

7th Sunday of the Year A
22/23 February 2020

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love

Sat:	6.30pm Vigil Mass (St Peter's)	Mai Clifford
Sun:	10.30am Mass (Alv)	Anne & Paddy Duffy RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass (Alv)	Denis Thornton RIP
Tues:	NO MASS	
Ash Wednesday		
Wed:	10.30am Mass (SJF School)	Sheila & Owen Cronin RIP
	7.00pm Mass (Alv)	Peter Heffernan RIP
Thurs:	NO MASS	
Friday:	NO MASS	
1st Sunday of Lent Year A		
Sat:	6.30pm Vigil Mass (St Peter's)	Hilda & Joe Moore RIP
Sun:	10.30am Mass (Alv)	Mary Popowycz RIP

SVP: Monday 7.30pm
Confession: ½ hr before weekday Mass at Alv

Readers for next weekend

Sat: 6.30pm (Chell) M Spray/M Heffernan
Sun: 10.30am (Alv) W Buchan/C Wilson

Money Matters:

Parish Offertory Collection: £617.34

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

Cleaners:
Sanctuary Lamp:
Baptism:

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially William Johnson, Margaret Hall, Ellie Spencer, Nick Tarr, Sister Pat, Joe Hartford, Fr Trenchard, John and Jack Moore, Christopher and Clifford Browne.

Please Pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace. Please also remember their families in your prayers and the Sisters of Mercy Community.

Station Masses:

Friday, 6 March - St Joseph's
Friday, 13 March - St Alban's
Friday, 20 March - St George's
Friday, 27 March - English Martyrs
Friday, 3 April - St Mary's

Stations of the Cross and Confessions from 6-7pm; Mass at 7pm

Year of the Word - Encountering Christ Lent:

The Gospels of Lent invite us into a series of encounters. Join us for an opportunity to explore the Gospels of Lent and the Christ we encounter in these scriptures each week at 7pm at English Martyrs Parish Hall:

27 Feb - Temptation
5 Mar - Transfiguration
12 Mar - Woman at the Well
19 Mar - The Man Born Blind
26 Mar - Lazarus
2 Apr - The Passion

This weeks readings are:

Monday - Mark 9: 14-29

Tuesday - Mark 9: 30-37

Ash Wednesday – Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday – Luke 9: 22-25

Friday – Matthew 9: 14-15

- Read through the Gospel passage slowly
- Notice the word or phrase that strikes you
- Read through the passage again
- Notice what word or phrase strikes you again – it may be the same, it may be different
- Repeat that word or phrase aloud a few times
- Write down your responses to the Word of God
- End with prayer – asking God for what you need to ask Him and thanking God for what you are thankful for.

Other resources for prayer and reflection:

dailycatholicgospel.org – sign up for daily Gospel reflections from Bishop Robert Barron by e-mail

<https://www.christianart.today/index.php> - a daily Gospel reflection by e-mail accompanied by art

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/> - daily Gospel reflections using word and music. Can be accessed on the web or by downloading the Pray As You Go app from Apple App Store for iPhone and iPad or Google play for Android devices.

Lenten Sing-along: We invite you to join us for an afternoon of nostalgia in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 11 March 2-4pm**. Music from Rob Archer and light refreshments. In place of an admission fee we would ask that you bring items of food suitable for donating to parishioners in need this Easter – non-perishable tins/packets with a long shelf life are ideal. For queries/more details or if you cannot attend the event but would like to make a food donation, call Sheila Sanders on -1332 755623 (after 6pm).

Charity Easter Prize Bingo: Join us for our Charity Easter Prize Bingo in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 25 March** at 7.15pm. Includes raffle, seasonal refreshments and guess the Easter Bunny's birthday!

Re-Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary – Sunday 29 March:

'Mary's Dowry' remains a title of England, established by an act of the King in 1381, and proclaimed by Archbishop Arundel, which has never been rescinded by Monarch or Parliament. Our Bishops have, over the years, re-consecrated our country to the Mother of God for her prayers and protection, and in reparation for the sins of the past. The first time being at the request of Pope Leo XIII in 1893.

