



Souvenir of the
BEATIFICATION of
BLESSED DOMINIC

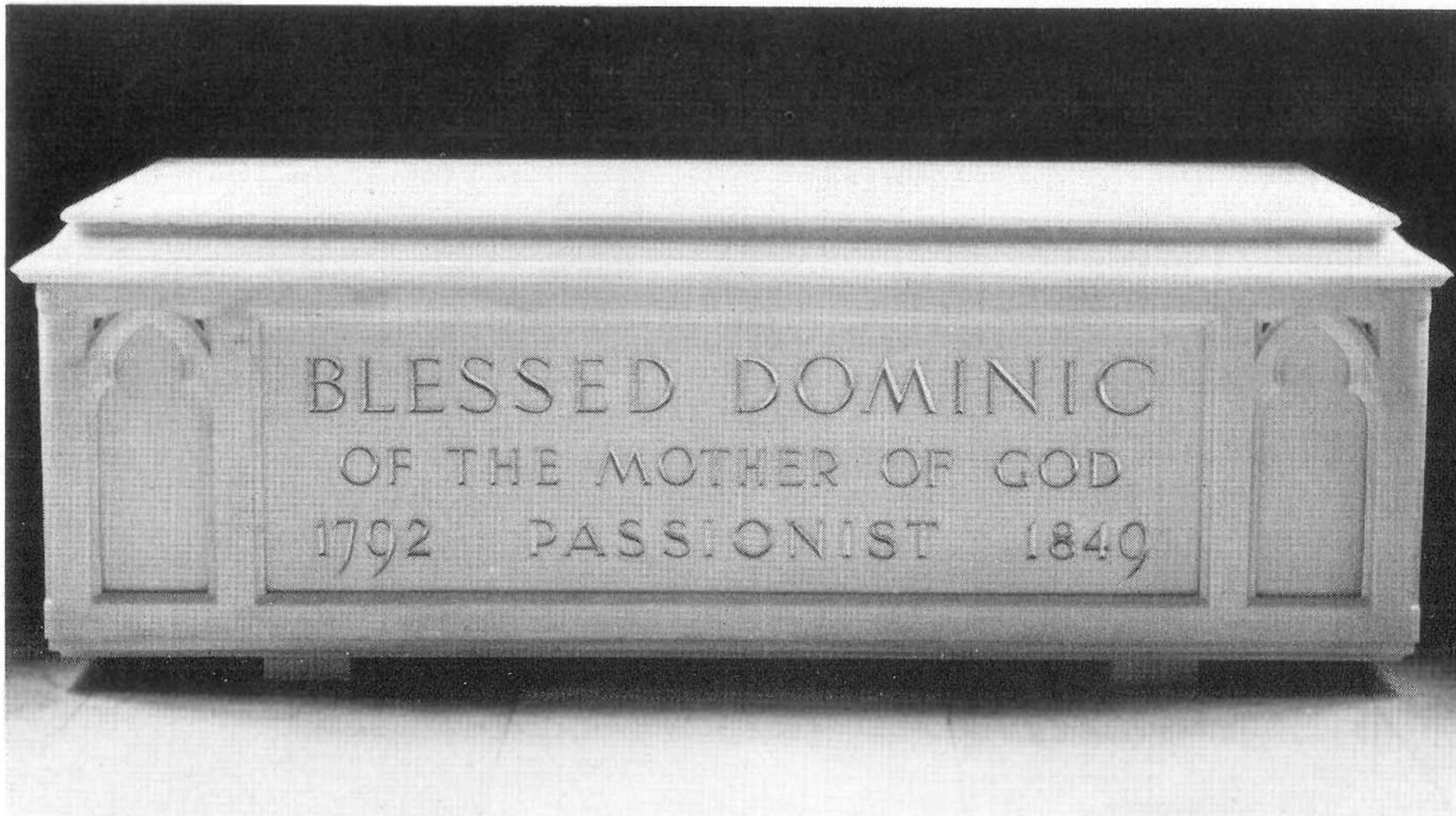
Passionist

27th October 1963

Celebrations at St. Anne's · Sutton · St. Helens

IN the front rank stands Dominic Barberi, worthy of our private prayer and veneration—pending the hour when the Church may authoritatively set him up publicly among her Saints. His virtues and enterprises, divinely marked with the sign of the Cross, will inspire us with new devotion to our country's most sacred cause, the bringing back of all her people to the full knowledge and worship of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in His Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church.

Cardinal Bourne.



Marble sarcophagus in which the body of Blessed Dominic now rests. A new Shrine is being built over it.



