



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

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MASSSES: 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

6th June 2021

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th June

Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ.

6.00pm: John Paul Reddan RIP

Sunday 6th June

8.00am: Kathleen

O'Mahoney RIP

9.15am: All Parishioners

10.30am: Mary Creighan RIP

12.00 noon: Michael O'Reilly

6.00pm: Ron Harris RIP

Monday 7th June

10.00am: Brian M^cCashin RIP

No Evening Mass

Tuesday 8th June

10.00am: Fr John Sherrington

Wednesday 9th June

10.00am: John Woulfe RIP

No Evening Mass

Thursday 10th June

10.00am: Kathleen Boyle Snr

No Evening Mass

Friday 11th June

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

10.00am: Elizabeth

Wannermacher RIP

Saturday 12th June

9.30am: Mary, Bernard &

Maureen Holian RIP

6.00pm: Mary Callaghan RIP

Sunday 13th June

8.00am: John Broderick

9.15am: Charlie Gallagher RIP

10.30am: Joseph O'Neill &

Diane Tsopanis RIP

12.00 noon: Tom & Margaret

Kavanagh RIP

6.00pm: All Parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dee Dunston, Imelda Holland, Easton Hurd, Stephen O'Reilly, Larry Shiel and Bridget Butler who are sick at this time, and for Chris Williams, Catherine Ford who have died.

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. Another wonderful feast we celebrate today is Jesus in the Eucharist. This feast goes back to 1246 celebrated in a parish and in 1264 Pope Urban IV made it a feast for the whole Church. Although during these past years we haven't been able to celebrate the Eucharist as often as we would like, the Church has now opened its doors and Mass is celebrated everyday in the Abbey and seven Mass to fulfil the Sunday obligation. So we are very blessed here at the Abbey to worship and receive the Eucharist and I urge you now (if you are able), to take up the invitation from the Church and come to Mass. The live-streaming Masses were very helpful at a time when the Churches were closed but now Churches are open and there is no better way then to receive the Lord in person. I commend our regular parishioners who come to 10 o'clock each day, you are the engine of the parish, a great drive for the Church to move forward.

Archbishops Letter. Next week there will be an important pastoral letter from the Archbishop focusing on the Diocesan Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years after more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions. The aim is for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith.

THE SVP will be collecting food items for the Erdington Food Bank next weekend. Please leave your donated food items in the porch on your way into church. Thanks to your generosity the Food Bank is able to help many people who are in need. Thank you for supporting this good cause each month. The SVP will be taking their Retiring Collection next weekend to help those in need in the parish and in the local area. Thank you.

Cheques to the Abbey: If you pay by cheque for almsgiving in the offertory please make your cheque payable to **'ERDINGTON ABBEY PARISH ACCOUNT'**. Thank you.

HOLY SHOP open this week. Holy Communion, Confirmation Cards and gifts are now on sale. Also a large variety of Mass Cards and other gifts. The shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30-12.00 and 2.30-3.45pm. Closed all day Wednesday.

THE CHILDREN OF THE ABBEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL will be "welcoming a stranger" as part of refugee week commencing 14th June this year. They will be taking part in a sponsored walk in order to raise awareness of the plight endured by many men, women and children each day. They aim to experience and empathise with the difficulty of these journeys as they replicate the journey from Calais to Erdington in order to show their support and raise awareness to others.

If you can support the event, please donate via the Just Giving page, <https://www.justgiving.com/team/AbbeyRC>.

Dear Parishioners, I hope you have had a good week. We have had visitors again this week Bishop Ralph who came for a funeral and our Provincial stayed over night. It was good to see then. I hope the children are ready to go back to school! Don't forget the 9.15 family Mass each Sunday, lets get back into the routine! Have a blessed week.

Fr Elias CSsR

Soul of my saviour,
sanctify my breast;
body of Christ,
be thou my saving guest;
blood of my saviour,
bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water
flowing from thy side.