This year the Catholic people of England will once again formally dedicate both the realm and our personal lives to Mary. The rededication ceremony will happen at churches throughout England on **Sunday 29 March**, when we will be invited to make a personal commitment by praying 'The Angelus Promise', a prayer in which we say "yes" in union with Our Lady through the words of the Annunciation.

Catechetical Programmes run by St Mary's Parish, Derby:

Messy Church Breakfast Club: For children and parents – crafts, games, music, Bible stories and plenty of waffles and croissants! A relaxing morning of faith and fun. £1 per child (parent/carer to stay with their children please) No need to book. See poster for dates and details.

Bible Lights Group: Want to know more about the Bible? See poster for details.

RCIA meets in Room 1 at the Parish Centre – 7-8.30pm on **Mondays** in term time.

Bible Study Programme: On alternate **Wednesday** evenings from 7.00-9.00pm in Room 1 of the Parish Centre.

Prayer Group: once a month on a **Tuesday** at Holy Family
All welcome

Piety Stall: Please check out new items on the stall. New statues/votive candles plus many items that I don't have the space to display. If you don't see what you want please ask if we have it in stock or if you would like to order items. Church Art Calendars free and all Diaries £1 to clear. Please see Win or Frances at the back of church

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine – 8 April: £649 pp Single supp £100. Flight with 10kg bag, 5 nights Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

Easter Marriage Encounter Weekend – 4-5 July: Savio House, Bollington, nr Macclesfield. Book now at www.wwme.org.uk.

God's Plan For You: It's Wild and Precious:

Has the thought ever crossed your mind about becoming a Religious Sister or Brother? 'Come and Ask afternoons' at Our Lady and St Edwards Gordon Road, St. Ann's, Nottingham, NG3 2LG on

14 March 2.30 – 4.00 pm. If further information is required contact; Sr Maureen Brennan maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com, Sr Susan Richert religious@nrctd.org.uk 07751196124 or The Nottingham Vocation team nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

HALL

Access 2 Art: Tues 10-3pm Contact Vanessa on 07967 599475

Slimming World: Monday 9.30am, 5.30 & 7.30pm. Contact Nina Fowler on 07814 858539

Rainbows: Tuesday evenings during term time, 5.00-6.00pm. Call Diane on 07505 949034 or Claire on 07929 425133.

Brownies: Tuesday evenings during term time, 6.00-7.30pm. Call Diane on 07505 949034.

Hiring of the Parish Hall: The hall is only available for hire for Baptismal celebrations and other church related events.

Charges are £80 for up to 3hrs hire plus the booking fee of £40.

Please call the Hall manager for booking and availability between 10.00am - 2.00pm leaving a message with full details if not available.

Hall Events

Sun 23 Feb:	
Mon 24 Feb:	Slimming World 9.30am, 5.30 & 7.30pm
Tues 25 Feb:	Access to Art 10-3.00pm Rainbows 5-6.00pm Brownies 6-7.30pm
Wed 26 Feb:	
Thurs 27 Feb:	Year of the Word Scripture Group 7.00pm
Fri 28 Feb:	
Sat 29 Feb:	
Sun 1 Mar:	

Diary Dates:

11 Mar:	Lenten Sing-along in the Church Hall 2-4.00pm
25 Mar:	Charity Prize Bingo in the Church Hall at 7.15pm
15 Mar:	Brownie Coffee Morning after 10.30am Mass
25 Mar:	Easter Prize Bingo

Used Postage Stamps: We sent a large quantity of used postage stamps to St Patrick's Missionary Society to support their mission work. A copy of their email of thanks is displayed on English Martyrs' notice board. Please do continue to support this worthy cause.

In case of an emergency in the parish (that is: a person needing the last sacraments) firstly call the parish number 01332 574474; if the priest is unavailable please call one of the following: St George's on 01332 767038, St Joseph's on 01332 343777, St Alban's on 01332 672914 or St Mary's on 01332 346126.

Editor's Note: If you have any items for the newsletter next week, please contact Anne Walsh on 07980 568261 or by email at: annew505@gmail.com before 12 noon on Thursday