

About St. Martin Apostolate

For generations, a community of the Dominican Order, based in St. Saviour's Priory in Dominick Street, has served the area of Dublin, as a whole and Catholics around the world.

The St. Martin Apostolate's prelude came in the mid-19th Century, when it was determined that a new Church was needed in Dominick Street. (As a side-note, the street was named after Sir Christopher Dominick, and not from the founder of the Dominican Order.) The driving force for the new Church was Fr Batt Russell, who also built St Mary's, Cork, and with his guiding hand the cornerstone of the new church was blessed in 1852. It was he too who founded the novitiate and House of Studies in Tallaght, which helped to restore regular monastic observance in the Province after the Penal Days.

On 15 January 1861 the new Church opened its doors for the first time and for the next 30 years the community continued to live in Denmark Street, before moving into the new priory in 1891.

It was from within this community that Fr. Coffey O.P. founded the St. Martin Apostolate.

