

**English Martyrs Church**  
**B11 3JN**

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2025.**

**Birmingham North & East Deanery.**  
**Area bishop- Rev David Evans**  
**Dean- Rev. Andrew Franklin**

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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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 10.00. 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OT  
Maureen Flanagan.

Bridie Anderson. Deirdre Griffiths.  
Mary & Thomas Walsh.( anniv.)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. 10.00. school Mass.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. 10.00.

Mae Fagan. Frank Walsh.

Martin Costello. Anthony Herron.

Order of Service- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. November.

Prayers & Readings as Mass Missalette.

Hymns/Music.

*O innocent lamb of God.* Bach.

**239.** Hail Redeemer, king divine.

**696.** the head that once was crowned with thorns.

*Christus Vincit Chant.*

**559.** O worship the king.

*This day in triumph, God the Son.* Bach.

**We pray for those who are sick: Maureen Flanagan, Elizabeth Kelly.**

**Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. in the meeting room- access through car park**

***Walk With Me*** booklets, a journey through Advent, available next weekend. Please donate 50p per book to help cover the cost of purchasing.

**The Blessing of Graves across Birmingham during November.**

The full list of cemeteries, even the little-known ones, is given on the diocesan website [birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

#### **St Chad's Cathedral Christmas Masses 2025**

*Cathedral Carol Service:* 5pm, Sunday 21 December

*Christmas Vigil Mass:* 7.30pm, Wednesday 24 December

*Midnight Mass and Blessing of the crib:* 11.45pm, Wednesday 24 December

*Christmas Day Masses:* 9.30am and 11.30am, Thursday 25 December

**Advent**, from the Latin word *adventus*, which means 'arrival' or 'coming', is the first season of the liturgical year. It begins four Sundays before Christmas, the Sunday falling on or nearest to 30 November, and ends on Christmas Eve. Traditionally observed as a 'fast', it focuses on preparation for the coming of Christ, not only the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas but also, in the first weeks, on the eschatological final coming of Christ, making Advent 'a period for devout and joyful expectation'.

This season is often marked by the Advent Wreath, a garland of evergreens with four candles. Although the main symbolism of the advent wreath is simply marking the progression of time, many churches attach themes to each candle, most often hope, faith, joy, and love.

**Bridget Mary Dillane**, Osborn Rd, Sparkbrook, died on 14<sup>th</sup> November, aged 75 years.

Her funeral Mass will be at English Martyrs Church, Sparkhill, on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 followed by burial at Kings Norton Cemetery.

All Saints Cluster consists of the following parishes-

Sacred Heart & Holy Souls, Acocks Green. Corpus Christi, Stechford.

Holy Family, Small Heath. Our Lady of the Rosary, Saltley.

St. Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green. English Martyrs, Sparkhill.