

English Martyrs Church
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March 8st 2026

Birmingham North & East Deanery.
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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 8th. 10.00. Third of Lent.

Elizabeth Kelly. Helen Mullooly. Liam Mitchel.

Sunday 15th. 10.00. Forth of Lent.

Elizabeth Kelly. Chris Keating. Maureen Byrne ints

Tuesday 17th. 10.00 (School) People of the parish.

We pray for those who are sick/recovering

Maureen Flanagan. Fr Patrick Gilsenan.

Those who have died recently.

Anthony Joules. Liam Mitchell. Elizabeth Kelly. Mary Healy.

Order of Service-

Prayers & Readings as Mass Missalette.

Sung parts include:

Psalm. Holy Holy. Lamb of God.

Hymns/Music

Adagio from Voluntary II Stanley.

233. Guide me O thou great Redeemer.

498. My God I love thee not because.

Lenten Prose.

319. Jesu lover of my soul

Solemn March from Joshua. Handel.

Last Sunday's Collection- £ 177.40. 2nd collection for Cafod. £73.77

Lent Talks. On Radio 4 and BBC Sounds, Sundays in Lent at 7.45pm.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Sunday 8th March immediately after the Mass in the meeting room.

New recruits.

Nearly 800 people gathered on the First Sunday of Lent for this year's Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral, one of the largest attendances in recent memory. With the cathedral at capacity, many families, sponsors, and parish communities joined the celebration from the Grimshaw Room, where the liturgy was live-streamed and accompanied by Bishop Tim Menezes.

The annual Rite of Election marks an important moment for those who will enter the Catholic Church at Easter. It is the occasion when Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and Candidates (those preparing to be received into full communion) are formally presented to the Archbishop and the Bishops. This year, approximately 304 Catechumens and Candidates, along with their guests and supporters, represented a wide range of parishes across the Archdiocese. Many children aged 10-12 were also among this year's group, reflecting the diverse faith journeys taking place within parish communities.

Diocesan Vocations Office.

Following a successful day last year, we have another date for our **Young Discerners Group** to meet.

On Saturday 9th May, young men in school years 9 to 11 who feel they might be called to the priesthood can meet together at our diocesan seminary, St. Mary's College, Oscott. They will find out more about the priesthood and seminary life, spend time in prayer, meet seminarians, and explore how to discern.

Their parents are also invited to attend as part of a parallel programme, where they can have a tour of Oscott and meet with a priest's parents, who can answer their questions.

Booking is essential for this event for both catering and safeguarding reasons.

Contact Deacon Owen on deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk or phone 0121 321 5135

Confirmations and First Communions 2026

The date for Confirmations is Saturday 14th March at 10.00.

The date for First Communions is Saturday 16th May at 10.00

Candidates from all three schools- St. Bernards, St. Annes and English Martyrs- will be present as falling numbers across the schools do not justify individual services