

4th Sunday of the Year B

28 January 2024

**Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts**

Sun:	9.00am Mass	Father James Hannigan RIP
	11.00am Mass	Monsignor Peter Wilson RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Fr James Hannigan RIP
Tue:	12 noon Mass	William Johnson RIP
Fri:	Presentation of the Lord (Feast of the Lord)	
	10.30am Requiem Mass	Kathleen Hanrahan RIP
	12 noon Burial at Boulton St Mary's	
	6.30pm Candlemas	Bernard Dazley RIP
Sun;	5th Sunday of the Year B	
	9.00am Mass	Mary Gallagher RIP
	11.00am Mass	Anne & Patrick Godfrey Delaney RIP

Money Matters:

Collection:	
Offertory:	£592.68
Sick & Retired Priests Fund: +£33	£320.83

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:

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 Elizabeth Fitzpatrick. May she rest in peace. Please also remember her family in your prayers. Her funeral will take place at English Martyrs on **Friday, 23 February** at 9.30am.

'Walk with Me' – a daily reflection during Lent: Please take your **free** copy from the back of Church. Please also take a copy for friends and family who would like to join us on our prayer journey.

Churches Together in Chellaston:

Today Sunday, 28 January 3.00pm - Ecumenical Service with shared tea. Gospel 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.

Each Church has been invited to share their experience of 'church'. An opportunity to share our Catholic lives with others. All welcome

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 totaling £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.

First Holy Communion forms are available at the back of Church. Classes start on **Saturday, 20 April** at 10.30am in the Church. 1st Holy Communion will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May.

Fr. Peter Peterken funeral details:

Reception into Holy Spirit Church for Mass at 6pm on Monday, 12 February.

Requiem Mass at 11.30am on Tuesday, 13 February, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mickleover.

Bishop Patrick will lead the Requiem Mass, which is open to all.

St John Bosco, Priest – 31 January (Memorial):

St John Bosco (1815-1888) was born in Piedmont (Italy) and devoted his life to Catholic education. This 'Apostle of Youth' founded the Salesian Order, named in honour of St Francis de Sales and, with the help of St Mary Mazzarello, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Despite meeting much opposition, his aim was, above all, to educate through love.

St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland – 1 February

(Feast in Ireland): St Brigid or Bride (+ c.525) is known as 'the Mary of the Gael'. Details of her life are obscure; she was supposedly born near Dundalk, County Louth, entered the religious life, and later founded a double community at Kildare, which soon became an episcopal see with St Conleth as its first bishop. She was famous for her works of charity and widely venerated in Ireland and beyond.

The Presentation of the Lord – 2 February (Feast):

The Presentation of the Lord, popularly known as 'Candlemas', traditionally concludes the celebration of Christmas. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth, an occasion when offerings were made and the mother was ritually purified. Simeon's prophecy referred to Jesus as 'a light to enlighten the pagans', summing up the Christmas theme of light coming into the darkness, but also points towards the Paschal Mystery, for He was 'destined to be a sign that is rejected.'

St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr – 3 February (Optional Memorial):

St Blaise (+ c.316) was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred under Licinius. Cures were attributed to him and it is the custom in many places to bless throats on his feast.

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 or email 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 to listen and / or download.