

## 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A

3/10 September 2023

*Psalm Responses: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God /  
O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts*

Sun: 9.00am Mass Fr John Mackie RIP  
11.00am Mass Helen McConnell RIP

Mon: 12 noon Mass Winifred Buchan RIP

Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year A  
9.00am Mass Ivan Skliarsky RIP  
11.00am Mass Carmel Stanford RIP

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Sun: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year A  
9.00am Mass Angela Watson RIP  
11.00am Mass Alfred & Greta Magee RIP

Money Matters:

Collection: £642.55

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:

**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 and Christine Bryan (Sec to CTC).

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

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| £100 | 140 | Elizabeth Foster   |
| £50  | 72  | Cathy Gabriel      |
| £20  | 47  | Tony Curley        |
| £20  | 58  | Ann Curley         |
| £20  | 134 | Michael Heffernan  |
| £20  | 51  | Patrick McElkerney |
| £20  | 70  | Christyna Hanrahan |

Well done all!

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

**Second Collection on Sunday, 17 September** for Evangelio Gaudium Sunday

**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.

**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.

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### **St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Feast) 3 Sept**

St Gregory the Great (540-604) belonged to a Roman patrician family and served as a magistrate before embracing the monastic life. He acted as papal legate at Constantinople and was elected Pope in 590. He tightened Church discipline and liturgical practice, reorganised the lands belonging to the Holy See and sent St Augustine to convert the Kingdom of Kent. He is consequently called the 'Apostle of the English' and, thanks to his theological and pastoral writings, is a Doctor of the Church.

### **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) 8 Sept**

Nothing is known for sure about the details of the Blessed Virgin's birth. Even her parents, traditionally known as St Joachim and St Anne, are not mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Today's feast originated in the East, probably during the sixth century, and was later introduced to the West. A French legend tells of a man hearing angels singing on the night of 8 September and being told that the Virgin Mary had been born on that night. Her earthly birth is celebrated (like that of St John the Baptist) because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.

### **St Ciaran, Abbot (Memorial in Ireland) 9 September**

St Ciaran or Kieran (c.512-c.545), one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland,' was born in Connaught and studied under St Finnian at Clonard. He eventually founded the great monastery of Clonmacnoise on the Shannon, which became an important centre of learning. However, after serving as Abbot for only seven months he died.

### **The Most Holy Name of Mary (Optional Memorial) 12 Sept**

The name of Mary is regarded as holy because it is the name of the Mother of God, her who brought the Saviour into the world. The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary was added to the Universal Calendar in 1684 by Blessed Innocent XI, commemorating the defeat of the Turks at the gates of Vienna the previous year: a powerful example of the might of the Blessed Virgin's intercession.

### **St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) 13 September**

St John Chrysostom (c.350-407) was born at Antioch and trained as a lawyer. He became a monk, then later a priest and became a famed theologian and preacher, gaining the name Chrysostom or the 'golden-mouthed.' In 398 he became Archbishop of Constantinople and faced much opposition in his reforms. He died in exile and is honoured as one of the four Greek Doctors of the Church. The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, widely used in the East, was once attributed to him, although it is now recognised as very probably later than his time.

### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) 14 Sept**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation, and is in many ways an extension of Good Friday. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us – a love stronger than death – and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness.

### **Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial) 15 Sept**

This feast originated as a memorial of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, most of which were linked to the events of Good Friday, when she stood at the foot of the cross. We remember that the Blessed Virgin had to live through the personal tragedy of seeing her Son die. She had a unique share in our redemption, offering her Son's life to the Lord, trusting that it was part of his plan.

### **Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Memorial) 16 Sept**

St Cornelius (+253) was elected Pope in succession to St Fabian and actively found the errors of Novatian, who denied that those who had lapsed from the faith could be reconciled. He died while exiled in Civitavecchia (Italy) and is venerated as a martyr.

St Cyprian (+258) was another leading opponent of Novatianism. He was Bishop of Carthage and one of the earliest victims of the persecution under the Emperor Valerian. Both saints are included in the Roman Canon.

### **St Ninian, Bishop (Feast in Scotland) 16 Sept**

St Ninian (+c.432) is thought to have been a British bishop who was educated in Rome and sent to preach the Gospel to the Picts. He built a 'white house' or stone church at Whithorn, south of Wigtown (Scotland), which was his base and the site of a monastic community. St Ninian is witness to the antiquity of the Church in Scotland and its early links with the Holy See.