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ALVASTON & CHELLASTON



1st Sunday of Lent Year B

18 February 2024

*Psalm Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant*

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Imelda Quinn Int. Jack O'Kelly RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Noel Walsh RIP
Thurs:	<u>The Chair of St Peter (Feast)</u> 12 noon Mass	Fr Henry Young RIP
Fri:	9.30 Requiem Mass	Elizabeth Fitzpatrick RIP
Sat:	12 noon Baptism of Priscilla Rose Mary Doherty	
Sun;	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent Year B</u> 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Joe Fernando Int. John & Nora Gannon and Fam Int.

Money Matters:

Collection:
Offertory: £591.60
Sick & Retired Priests Fund +£25 £345.83

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: Noel Walsh 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, Imelda Quinn and Chris Connolly.

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

'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 with their own prayer journey.

CAFOD Family Fast – Friday 23 Feb: This Lent your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families. Please collect an envelope from the back of Church and bring it back next Sunday **25 February** or you can donate on-line at cafod.org.uk Please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

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.

Churches Together in Chellaston Lenten Journey:

Lenten Groups start on the first week of Lent. The theme is 'Prayer in Different Ways'.

As these are **HOUSE GROUPS** booking is essential. Further information from 01332 702260.

An Ecumenical Lent Study programme – "A Call to Friendship in a Time of Isolation" – will be held at 7-9pm on **22 & 29 February** at St Mary's Parish Hall; and on **7, 14 & 21 March** at Derby Cathedral. They will be using Pope Francis' book 'Fratelli Tutti' as a basis for discussion. This book is available on line or £10 from St Mary's. Contact Fran.hazel@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

World Day of Prayer is to be held in Chellaston Methodist Church on **Friday 1 March** at 2.00 pm.

The prayers this year come from the women of Palestine.

National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10-18 March** at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of their Society Patron, St Joseph, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on the Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at **10.00am** every day of the Novena except Sunday when it is at **11.00am**. These masses will be available to follow on Zoom via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena Evening Prayer will also be available on Zoom at 6.00pm.

This year a special Novena Prayer Booklet has been prepared and is available on request for a donation. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena Prayer booklet, to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or email: novenamhm@gmail.com

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Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10 March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight. For further details please see the poster on the notice board.

Prayer to St Joseph: “Glorious Patriarch St Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power”

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle – 22 Feb (Feast): The celebration of the Cathedra Petri, the Chair of St Peter, recalls the ministry conferred by Christ on the Prince of the Apostles and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. It is an opportunity for the faithful to renew their communion with the Roman Pontiff and to follow closely his teachings.

St Polycarp – 23 Feb (Commemoration): St Polycarp (+ c.155) was converted to Christianity by St John the Evangelist. He was later ordained bishop of Smyrna (now Izmir, Turkey). As an old man he was urged by the Roman proconsul to renounce Christ in order to save his life. The saint replied, ‘For eighty-six years I have served him and he has never wronged me. How can I renounce the King who has saved me?’ He was executed and his body burnt; his followers collected his relics and wrote an account of his life and martyrdom.