**His Holiness, Pope Paul VI,
who on 27th October, 1963, beatified
Fr. Dominic Barberi.**

HERE is a man who, unless he is labouring under a delusion, has learnt by revelation from almighty God that he is destined to be the new apostle of England. He had the spirit of Faith; you could not persuade him the mountains were unmovable.

Mgr. R. Knox, 1948.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Passionist, born at Pallanza, Italy, 1792, died at Reading, 1849, beatified 27th October, 1963.



I WAS on my knees in my poor little room praying that God would provide for the needs of His Church. I heard an interior voice clear and distinct which did not leave a doubt that it was from God. This voice told me that I was destined to announce the truths of the Gospel and bring back strayed sheep into the way of salvation.

Fr. Dominic, 1813.

Viterbo, 60 miles north of Rome. In the background the hill of Pallanzana, birthplace of Blessed Dominic.





ONE day I knelt before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and as I prayed the thought came to me: How was the prophecy of the year before to be fulfilled? . . . In the twinkling of an eye I understood that I was to labour in North-West Europe and especially in England.

Fr. Dominic, 1814.

Kneeling before this altar in the Passionist church of St. Angelo, Vetralla, Dominic received "the infallible assurance" that he was to preach the Gospel in England.



IF I die now it will be the death of
Moses . . . But no! I shall not die but
live to narrate the works of the Lord.

Boulogne, the port from which Dominic sailed for England. Before his departure he climbed to the top of the tower and from there saw England for the first time.

Fr. Dominic, on seeing the English coastline from Boulogne, 1840.



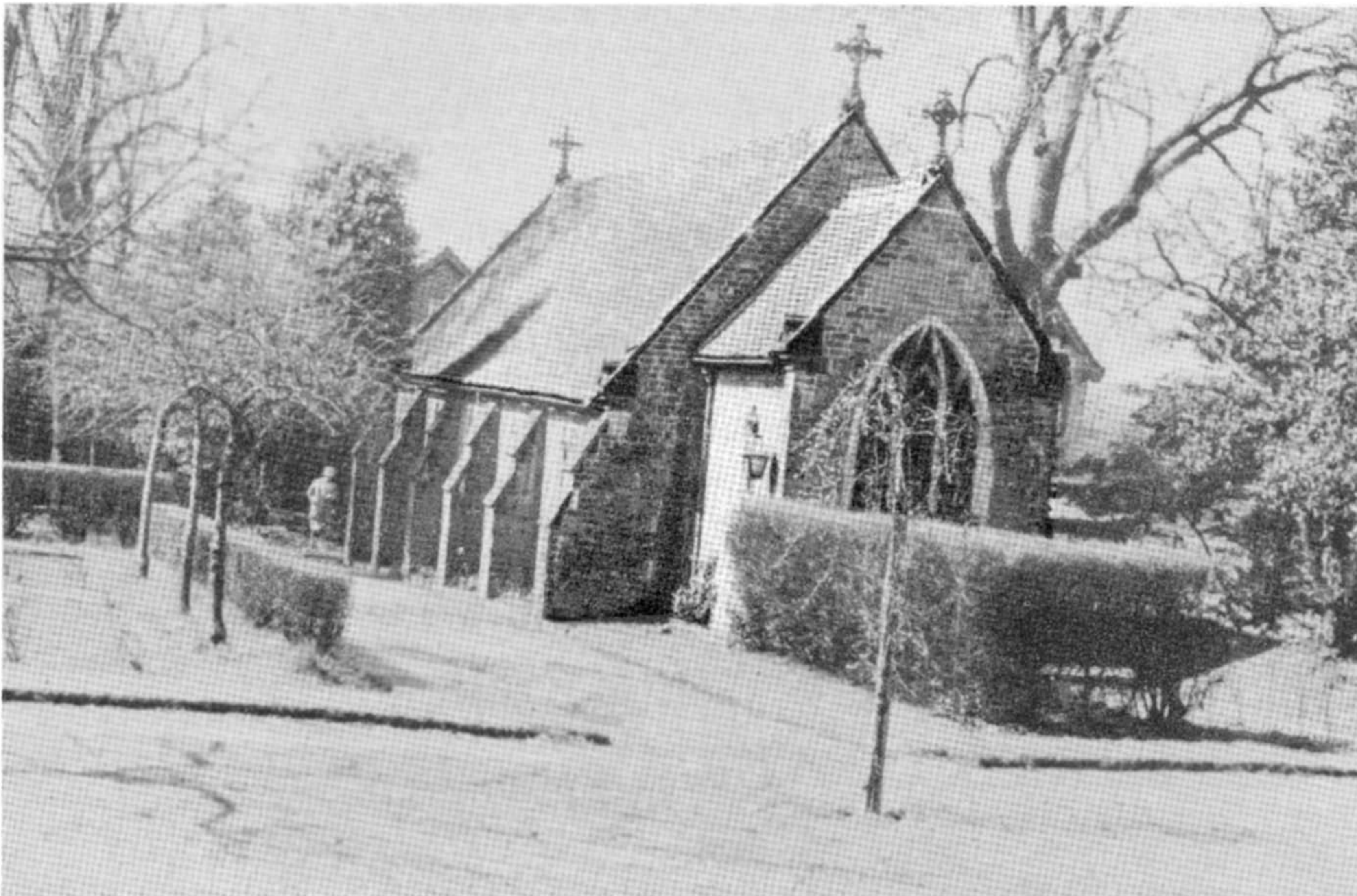
Aston Hall as it is today. In the original buildings Blessed Dominic set up the first Passionist foundation in England, 1842.

