

Palm Sunday

10 April 2022

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Joan Gromadski RIP Anne & Cecil Storer RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Jim Murray RIP
Wed:	7-8.00pm Confession	
Thurs:	<u>Holy Thursday</u> 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Ellen Bradley RIP
Fri:	<u>Good Friday</u> 11.00am Devotions & Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord	
Sat:	<u>Easter Vigil</u> 6.30pm Mass	Elizabeth Clulow RIP
Sun:	<u>Easter Sunday</u> 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Brenda Bethel RIP John McGauran RIP

Money Matters:

Collections: £469.16
SVP: (So far) £1091.00

For those who regularly contribute to the church via the Envelope Scheme, another option would be to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order –

Lloyds Bank: sort code 30-92-59;
account number 01620555 – English Martyrs, Derby RCP.

Payments to the parish by cheque should be made payable to:
English Martyrs Derby RCP

Sanctuary Lamp:
SVP:

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially William Johnson, Simon Thompson, Lynda King, Christine and Michael Dreuit, Terry Bullock, Alan, Norman Annable, Giovanni Busato, Ian Robinson, Bart Makowski, Joe Migallo, Liam Blaney, Tom Lee, Christopher Turner, all those suffering from COVID-19 and for all on our sick list.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Sanders. May she rest in peace. Please also remember her family in your prayers.

Funeral Details:

Reception into church on **Monday 25 April** at 6.30pm
Requiem Mass at 1.00pm on **Tuesday 26 April**; followed by a service of committal at Trent Valley Crematorium

Planned Giving Scheme - Distribution of Offertory Envelopes

Old envelopes are no longer valid.

If you have not been available to collect your new box, please contact Michael Heffernan, Mary Spray or Barbara Rusk so alternative arrangements can be made.

Prayer of Protection:

Holy Michael the Archangel defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen

First Holy Communion: Classes for 1st Holy Communion will begin after Easter on **Saturday 30 April** at 10.30–11.30am in the church – forms are available at the back of Church; Candidates begin from year 3. Mass of 1st Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 29 May** at 2.00pm at English Martyrs' Church

The Hassocks in the plastic tub at the back of the Church are help yourself freebies, as many as you like. More are available to top up the bin if required.

Diary Dates:

Agape in Holy Week

Mon 11 Apr: - 7.00pm at Methodist Schoolroom

During Lent we are invited to donate toiletries for Susanna House to hand out to male refugees housed in Derby City Centre

Beavale Pilgrimage: 8 May
Walsingham Pilgrimage: 11 June
Rodsley Pilgrimage: 26 June

Can you help? The SVP requires a washing machine for a needy family. If you can help please contact Ray Merrison on 01332 572302. Thank you.

*'In his love he clothes us, enfolds us and embraces us;
that tender love completely surrounds us, never to leave us'*

Julian of Norwich

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Derby Deanery Coach

Join with Bishop Patrick on pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on **Saturday 11th June**. The Derby Deanery Coach departs from St Hugh's in Borrowash (DE72 3HB) at 7.45am (arrive for 7.30am) and leaves Walsingham at 5pm. Please remember to bring your "Picnic". To book a place, please put your name/s, email address, mobile number, emergency contact number and the name of your parish on a note in an envelope along with a cheque made payable to St Alban's RCP (Adults £20 & Children under 16 £13) and post to Walsingham Pilgrimage, St Alban's Presbytery, Roe Farm Lane, Derby, DE21 6ET. There are a limited number of places which are offered on a first come, first served basis and can only be booked by post or dropped off in person.

Would you like to play the pipe organ?:

The Derby & District Organists' Association would like to offer an initial set of six free organ lessons to anyone wishing to learn. The funding of the lessons is possible thanks to a legacy left to the Association by Edmund Stow, an organist, conductor and organ builder who was well known and greatly respected in Derby and Derbyshire. If possible you should already have piano or keyboard facility to the level of about Grade 5, but if this is not the case you are still welcome to enquire. You need to be tall enough to reach the pedals (which probably means you are over twelve years old) but otherwise there are no restrictions on age.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Margaret Eades (English Martyrs Church Organist) after the 11.00am Mass.

The Association are keen to help interested people to improve their technique and supplement the declining number of church organists.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday)

If we listen attentively to the Gospel, we can discern two different dimensions in the event of the washing of the feet. The cleansing that Jesus offers his disciples is first and foremost simply his action – the gift of purity, of the "capacity for God" that is offered to them. But the gift then becomes a model, the duty to do the same for one another. The gift and example overall, which we find in the passage on the washing of the feet, is a characteristic of the nature of Christianity in general. Christianity is not a type of moralism, simply a system of ethics. It does not originate in our action, our moral capacity. Christianity is first and foremost a gift: God gives himself to us – he does not give something, but himself. And this does not only happen at the beginning, at the moment of our conversion. He constantly remains the One who gives. He continually offers us his gifts. He always precedes us. This is why the central act of Christian being is the Eucharist: gratitude for having been gratified, joy for the new life that he gives us.

The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

The liturgy applies to Jesus' descent into the night of death; the words of Psalm 23(24): "Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O ancient doors!" The gates of death are closed, no one can return from there. There is no key for those iron doors. But Christ has the key. His Cross opens wide the gates of death, the stern doors. They are barred no longer. His Cross, his radical love, is the key that opens them. The love of the One who, through God, became man in order to die – this love has the power to open those doors. This love is stronger than death.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

During the Easter Vigil, the Church reads the account of creation as a prophecy. In the resurrection, we see the most sublime fulfilment of what this text describes as the beginning of all things. God says once again: "Let there be light!" The resurrection of Jesus is an eruption of light. Death is conquered, the tomb is thrown open. The Risen One himself is Light, the Light of the world. With the resurrection, the Lord's day enters the nights of history. Beginning with the resurrection, God's light spreads throughout the world and throughout history. Dawn dawns. This Light alone – Jesus Christ – is the true light, something more than the physical phenomenon of light. He is pure Light: God himself, who causes a new creation to be born in the midst of the old, transforming chaos into cosmos.