SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday will be for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund.

Confessions: We will continue to have confessions in the Hall on Wednesday after the 10am Mass and Saturday after the 9.30 Mass.

HOLY SHOP : is now open during the week. Opening times Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00 and 2.30-3.45pm. Closed all day Wednesday.

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.

FOOD BANK appeal last Sunday was not quite as good as Sunday's before lockdown.. Erdington Food Bank do rely on the generosity of the Abbey parishioners to help them provide food for the homeless. Let us try and get back into a routine so that every second Sunday of the month you bring your items with you to Mass and leave them in the porch. Thank you also to those who have given donations which are passed on. If you forget on the second Sunday you can drop you food items into the Hall during the office hours. Thank you for supporting this good cause.

Catholic Newspapers: It was not viable for us to have the papers to sell as we were loosing money each week! If you wish to have a newspaper delivered free please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or ring 0161 820 5722.

Have a blessed week. Fr Elias CSsR

*O God, you granted to St George strength and constancy in the various torments which he sustained for our holy faith; help us to preserve, through his intercession, our faith from wavering doubt, so that we may serve you with a sincere heart faithfully unto death.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen*