

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A

24 September 2023

*Psalm Response: The Lord is close to all who call him*

<b>Sun:</b>	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Pauline O'Toole RIP Kevin O'Connell RIP
<b>Mon:</b>	12 noon Mass	Kevin Shepherd RIP
<b>Wed:</b>	12 noon Mass	Anne Annable Int.
<b>Fri:</b>	9.45am Mass at St John Fisher School	Winifred Buchan RIP
<b>Sun:</b>	<u>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A</u> 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Michael Meehan RIP Geoff Smith RIP & Tibor Zamba RIP

### Money Matters:

Collection: 3 September                    £592.83  
Evangelii Gaudium                        £203.32

**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: Esther & Ted Foster RIP

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially Simon Thompson, Christine and Michael Dreuit, Terry Bullock, Alan, Norman Annable, Giovanni Busato, Ian Robinson, Bart Makowski, Joe Migallo, Liam Blaney, Christopher Turner, Sean Connolly, Tracey Reeve, Kathleen Kinsey, Julie Connolly, Loretta Hewitt, Liz Simmons, Terry & Liz Spencer, Anu Chilka, Mick Connolly, Angela Skliarsky, Maria Latwiel, Christine Bryan (Sec to CTC) and Anne Smith

**Please pray for** those who have died. May they rest in peace.

**CAFOD:** There will be an appeal and a second collection for **CAFOD Family Fast**, next **Sunday, 1 October**. Family Fast envelopes are available at the back of church.

**Bible Alive:** The October publication giving a reflection on the daily readings is available now at the back of Church. £1 each

Daily mass readings to accompany these reflections can be found at

[www.alivepublishing.co.uk/daily-mass-readings](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/daily-mass-readings)

2024 Liturgical Diaries are also available on the Piety stall priced £7.99 each.

**300 Club:** The winners of the September draw are:

£100	90	P Ratcliffe
£50	86	Cathy Gabriel
£20	76	Loretta Hewitt
£20	40	Malcolm Caporn
£20	112	Ann Hannan
£20	14	Mary Quail
£20	32	Paula Bailey

Well done all!

**Pope Francis** has announced that prior to the work of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, there will be an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil in St Peter's Square, Rome on **30 September**. He has asked that Christians of all denominations participate in the "Gathering of the People of God".

Concurrently with the people in Rome there will be a 2 hour prayer vigil at 4.00pm at St Mary's Derby (hopefully including livestreaming from Rome).

**The Woman at the Well**, a day of prayer and reflection for women, is being held on **Saturday 30 September** from 12.15pm until 4.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake LE7 4SJ. The day includes tea/coffee (provided) at 12.15pm, then the Rosary; lunch at 1.00pm (please bring a packed lunch); then at 2.00pm Carmelite author and speaker Dr Cyprian Blamires OCDS: Praying with the Heart; finally a Holy Hour. More information from Paulette: 07825 040375.

**A Vocation Day of Discernment** is being held on **Saturday 7 October** from 10.00am until 3.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake. LE7 4SJ. There will be the opportunity of talking to Fathers Antonio, Ted, and Philip about the calling to the Religious Life in general, and to the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) in particular: an opportunity to join the Community in prayer, and to ask the Lord for clarity and courage. To book telephone 01509 813078.

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### **Men's Mass, Walk and Pub Lunch: Saturday 7 October**

Join men from across the Diocese of Nottingham for a day of fraternity in Leicester. We will be meeting in Bradgate Park and celebrating Mass at 10.30am at All Saints Church. We will then walk for just about an hour and then head out for a pub lunch. We expect the day to finish by 2.30pm. Please book by **30 September**. Optional donation of £5 to help with running costs.

Email: [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk) tel: 0115 953 9841  
[www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events).

### **School admissions to Catholic Secondary Academies (Year 7) - Children born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013**

The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **31 October**. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; if you do not have the evidence contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

**Vacancy: Christ the King Catholic Voluntary, Arnold** is looking to recruit a Head of Maths and a Head of History as well as other exciting support roles such as Maths Mentor and School Counsellor. Details of these roles and others available can be found on the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust vacancies page <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/>

If you wish to have an informal discussion about any of the roles and the school please contact the school office on 0115 9155762

### **Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16-20 Oct.**

£699 per person sharing, includes flight from UK, Full Board accommodation, all entertainment, excursions and guided tours. Single room supplement £150. Please see poster at the back of Church for booking details.

***'Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible type of poverty'***

**St Teresa of Calcutta**

### **Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (Optional Memorial) 26 September:**

Ss Cosmas and Damian (date uncertain; perhaps +c.300). According to tradition, whose historical reliability is unclear, they were twins who worked as doctors and were known as the Amargyri ('the silverless') on account of their practice of not charging for their services. They brought many of their patients to Christ but were finally condemned to death under Diocletian around the year 300 and suffered at Cyrrhus (Syria). Their basilica in Rome, not far from the Colosseum, was built in the sixth century by Felix IV and their names appear in the Roman Canon.

### **St Vincent de Paul (Memorial) 27 September:**

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was born in Gascony (France) and ordained a priest at the early age of twenty. Legend says he endured a period of captivity in Tunis; at any rate, after being falsely accused of theft, he dedicated himself to evangelizing the poor, the unfortunate and the suffering. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Lazarists) and, together with St Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. These congregations, together with the well-known Society of St Vincent de Paul, continue his charitable work today.

### **Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast) 29 September:**

The Feast celebrates the three archangels named in Sacred Scripture, reminding us of the angelic world and of their constant ministrations to the world.

St Michael (meaning 'Who is like God') is venerated as captain of the heavenly army, victor over Satan, protector of the Church and helper of the sick and dying. Today's feast originated as that of the dedication of a Roman basilica in his honour.

St Gabriel (meaning 'Strength of God') announced both the birth of St John the Baptist (to Zechariah) and of Jesus Christ (to the Blessed Virgin Mary). His greeting at the Annunciation, 'Hail, full of grace,' has become one of the most familiar prayers.

St Raphael (meaning 'God heals') took care of Tobias on his journey, as described in the book of Tobit, and is often associated with the angel of the sheep pool (Jn 5: 1-4). He is a patron of the blind, travellers and physicians and nurses.

***'St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snare of the devil. May God rebuke him... and (may you), O Prince of the heavenly hosts... thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.'***

### **St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 30 September:**

St Jerome (Hieronymus)(c.342-420) was born in Strido (now in Croatia, then part of the Roman province of Dalmatia) and studied in Rome, where he was baptised. He retired for a while to Syria to live as a hermit and learnt Hebrew at the hands of a rabbi. Between 382 and 385 he was in Rome as secretary to Pope Damasus, who commissioned him to revise the Latin version of the Bible. He went to Bethlehem to concentrate on this work, together with the writing of Scriptural commentaries and theological works.

### **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 1 October:**

St Thérèse Martin (1873-1897) was born at Alençon and, aged fifteen, entered the Carmel of Lisieux, thus joining two of her sisters. Although she died of Tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, such was the influence of her spiritual writings and her 'little way' that she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope St John Paul II in 1997. She is also Patron of the Missions and Co-Protectress of France (with St Joan of Arc).