I AM sure we English ought to feel most thankful to God for having inspired you with such sentiments towards us . . . He would not have all at once kindled such a flame of love in the heart of Christendom if he did not intend to bring something out of it. Not only has your heart warmed towards us but our hearts have been set on fire by the same flame.

Dalgairns in a letter to Fr. Dominic.

I HAVE recalled a thousand times the vocation I had for this Kingdom (England) before I assumed the Passionist habit: that was in the Church of St. Angelo more than thirty years ago. The memory of it has sustained me in the prolonged adversities I have had to endure here for more than the past two years. That memory has spurred me on to work. At Boulogne I was assured anew of the divine assistance.

Fr. Dominic, 1845.



*Chapel at Stone, near
Aston, designed by
Augustus Welby Pugin and
opened by Dominic on
22nd April, 1844.*

BEATIFICATION DAY

Sunday, 27th October 1963

SOLEMN HIGH MASS

in the Marquee — 5,000 places

at 3 p.m.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Provost John Bennett, Vicar Capitular, Presiding

Special Sermon by

Rev. Fr. Agnellus Andrew, O.F.M.

BLESSING OF THE NEW SHRINE OF
BLESSED DOMINIC

Papal Blessing . . . Solemn Te Deum

NOVENA OF THANKSGIVING

*Saturday, 26th October to
Sunday, 3rd November*

SUNG MASS

Each Evening at 7.30

“Aspects of the Life of Blessed Dominic”

Short Discourse



Monday, 28th October at 6 p.m.

Dialogue Mass of Thanksgiving
for the Religious Sisters
of the Archdiocese

Wednesday, 30th October at 4 p.m.

Dialogue Mass of Thanksgiving
for the Clergy and Brothers
of the Archdiocese



Closing of Novena

Sunday, 3rd November at 3 p.m.

Solemn High Mass

*Very Rev. Fr. Philip, C.P.,
Provincial, Presiding*

Special Sermon
by Very Rev. Fr. Hubert, C.P., Vice-Postulator



WHEN his form came into sight, I was moved to the depths in the strangest way. The gaiety and affability of his manner in the midst of all his sanctity was in itself a holy sermon . . . He was a great lover of England . . .

Cardinal Newman.

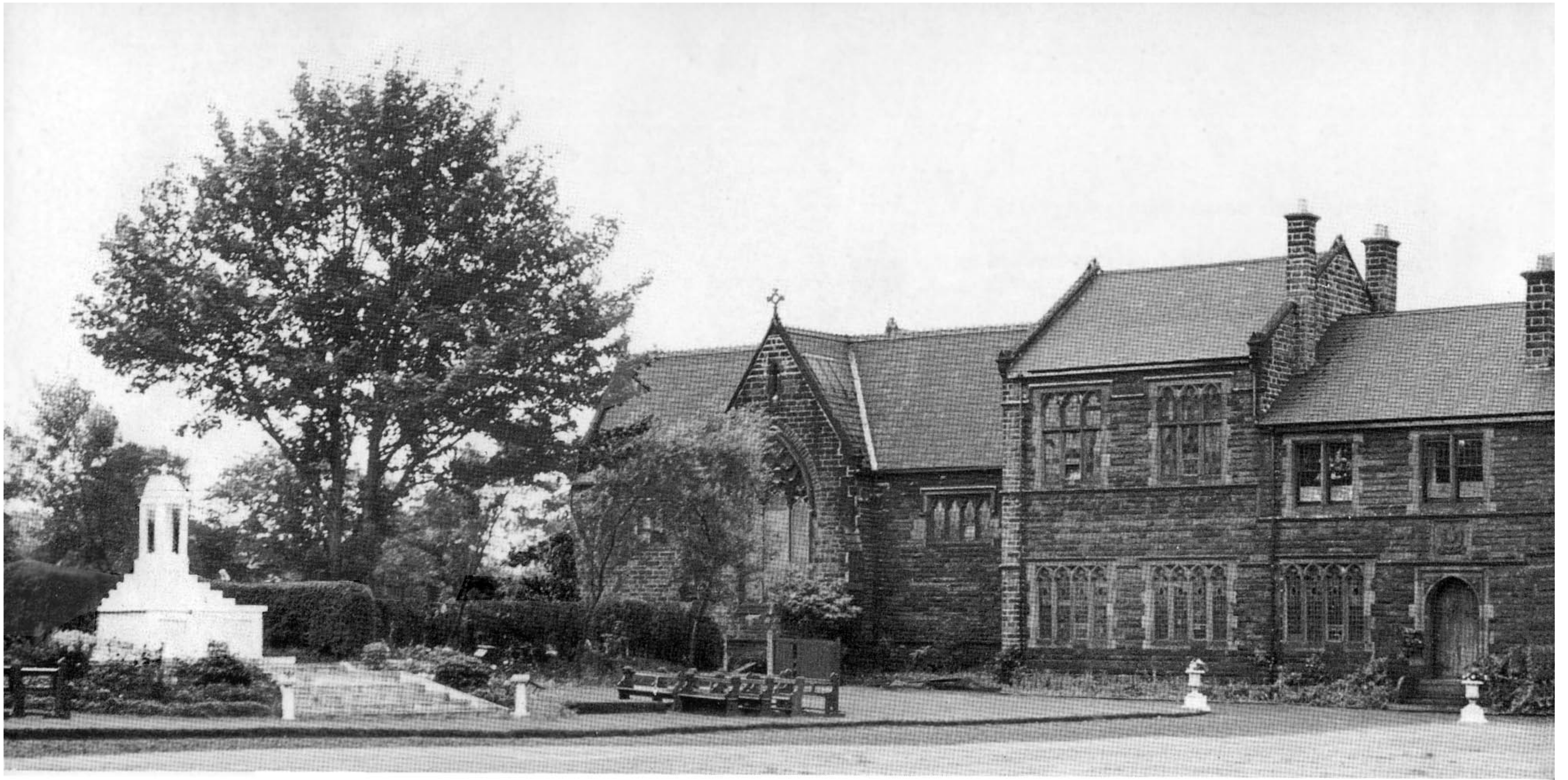
John Henry, later Cardinal, Newman, leader of the Oxford Movement, was received into the Church by Blessed Dominic on 9th October, 1845.



Littlemore, near Oxford, where Newman and some of his companions were leading a monastic style of life. Dominic visited him here on 24th June, 1844, and here received his profession of faith in 1845.

MOST singularly kind in his thoughts of religious persons in our communion. I wish all persons were as charitable as I know him to be.

John Henry Newman before his reception into the Church.



Part of the Monastery and Church of St. Anne, Sutton, St. Helens. Blessed Dominic chose this site, but he died before the building began, 21st September, 1849. In this church are his new shrine and tomb.

HERE I will dwell forever, for I have chosen it.

Fr. Dominic.

IN all my prayers, and in the sacrifice of the Mass I shall have it before my eyes to recommend England to God; and especially at the consecration I shall offer that country . . . and I shall recommend it as far as possible to others so that they also may pledge themselves thereto . . . nor shall I ever cease to do so as long as I live.

(Resolution of Fr. Dominic, 1821).



*Another view of
the Monastery.*



*Interior of the Church of
St. Anne during a
pilgrimage, August, 1963.*

MANY here may live to see the name of Fr. Dominic on the role of the Church's Saints . . . I see in the near future his shrine frequented by multitudes of pilgrims from the whole English-speaking world . . .

Archbishop Keating, 1921.

IT was as though he was a man working against time, keeping death at bay until his task was accomplished.

