



2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B

10 December 2023

*Psalm Response: Let us see O Lord, your mercy and
give us your saving help*

Sun:	9.00am Mass	Eilish Doyle & Fam. & Murray Fam. RIP
	11.00am Mass	Harold & Eunice Roe RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Jessica, Bernadette & Finber Int.
Tues:	12 noon Memorial Mass for John Hames RIP	
Fri	12 noon Mass	Philip McHugh RIP
Sun:	3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B	
	9.00am Mass	Maureen McNiffe RIP
	11.00am Mass	Winnie & Joe Hartley RIP

Money Matters:

Collection: £571.44

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, Anne Smith, Margaret Johnson and Sylvia Wilson.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hilda Elizabeth Wigston who died at the age of 103. May she rest in peace. Please also remember his family in your prayers. Her funeral service will take place on **Thursday, 21 Dec** at 10.30am at Markeaton Crematorium.

Second Collection today, Sunday 10 December for Poor & Needy Parishes.

Advent 'Walk with Me' Booklets are available at the back of Church. Please take a **FREE** copy for yourselves, family and friends, and follow the daily reflections as we prepare to meet the Christ child at Christmas.

For Your Diary:

Churches Together in Chellaston

Saturday 16 Dec - 4.00pm Pop-up Church and Christmas Carols at Lidl, (former site of SRS Church) All welcome

Sunday 17 Dec – Ecumenical Carol Services St Peters 5pm and 7pm
These services are held by candlelight and include Scripture readings and carols sung by St Peters choir. All are welcome.

Nativity Festival This will be held at St Peters. St Ralph Sherwin Flower Group will have a display

'Jesus I Trust in You' Father Chris Alar is the provincial superior of the Marian Fathers and Director of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Massachusetts, USA. He is petitioning Pope Francis asking for St Faustina Kowalska to be given the title of 'Doctor of the Church'. You can help to make this happen by signing an on-line form which is quick to complete.

Please log on to <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/doctor> to sign up.

Christmas Masses:

Sun 24 Dec	-	9.00am Advent Mass
		11.00am Advent Mass
Vigil Mass	-	4.30pm
Carols	-	11.30pm
Midnight Mass	-	12.00am
Christmas Day	-	9.00am Mass
		11.00am Mass

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CAFOD Reflections: From the start of December CAFOD is sharing daily Bible reflections, stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. This online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer: The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

‘He once had meant to come on earth in heavenly glory, but we sinned and then he could not safely visit us, except with a shrouded radiance and a bedimmed majesty, for he was God. So he came himself in weakness, not in power’

St John Henry Newman

St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr – Memorial, 13 Dec:

St Lucy (+c. 304) was probably born in Syracuse (Sicily) and martyred during the persecution of Diocletian. Legend makes her the daughter of a wealthy family who was brought up as a Christian, and, having resisted the advances of a pagan suitor, was arrested, tortured and killed. Her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon and her feast, situated near the shortest day of the year, is celebrated in Sweden and elsewhere as a festival of light.

St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church – Memorial, 14 Dec:

St John of the Cross (1542-91) was born in Fontiveros (Spain) and entered the Carmelites. He befriended St Teresa of Avila and was persuaded to lead the reform of the Order, though he subsequently suffered many tribulations, including imprisonment at the hands of his brethren. A renowned poet and mystic, he wrote much on the mystery of the Cross and the ‘dark night of the soul’.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: “The prayer of blessing is our response to God’s gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing” (n. 2626).

The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

A Prayer for Advent: Coming Lord, every Advent we enter into this time of hopeful expectation. We prepare our hearts to welcome You once again at Christmas. We praise and thank You for seeking us, for leaving the glory of heaven and choosing to come to us. Help us to see that You continue to come to us in the most Blessed Sacrament and in the hearts of all our parishioners and visitors. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, so that we may have the courage and creativity to welcome and invite others into our parish family. Help us see how we can better work together to be a welcoming community that makes You present in word, action, sacrament and deed. So that all who enter our churches this Christmas and Advent season encounter Your love and invitation of friendship. May this begin with ourselves, that we feel renewed and joy filled by being a member of our parish community, so that we can be a beacon of hope in a broken world. We ask this in Your powerful name. Amen.