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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH
ALVASTON & CHELLASTON



3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B

17 December 2023

Psalm Response: My soul rejoices in my God

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Maureen McNiffe RIP Winnie & Joe Hartley RIP
Mon:	NO MASS	
Wed:	4.00pm Christingle Mass	Geraldine Carr Int.
Fri	12 noon Funeral Service for Alan Monk followed by burial at Nottingham Rd Cemetery 5.30pm Adoration and Confessions 6.30pm Mass	Clive Haworth RIP
Sun:	<u>4th Sunday of Advent - Year B</u> 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Teresa & Seamus McCormack Int. Harriet & Albert Williamson RIP

Money Matters:

Collection:	£533.17
Immaculate Conception:	£195.06
New & Poor Parishes:	£218.18

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

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.

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.

Today, 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.

Churches Together in Chellaston

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

Christmas Eve Crib Services at St Peter's, 3.00pm and 5.00pm. The crib services are open to anyone, with the message of Jesus' coming as the best gift ever. The children are encouraged to dress up in costumes representing characters from the Christmas story and to form a Nativity tableau at the end..

'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	-	Vigil Mass 4.30pm
Carols	-	11.30pm
Midnight Mass	-	12.00am
Christmas Day	-	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass

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).

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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.

'Make me repent, my Lord, and I shall repent'
St Jerome