

2nd Sunday of Easter
18/19 April 2020



Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mass Intentions this week: (said in private)

Sat: John McGauran RIP
Sun: People affected by Cancer

Tues: **Feast of St George**
Pat Greedy RIP

Thurs: Margaret Hennigan RIP
Sat: Bridie Smith RIP
Sun: Norman Winfield RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory

For those who regularly contribute to the church via the Envelope Scheme there are a number of ways you may continue to do so:

Drop the envelope to the Presbytery or put them aside each week for when the present crisis is over.

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

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially William Johnson, Simon Thompson, Lynda King, Christine Dreuitt, our prime minister Mr Boris Johnson, for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all on our sick list.

Please pray also for Fr Slavik Hermanowicz, Hospital Chaplain at Nottingham, who is sick at this time.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul Anne Stack, Fr Joseph McGovern, Fr Stephen Foster, Sr Mary Gonzalvo, a Dominican Sister in Leicester, Chris Hurd, and all who have died from COVID-19. Please also remember their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

Jim Murray – Service of Committal at St Michael & All Angels on 22 April at 11.15am – Close family only

Anne Stack – Service of Committal at Nottingham Road Cemetery on 6 May at 10.30am – Close family only

The Church is now CLOSED and will not be open again for the foreseeable future. Please share this information with anyone who may not have access to the internet.

300 Lottery – Extra Numbers: Continue your 300 lottery numbers for a further 6 months for £30.00. You can either pay by cheque made payable to English Martyrs Parish 300 Development Fund or by cash. Put your name, and number if known, on the envelope and drop into the presbytery. If you are paying by standing order these payments will continue as usual. All profits to buy hymn books at both churches.

300 Club: Here are the winners for April which includes the additional prize of £150.00:

£150	34	Mary Quail
£100	159	Patricia Rogers
£50	80	Margaret Ward
£20	35	Helen Nutman
£20	18	Tom Spray
£10	107	Eddie Houston
£10	156	Christopher Premraj
£10	38	Angela Gregson
£10	59	JM White
£10	42	Pierre-Yves Reynaud
£10	95	Alphyonsus Ward

Total Prize Money £400 Well done all!

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS THE CHEQUES HAVE NOT YET BEEN POSTED. WE HOPE TO SEND THEM OUT SHORTLY.

SVP: For our parishioners who live alone and are sick or self-isolating, and family and friends or neighbours are unable to help you with shopping or obtaining medicines, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message on 01332 574474.

Father M Brentnall VF [Parish Priest]

Contact: 01332 574474

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Knitted Together: With many of us now at home please support this project, publicise it and have a go!

Knit or crochet: Scarves for the homeless ideally about 9in wide and 60in long. (that is about 25cm x 150cm)

Scarves, hats or mittens for babies / young children for those experiencing hardship.

Cannot knit or crochet? – everyone, including children, can still contribute by making pompoms. These will be attached later.

Keep your items until we can move around again and be distributed in autumn / winter.

Any colours, any stitches the choice is yours! Some supermarkets and stores still open do have wool .

Veronica Morrison has balls of red wool which she is happy to deliver to the doorstep in the locality of her walks for exercise.

Contact on email veron.morrison@gmail.com

During this time of lockdown, **Catholic Voices Connect** are holding a live weekly webinar involving a 'visiting speaker' - the sessions are at 7:45pm each Monday. It is necessary to register to participate first at [CV Connect — Catholic Voices](#). Next week the speaker is from Bishop Barron's Word On Fire Institute about sharing our faith in the digital world. The week after is a speaker from Divine Renovations about ways of being missionary disciples.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Each Sunday, CAFOD are hosting an online Children's Liturgy. You can register to participate here [Online talks and presentations | CAFOD](#)

Food Bank Donations: The Food Forum Network in partnership with Derby County and the Derby Covid Community Response Hub have set up public donation points for food donations to be dropped at the Fan Zone in the car park at Pride Park Stadium starting this week. Donations can be dropped off every Monday & Thursday between 10am-2pm as part of your food shop or work journeys to ensure we meet government guidance on only journeying when needed.

This food will help towards supporting individuals & families who are most in need and vulnerable due to impact of Covid 19.

Items required are ambient tinned or packet food. Thank you.

A Coronavirus Prayer:

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe. O God of creation and life, we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow. May all the saints of God, pray for us. Amen.

Saints for our Time: In the middle of the 14th century with the Black Plague sweeping across Europe, a very particular devotion emerged in the Church. A devotion which still exists in many corners through the example of inspiring saints. 'The Fourteen Holy Helpers', as they came to be known, became a hit-squad of what it means to respond to difficult times and many of the symptoms common to the black plague.

People would repeat, 'pray for us' for each of their intercessions, along with Holy Mary, Queen of Heaven and Saint Joseph, helper of all in need;

Fourteen Holy Helpers:

Saint George, valiant Martyr of Christ,
Saint Blaise, zealous bishop and benefactor of the poor,
Saint Erasmus, mighty protector of the oppressed,
Saint Pantaleon, miraculous exemplar of charity,
Saint Vitus, special protector of chastity,
Saint Christopher, mighty intercessor in dangers,
Saint Dionysius, shining mirror of faith and confidence,
Saint Cyril, terror of Hell,
Saint Acacius, helpful advocate in death,
Saint Eustace, exemplar of patience in adversity,
Saint Giles, despiser of the world,
Saint Margaret, valiant champion of the faith,
Saint Catharine, victorious defender of faith and purity,
Saint Barbara, mighty patroness of the dying...

Perhaps in these extraordinary times this list should be revisited. How would Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac respond to the Covid-19 Crisis? What would Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and Rosalie Rendu intercede on our behalf for? We have a wealth of Holy Helpers who will bring our intercessions to Christ.

Some Honourable mentions: Perhaps Saint Clare of Assisi, who it was said when she was unable to take part in daily mass through illness was gifted with being able to view it through the partition wall. Clare would be made a patroness of television. Saint Anna Schäffer, a recent addition to the Canon of Saints in 2012, whose example of reluctant acceptance of isolation would lead her to deepened faith and devotion. Saints Pope John Paul and Teresa of Calcutta, who we will remember providing us example and reassurance in our own lifetimes. Or, Saint Luke and Saint Agatha who are known as the patrons of doctors and nurses, and many others.

If you have any prayers, spiritual readings, prayer intentions etc that you would like to share with our Parish Community at this time, please email me on annew505@gmail.com