

St. Anne's, Alcester Street, Birmingham South & Central Deanery

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Services & Intentions 9th-16th March.

Sunday 9th. 11.45. First of Lent.

Mary Matthews. Loretta Gouran.

Saturday 15th. 1.00.

Roy Turner. Marie murphy (anniv.)

Sunday 16th. 11.45. 2nd of Lent.

Martin O Connor. Gerry & Jean & family.

Order of Service on Sunday

Prayers & Readings as on the Missalette

Psalm— Sung response.

Eucharistic Prayer 2 , preface of Lent

Holy Holy , Lord's Prayer, & Lamb of God— sung.

Hymns/music

185. Forty days and forty nights.

524. O Father take in sign of love.

233. Gudie me O thou great Redeemer.

Cafod Family Fast Day is Friday 14th March.

The parish Cafod representative will make the appeal on the weekend of 8th/9th March.

Please take the Cafod envelope, back of church, and use it to put your donation in. these will be collected the following weekend.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Dominic Innamorati, a member of the Congregation of Sacred Heart Fathers (Betharram) SCJ, who was living in retirement with his community in the Olton Friary parish. Fr Dominic died on Saturday 1 March.

Fr Dominic was born in 1931 and educated at Sacred Heart College, Droitwich. He entered the junior seminary and novitiate and made his first profession in 1949. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1955. He taught at Sacred Heart College from 1968-1988 and served in the parishes of Holy Name Great Barr, St Joseph's Leigh and finally at **Ss John & Martin Balsall Heath** where he served for 22 years as Parish Priest before retiring to the community at Olton. We pray for his community, family and friends and parishioners who mourn him. May God grant Fr Dominic eternal rest. Notification of Fr Dominic's funeral details will be issued in due course.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is pleased to announce the completion of the sale of the former St John the Evangelist church, presbytery and school to the Coptic Orthodox Church.

The site in Kidsgrove, north Staffordshire, will now be known as St Mary and St John the Evangelist Coptic Orthodox Church.

The closure of St John's followed canonical procedures and ceased to be a Catholic church in December 2023 after a final Thanksgiving Mass in October.

The former parish of St John's is incorporated into the new Parish of Our Lady of Grace - erected to cover for the former three parishes of St Joseph's (Goldenhill), English Martyrs' (Biddulph) (including St Patrick's Packmoor) and St John's (Kidsgrove). Parishioners from Kidsgrove now attend one of the other churches in the new parish.

St John's is a small, late nineteenth-century brick church in Perpendicular Gothic style, of red brick with stone dressings and under a plain tile roof. It was built in 1892-3.

The sale of the site to the Coptic Orthodox Church means it will continue as a place of worship and for community use.

St. Anne's is part of the inner city cluster of parishes along with St Francis Handsworth, St Joseph's, Nechells, St. Vincent's, Vauxhall, St. Michael's Moor St. St Catherine's Bristol St. St. John & Martin, Balsall Heath. Sacred Heart, Aston, St. Chad's Cathedral.