

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year B

21 January 2024

*Psalm Response: Lord, make me know your ways*

<b>Sun:</b>	9.00am Mass	Tony Viera RIP
	11.00am Mass	Angela & Donald Watson RIP
<b>Mon:</b>	12 noon Mass	Jean Harford & Jack Williamson RIP
<b>Thurs:</b>	<u>Conversion Of St Paul (Feast)</u>	
	12 noon Mass	Lorraine Butcher RIP
<b>Fri:</b>	12 noon Mass	Kizzy Connor Int.
<b>Sun;</b>	<u>4th Sunday of the Year B</u>	
	9.00am Mass	Father James Hannigan RIP
	11.00am Mass	Monsignor Peter Wilson RIP

### Money Matters:

Collection:	
Offertory:	£641.41
Sick & Retired Priests Fund:	£287.83

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: Angela & Donald Watson 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, Tracey Reeve, Loretta Hewitt, Liz Simmons, Terry & Liz Spencer, Anu Chilka, Mick Connolly, Angela Skliarsky, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Johnson, Nick Tarr and Imelda Quinn.

**Please Pray** for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Hanrahan. May she rest in peace. Please also remember her family in your prayers. Her funeral will be at English Martyrs on **2 February** at 10.30am followed by burial at Boulton St Mary's at 12 noon.

### **Churches Together in Chellaston:**

**Sunday, 28 January 3.00pm** - Ecumenical Service with shared tea. Choir led by Pastor Aina Sunday of Redeemed Church of God.

We are invited to contribute in some way to shared tea of sandwiches, savoury nibbles and cake. An opportunity to share our Catholic lives with others.

**300 Club Lottery** has been established in our Parish for 19 years. **ALL** profits are for the benefit of our Parish; most recently to pay for our new boiler and radiators.

A number costs £5 a month with a chance to win one of 7 prizes totalling £250 each month. Winning cheques are posted to you.

Mary and Barbara will be available before and after 11.00am masses on **Sunday 28 January** and **4 February** to enroll new people and answer any queries. Or indeed you may like to have an extra number!

As cheques are posted to you it is essential we have your correct full address, including postcode. It is also helpful to have your phone number. You can check with us that we have your correct information. Please let us know of any changes as they occur.

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

£100	94	M & J Stocchino
£50	84	Tony Bethell
£20	140	Elizabeth Foster
£20	50	Shuk Man Tsui
£220	37	Helen Nutman
£20	123	Cath Hamblin
£20	129	David Gabriel

Well done all!

**First Holy Communion** forms will be available next weekend. Classes start on **Saturday, 20 April** at 10.30am in the Church. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of the Year:** If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven".

To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

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**St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr – 21 January (Memorial):** St Agnes (+ c.304) came from a noble Roman family. According to a fifth century Life, she was about thirteen years old when she suffered martyrdom by being stabbed in the throat after refusing to be married to a pagan. She was buried on the Via Nomentana and her name is included in the Roman Canon. She is often shown with a lamb, a symbol of her purity and also a play on her name (which is Greek means 'chaste') and the Latin word agnus (meaning 'lamb').

**St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr – 22 January (Optional Memorial):** St Vincent (+ 304) was a deacon of the Church in Saragossa, Spain. He was brutally tortured and martyred at Valencia in the persecution under Diocletian. His cult grew quickly and both St Augustine and St Leo preached sermons in his honour. He is the proto-martyr of Spain.

**St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – 24 January (Memorial):** St Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was born in Thorens, Savoy (France) and trained as a lawyer before being ordained. He became Bishop of Geneva in 1602 and did much to combat Calvinism. He also founded the Order of the Visitation, with St Jan Frances de Chantal, and produced popular spiritual works such as Introduction to the Devout Life. His flock called him 'the Gentle Christ of Geneva'. Pius XI declared St Francis patron of journalists and writers in 1923.

**The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle – 25 January (Feast):** This Feast commemorates the conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. He was blinded by a light and thrown from his horse to the ground, hearing the words, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'the Risen One spoke to Paul, called him to the apostolate and made him a true Apostle, a witness of the Resurrection, with the specific task of proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles, to the Graeco-Roman world.'

**Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops – 26 January (Memorial):** Ss Timothy and Titus were both apostles of St Paul, who addressed to them three of his Epistles. St Timothy (+ 97) accompanied the Apostle on many of his journeys and eventually became bishop of Ephesus. According to tradition, he was beaten to death by a mob when he opposed the worship of Dionysus. St Titus (+96) seems to have served as the first bishop of Crete.

**A Healing Retreat Day and Evening** is being held next **Saturday 27th January**, at 9.30am with Father Gladson Dabre OSA, at Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Church, Laughton Way, Lincoln LN2 2HE. There will be Mass, engaging talks on healing a Healing Service, praise and worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, testimonies, times for sharing and opportunities for individual prayer ministry. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Susan Walsh on 07818 805847.

**A spiritual challenge for Lent:** During the past year there have been over 200,000 abortions in England and Wales. This means many lives lost; many women harmed; many families hurt. The Church tells us that abortion is wrong. But what can we as Christians do about it? 40 Days For Life is the answer. During Lent Christians will be praying outside the largest abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire. We will also be offering practical, compassionate and non-judgemental help to any woman who feels pressured into abortion so that she has a genuine pro-life alternative. And we will be witnessing to the power of prayer. Will you join us? If you would consider it come to the launch of our campaign on **Sunday 4th February at 3pm**, in Cathedral Hall (NG1 5AE). You can find out about this spiritual movement spreading around the world, and have a chance to hear Rachel MacKenzie, of Rachel's Vineyard, which offers spiritual healing to post abortive women. More details are available at [www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham) or email [40daysforlifenootts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifenootts@gmail.com) Alone, we cannot change our society. But we are not alone! 'For with God nothing is impossible.' (Luke, 1:37)

**Year of Prayer Podcast:** This month's episode of Encounter Prayer is now available. We explore a type of Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of the scriptures) with Sean Jinks and Sophie Rimac of the Seven Steps Scripture Sharing Group in Leicester. Please search Diocese of Nottingham on any podcast provider (Google, Apple, Amazon, Spotify etc) or visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) to listen and / or download.

**English Martyrs, Anstey Lane, Leicester**, is hiring a Teacher of Religious Education, here is the link: [Teacher of Religious Education | St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust \(aquinas-cmat.org\)](http://TeacherofReligiousEducation|StThomasAquinasCatholicMulti-AcademyTrust(aquinas-cmat.org)) If you have any questions or would like a visit our school, please contact Mrs O'Connor, The Principal's PA at the school on 0116 242 8880 to arrange.