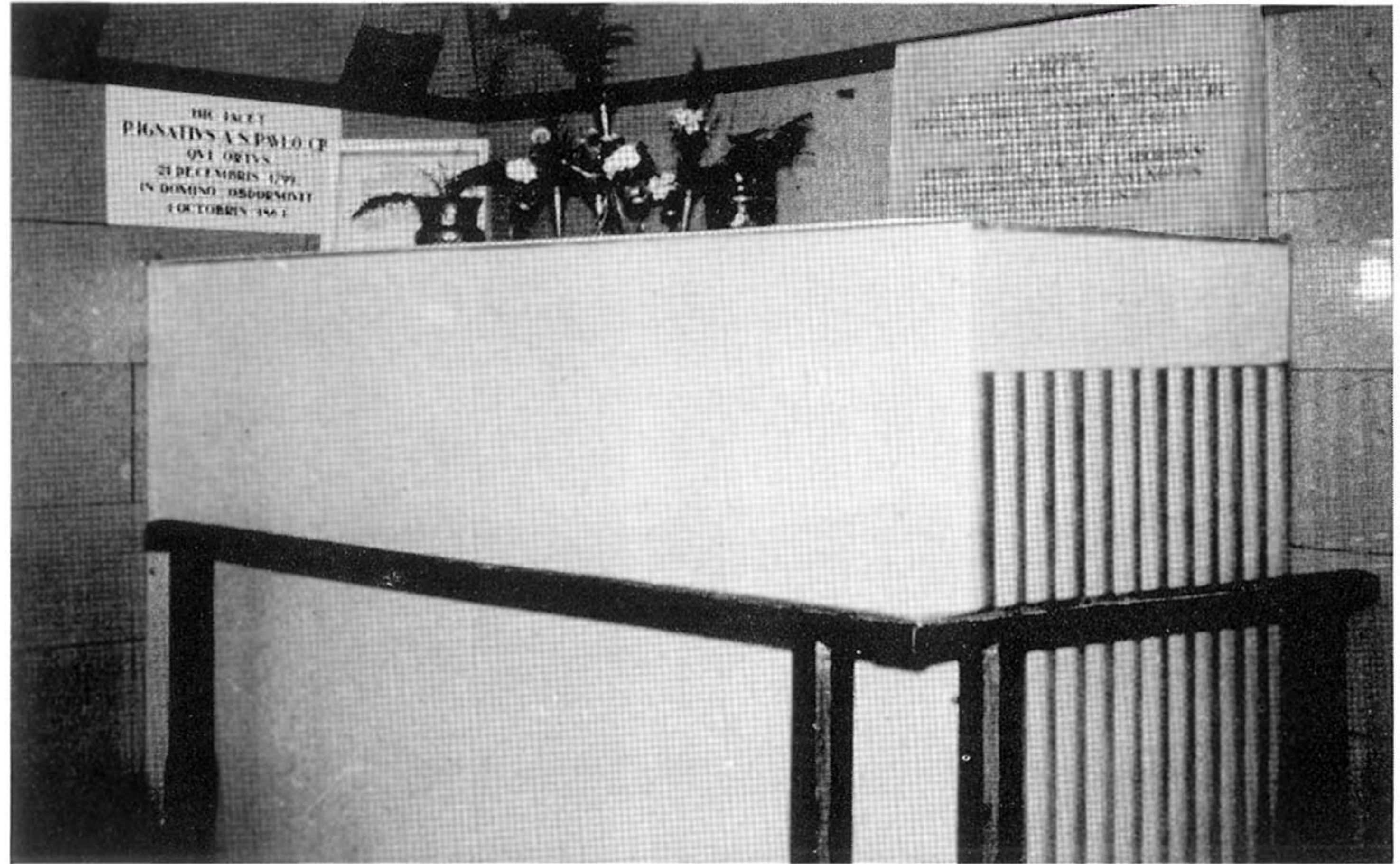
Mgr. R. Knox.



*The Railway Tavern
(now known as The Duke
of Edinburgh Hotel) in
Reading where Blessed
Dominic died on 27th
August, 1849.*

THE inspiring motives of Fr. Dominic's life and work were prayer, wonderful trust in God, and an intense love for the English people for whom he was ready to suffer and die.

*Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham,
later Cardinal Griffin, 1939.*



The old tomb in Sutton where Blessed Dominic rested from 1855 until 14th October, 1963.

GEORGE SPENCER, who as a Passionist became Fr. Ignatius of St. Paul, was born on 21st December, 1799. He practised as an Anglican Minister for eight years before being received into the Catholic Church. In the same year, 1830, he met Fr. Dominic for the first time. He was ordained a Priest in 1832 and entered the Passionist Order in 1847. He became Rector of St. Anne's Retreat, Sutton, in 1863, but died at Carstairs, Scotland, before the end of his term, on 1st October, 1864. His body has since rested in the same crypt as that of his spiritual father and friend, now Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God.

