

English Martyrs  
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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH  
ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B 4 February 2024

*Psalm Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted*

Sun:	9.00am Mass	Mary Gallagher RIP
	11.00am Mass	Anne & Patrick Godfrey Delaney RIP
Mon:	12 noon Memorial Mass	Winifred Buchan RIP
Tues:	12 noon Mass	Frances Connolly Int.
Fri:	12 noon Mass	Sean Burke RIP
Sun;	<u>6th Sunday of the Year B</u>	
	9.00am Mass	James Love RIP
	11.00am Mass	Mamie & David Westwood RIP

### Money Matters:

Collection:  
Offertory: £562.34

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 Dreuitt, 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.

**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 **today Sunday 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Churches Together in Chellaston Lenten Journey:**

Lent 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.

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**St Agatha – 5 Feb (Memorial):**

St Agatha (+ 251) suffered martyrdom at Catania in Sicily, probably during the time of Decius. According to a Later Life, the tortures she was subjected to included cutting off her breasts, which have become her symbol in art. She was widely venerated as a martyr and her name appears in the Roman Canon.

**St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs – 6 Feb (Memorial):**

St Paul Miki and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. They were crucified and then stabbed with spears, though the executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being thus associated with the passion of Christ. They were the first martyrs of the Far East to be canonized.

**St Scholastica, Virgin – 10 Feb (Memorial):**

St Scholastica (+ c.543) was the sister of St Benedict. She followed the rule of her brother near Montecassino and is regarded as the first Benedictine nun. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting; three days later St Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove (her symbol in art).

**Our Lady of Lourdes – 11 Feb (Optional Memorial):**

The feast marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old St Bernadette Soubirous. There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of which was on 16 July 1858. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer and charity. In a special way, the shrine has become closely associated with the sick.