

8th Sunday of the Year C 27 February 2022

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	James, Kissy & Marguerita Int. Jack O'Kelly RIP
Mon:	12 noon Requiem Mass	Liam FitzPatrick RIP
Tues:	<u>St David</u> (Feast) 12 noon Mass	Canon Christopher Thomas Int.
Wed	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> 10.00am Mass at St John Fisher School 12 noon Mass 7.00pm Mass	Private Intention Pearl & David Hatton RIP Brenda Roome Int.
Fri:	11.00am Devotions 12 noon Mass	Maureen Leahane RIP
Sun:	<u>1st Sunday of Lent C</u> 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Patricia & Wilfred Gavin RIP Bridie Smith RIP

Money Matters:

Collections:	£502.93
Sick & Retired Priests Fund – to date	£254.21

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:
SVP: Monday 7.30pm

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, Ray Bannard, Tom Lee, Christopher Turner, all those suffering from COVID-19 and for all on our sick list.

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of Liam Fitzpatrick and Paddy Barry. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Planned Giving Scheme - Distribution of Offertory Envelopes

A short talk about the gift aid scheme will be given at the end of both masses today, **Sunday 27 February**.

New boxes of envelopes are to be used from Sunday 3 April. Old envelopes will not be valid from that date.

Distribution of new boxes of offertory envelopes will take place before and after 9.00am and 11.00am masses on:

Sundays 6, 13 and 20 March. At this time we will check your details are still correct.

It also provides an opportunity to find out more about gift aid, join, change your method of payment or for any queries you have about the gift aid scheme to be answered.

If you will not be available on any of these dates please contact Michael Heffernan, Mary Spray or Barbara Rusk so alternative arrangements can be made.

World Day of Prayer: Prepared by Christian women of England, Wales and N Ireland; 2.00pm on **Friday, 4 March** at Chellaston Methodist Church.

Walk with Me: The little booklets for a 'Lenten journey of Prayer' are available at the back of Church. Please take a copy home for yourself and for anyone who is not able to come to Church.

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

Marriage: If you are planning on getting married during 2022/23, would you please contact Fr Brentnall ASAP. Thank you.

Prayer Volunteers Urgently Needed!

'40 Days for Life' is a Christian campaign group, whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children through prayer, fasting and community outreach. Our next campaign is during Lent. We are praying for an end to abortion, but also offer real support – moral and practical – to women under pressure to have an abortion. Please sign up now to pray with us between **Ash Wednesday, 2 March and Palm Sunday, 10 April** on our webpage www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham

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 will be available before Easter; Candidates begin from year 3. Mass of 1st Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 29 May** at 2.00pm at English Martyrs' Church

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Synodal Church

The Pope has called for an outward looking Church based on collegiality and co-responsibility; for this reason, the Synodal survey is intended to be a listening process.

From the paper and on-line responses as well as the deliberations of the public meeting, and the discussions on the key questions by the children at St John Fisher School, the suggestions, criticisms and comments have been collated into three groups: Parish Community, Local Community and the Universal Church.

Parish Community:

To build stronger links between the school and the parish with more liturgical events etc open to parents and parishioners in the school. More opportunities for prayer to foster an atmosphere of goodness, kindness and respect; to be less judgemental and critical of others just because they are different or have different views; not to be nasty about people or encourage gossip. To show concern for our community and the environment; and to take positive action such as planting trees, picking up litter and encouraging parents, friends, neighbours, etc to recycle.

A need for greater ecumenical outreach was expressed especially for Alvaston. That there should be wider involvement in catechetical activities; more parental involvement and more opportunities for public and private prayer. Greater emphasis on missionary outreach and wider publicity and recruitment for the SVP. Use of the church hall and church for more imaginative purposes.

All these issues will be addressed by the Leadership Team, PPC and Finance Committee over the next few months.

Local & Universal:

This covered a wide range of topics, inc: Inter-Religious and Inter-Faith dialogue; properly addressing the churches record on the scandals facing the church, particularly child abuse; openness to communion for other denominations; issue of women priests/deacons; lay preaching; and regularising Holy Days of Obligation, etc

These will be discussed at the Deanery Synodal Meeting and responses sent to the Bishop for inclusion in the Diocesan Report to Rome later in the year.

Diary Dates:

Loving, Listening, Learning

Mon 7 Mar: - 7.30pm at Whitehouse Farm

Wed 9 Mar: - 10.30am at 2 David's Close

Thurs 10 Mar: - 1.00pm at St Peter's Church

Agape in Holy Week

Mon 11 Apr: - 7.100pm 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

St David (+ c.600) was born in south Wales. We know little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery at Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop (according to legend in Jerusalem). He lived an austere life. Many Welsh monasteries claimed him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 Pope Callistus II declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St Davids were equivalent to one to Rome.

Ash Wednesday – The beginning of Lent: What does “entering Lent” mean? It means we enter a season of special commitment in the spiritual battle to oppose the evil present in the world, in each one of us and around us. It means not off-loading the problem of evil onto others, onto society or onto God but rather recognising one’s own responsibility and assuming it with awareness. In this regard Jesus’s invitation to each one of us Christians to take up our “cross” and follow him with humility and trust is particularly pressing. Although the “cross” may be heavy it is not synonymous with misfortune, with disgrace, to be avoided on all accounts; rather it is an opportunity to follow Jesus and thereby to acquire strength in the fight against sin and evil - Pope Benedict XVI

St John Fisher CVA – Midday Supervisor Vacancy:

A temporary vacancy has arisen for a midday supervisor on a Friday lunchtime for 1 hour and 25 minutes until 8 April.

We are looking for someone who is caring and nurturing and someone who will work alongside our current midday team to make lunchtimes happy and enjoyable for the children.

The successful candidate would need to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office on 01332 572154 for further details.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach 4–11 June

(Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester)

The cost is £670 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there’s an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees.

For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320

Parish Pilgrimage to Lisieux by Coach 23–26 April

(Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester)

The cost of the Pilgrimage is £330 sharing and £360 for a single room. We will begin our Pilgrimage with a Guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux and then to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. In addition to this there’ll be an optional excursion to Hon Fleur

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‘The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world’

Dietrich Bonhoeffer