

Some information about re-opening of churches.

Partial re-opening means that churches will be allowed to open for people to drop in and say a prayer but no services will be allowed.

To watch a service from churches in the Birmingham Archdiocese, go to archdioceseofbirmingham.com which is the website for St. Chad's Cathedral and there you will find a list of churches that are streaming services daily, including the Cathedral itself.

Some of these you have to tune in to at the time of the service but others will have the service recorded for you to look at anytime.

What we are doing now is looking at ways in which we can be ready for re-opening. That means we will have to provide sanitary gel to be used by all who enter the building and all hard surfaces will have to be disinfected between services. (this is going to be challenging!)

Some pews will be available, others, not, to ensure safe social distancing. Face masks and gloves are not compulsory but people may decide to wear their own. Toilets will not be available.

St. Annes and English Martyrs will not be reopening until, at the earliest, mid July, as we need to arrange for cleaning teams to be formed. Stewards will also have to be on duty should we reopen for private prayer. Before the virus it was never the custom to drop into either of the two churches— people only came for Mass at the set times so perhaps it's better to wait for the full reopening with services.

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Recent Deaths.

Philomena Hunt. Known as Phil Hunt, sadly passed away on Thursday morning, 21st May, at 12.10 at the grand old age of 99 years and 8 months. Phil had been a stalwart of English Martyr's parish for 60 years having been president of the UCM for many of those years and a founding governor of St. Bernard's Primary School under the chairmanship of Canon Bernard Hirrell. In her latter years Phil moved out of the parish to live with her son and daughter-in-law in Shirley but will be well remembered at English Martyr's. Phil will be buried with her husband, Syd, on 16th June at Branwood End Cemetery. A memorial Service will be held later in the year in her honour. Details to follow.

Thomas Mc. Partlin.

Tommy came from Newbridge, Dowra, Co. Leitrim, Ireland. He was better known as Tommy Tom Mick. His father was Tom and his grandfather, Mick.

At that time it was the custom to informally name a person after his father and grandfather's first name. Tommy attended the local school, Shannon View, which was unofficially known as The Rock School— it was built on rock and surrounded by rocky landscape. There was a great view from The Rock School. One could see three counties and, in the distance, the first lake on the River Shannon, Lough Allen.

Tommy's parents owned a small farm near the Rock School which they, along with Tommy, managed. Tommy enjoyed fishing in the nearby River Shannon and hunting wildlife. At one time Tommy's parents, Tom and Mary Kate Mc. Partlin, owned a red haired dog. Tommy had fears the dog might be mistaken for a fox— they were so alike. Fortunately the dog came to no harm. During Tommy's early years rural people in Ireland were very sociable and helpful to each other— there was great community spirit.

Sadly, Tommy's mum and dad died at a young age. Being an only child he emigrated to Birmingham to live with his aunt Rose and her husband Mick Dolan- they too have passed away many years ago. Down through the years Tommy would have greatly missed the close community he came from. Living in the city with few friends or relatives would have brought many fears and challenges including loneliness. In later years Tommy lived in sheltered accommodation (Eugene Court.) where as time went by he was helped by a friend, Clair Lowe and her Dad with whom he played chess. They brought a degree of friendship and company into his life.

Submitted by a friend, Tom Forde, London.

**Tommy's funeral service takes place on Tuesday 16th June
at Witton Cemetery. Memorial Mass to follow later this year at St. Annes.**

Newsletter for the week commencing 14th June, 2020

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Mass Intentions at St. Anne's

Sunday 14th. Frank (Cara) Byran

Wednesday Thomas Mc. Partlin Maureen Lynch.

Saturday Rosarie, Brendan Carty and family

Sunday 21st. Peter Ryan. P.J.McArdle.

Mass Intentions at English Martyrs.

Sunday 14th. Brenda Evans.

Tuesday Frank Hamilton.

Friday. Helen Jones.

Saturday Noreen Cody.

Sunday 21st. Michael Calvey Joyce Anderson.

Iris Hynes (nee Foster.) Iris was a native of Birmingham who married Vincent Hynes of Craughwell, Co Galway. They lived in Birmingham for many years and were active members of St. Anne's parish up until Vincent's retirement when they purchased a home next door to the farm Vincent had been born and brought up on.

Iris and Vincent retained contact with the many friends in St. Anne's and with Iris' family in Birmingham. Her funeral took place on 26th May in the local church of Ballymana, Craughwell, and later to the crematorium in Shannon, Co Clare. Link to death notice on rip.ie/death-notice/iris-hynes-craughwell-galway/424097