

English Martyrs Church
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Clergy-Rev. Robert Murphy. Organist- Thomas G Howell.

The parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Services & Intentions

Sunday 14th December 10.00. Advent 3.

Fr Pat Gilsenan & Denise.

Felix Harten (anniv.)

Margaret Hanratty.

Tuesday 16th. 6.00pm

Reception into church for Bridget Dellane.

Wednesday 17th. 10.00 am

Funeral Mass for Bridget Dillane.

Sunday 21st. December. 10.00 Advent 4.

Mary Malarchy. Austin McLoughlin.

Frank Walsh. Mary Sheridan.

Order of Service- Advent 3.

Prayers & Readings as Mass Missalette.

Hymns/Music.

O come, O come Emmanuel. Flor Peeters.

133. Come thou long expected Jesus.

138. Creator of the stars of night.

Ave Maria.

522. O come O come Emmanuel.

Prepare thyself, my soul. Kittel.

We pray for those who are sick/recovering

Maureen Flanagan, Elizabeth Kelly. Fr. Patrick Gilsenan, Denise Bowden. Maureen Byrne.

Christmas at English Martyrs- Christmas Day 10.00. Christmas at St. Annes- Christmas Eve 3.00pm.

Last Sunday's Collection- Church, £ 160.63.

Donating Money to Holy Family Church, Gaza.

Please put any cash donations into the Wall Box back of the church, in the entrance way- there is a label on the box front. We believe this money can be delivered through **Friends of the Holy Land** organisation which has contacts in that area.

Recent Clergy Deaths.

Fr. David Keniry who died on 9th December.

Following his ordination on 13th march 1965, Fr. David served as priest at St. Teresa's, Perry Barr, St Peter's, Gloucester, Cotton College, St. Michael's, Wolverhampton, Christ the King, Coventry. He was parish priest at St. Philip's, Ilmington, St. Peter the Apostle, Leamington Spa and St. Mary's, Brewood. He also founded and served at The Arc of the Covenant, Coventry.

Monsignor Vaughan Frederick John Morgan CBE who died on 5th December.

Mgr. Vaughan was ordained in 1957. He first served as priest in the diocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh and was appointed a chaplain to the Royal navy in 1962. He became the principal Roman Catholic Chaplain and Vicar General of the Bishopric of the Forces in 1979. In 1984 he was appointed to the Oratory School in Oxfordshire. He began his final appointment as parish priest of Charlbury in 1997, retiring in 2007.

The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* seeks to legalise assisted suicide.

On Friday 20 June 2025 MPs voted on the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*.

They voted to legalise assisted suicide in England and Wales by 314 : 291 votes, a majority of 23. This was lower than the 55 vote majority at the first vote in November 2024, with many MPs switching sides to vote against, but not enough to stop the Bill.

The Bill is now with the House of Lords for examination.

The chief whip in the House of Lords has assigned an extra 10 days at the start of 2026 for the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* to be debated.

The House of Lords will now sit, and consider the Bill on, **9, 16, 23 and 30 January; 6 and 27 February; 13, 20 and 27 March and 24 April.**