

*St. Anne's & English Martyr's*

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**3rd. Sunday of Easter**

**Prayers and Readings begin on page 265. Parish Mass Book**

**Become a Catholic**

The Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Birmingham welcome all people to come and visit or worship with us.

You needn't be a baptised Catholic to walk through the doors of our Church or to stay and pray during Mass.

We are very happy that you have come to visit us. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic faith then speak to your local parish priest.

There is a period of instruction prior to being received into the Church that people go through so that they may better understand Catholic beliefs and why we do the things that we do. This is called the Rite of Christian Initiation or is more commonly known as RCIA

This is offered to small groups in some parishes, or may be delivered on a one-to-one basis.

If you are already a Catholic, but have been away from the Church for any amount of time, please know that you are most welcome to return.

You may wish to speak to your parish priest about Confession. Be assured that it is always a great source of joy when someone returns to the Church after being away

**English Martyr's Church. Sparkhill.**

**Saturday May 4th. 5.00pm. Vigil mass for Sunday**

**Intentions. Annie & Phil Hawkins. Bernie Kelly.**

**Sunday May 5th. 10.00.**

**Intentions. Emmet Mullooly. James Martin.**

**Tuesday 7th. May. 10.00.**

**Intentions.**

**Wednesday 8th. May. 7.00pm**

**Reception into church— John Dillane.**

**Thursday 9th. May. 1.30pm.**

**Funeral Mass for John Dillane.**

**Friday 10th. May. 10.00. Schools Mass in church.**

**Intentions. Robert & Francis Wright.**

**Saturday. 11th. May. 5.00pm. Vigil of Sunday.**

**Intentions. Billy Looney.**

**Sunday 12th. May. 10.00. First Communions.**

**Intentions. Peter Payne.**

**Offertory Collection last weekend= 282.22.**

**St Annes Church, Alcester Street.**

**Saturday 4th May, 1.00pm. Vigil mass for Sunday.**

**Intentions. Charlie Boyle. Mary Hedley & Family.**

**Sunday 5th May, 12.00.**

**Intentions. Maureen Lynch. David Powell.**

**Wednesday 8th May, 12.00.**

**Intentions Jackie Keenan. Jim Golden.**

**Saturday 11th. May. 1.00.**

**Intentions. Michael Phelan. (anniv.) Marian Taylor.**

**Sunday 12th. May. 12.00.**

**Intentions. Margaret Adam. Joan Noone.**

**Offertory Collection last weekend= £320.00**

**Cafod donations over Lent= £424.65.**

**From : Birmingham City Council/Planning and Regeneration Team**

In May we will be releasing our statutory planning document that details our vision for revitalising and regenerating 80 hectares of your local area; including Highgate Park, Cheapside and the River Rea.

The "Rea Valley Urban Quarter" document will help us deliver a vibrant mixed use area that will include over 5000 new homes, new jobs, a network of green spaces and a rejuvenated River Rea that will be brought back into use for the public.

We will be entering a formal consultation period on the document in May and we anticipate the consultation period to run from 20th May to the end of June."

The above information has only just been released. We do not know as yet where the venues will be in which to view the plans see the report/literature/ask questions.

We have volunteered the use of St Anne's for this purpose should the council wish to avail of it. The report should be available to read online now— try search under birminghamcitycouncil/regeneration

**First Communions at St Anne's— Sunday 12th May, 12.00 Mass**

**First Communions at English Martyr's Church— Sunday 19th May at 10.00.**

**Saturday May 18th.**

Designated as a Day of Prayer for Vocations at St Annes.

Fr Michael Dolman, director for vocations, will lead the 1.00 Mass.

**Sunday May 19th. At Both Churches Appeal on behalf of Survive Miva**

A Catholic lay association providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the church's pastoral care in places of difficult access.

**Funeral Service— St Anne's**

For the late Michael Bannigan, on Monday 13th May at 10.30

Followed by burial at King's Norton cemetery at 12.30.

**Recent death. Peter Payne**

**St. Anne's Church. Renovation Works.**

The structural survey of the external and internal fabric of the church has now been completed and the findings made known to the Diocesan Property Dept. In the light of these findings, the diocese have appointed an Independent consultant to liaise with parish representatives and present a number of proposals for our consideration: principally, on how the money might be raised to carry out the work which is estimated to be in the region of £800,000.00.

The first meeting will be on 21st May, 7.00pm with the Parish Finance Committee and parish representatives.

**Events elsewhere..**

Annual Solemn Novena to  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

At St Francis of Assisi  
Handsworth

Weekday services at  
9.15 am 12.00. 6.30pm. 8.00pm.

From Monday 13th May  
To Wednesday 22nd May.  
stfrancishandsworth@hotmail.co.uk.

**Birmingham Irish Association**

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