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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (B) ***24th March 2024***

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Josie Clifford RIP Tibor Zamba RIP.
Mon:	12 noon Mass	William Johnson RIP
Thurs:	<u>Holy Thursday</u> 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Sheila & Phil Sanders RIP
Fri:	<u>Good Friday</u> 11.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Service of the Passion	
Sat:	<u>Easter Vigil</u> 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Chris Hurd RIP
Sun;	<u>Easter Sunday</u> 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Marie Johnson RIP Fr Slawomir Hermanowicz Int.

Money Matters:

Collection:
Offertory: £687.08

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, Chris Connolly. and Jean Spencer.

Churches Together in Chellaston: Monday 26 March at 12noon: Following this year's Lent Groups we meet to share a simple AGAPE MEAL in Chellaston Methodist Schoolroom.

Good Friday: Choral Reflections – 7pm at St Peter's Church, Chellaston.

Maundy Thursday Collection for Bishop's Charities
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine.
Easter Offering for the Parish Priest

300 Club - Changes to prizes: With effect from 1 April, whilst the overall monthly prize money will remain £250, due to a further increase in the cost of postage stamps, the number of prizes will be reduced from 7 to 6 distributed as below:

1	£100
1	£50
4	£25

Thank you for your support. All profits are used for the benefit of our Parish.

Winners of the March draw are:

£100	38	Angela Gregson
£50	151	Freda Copeland
£20	114	Mr & Mrs P Endsor
£20	80	Margaret Ward
£20	69	Dom Merrison
£20	60	Betty Wainwright
£20	112	Ann Hannan

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of Dominic McDivitt, Denis Homer, Gerry Kelly and Imelda Quinn. May they rest in peace. Please also remember their families in your prayers.

'Jesus, I wish you would give me the task of wiping the stains from your feet, because it was my behaviour that put them there'

St Ambrose of Milan

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent. But what are we really doing when we join this procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.

Pope Benedict XVI

Thursday of the Lord's Supper:

If we listen attentively to the Gospel, we can discern two different dimensions in the event of the washing of the feet. The cleansing that Jesus offers his disciples is first and foremost simply his action – the gift of purity, of the “capacity for God” that is offered to them. But the gift then becomes a model, the duty to do the same for one another. The gift and example overall, which we find in the passage on the washing of the feet, is a characteristic of the nature of Christianity in general. Christianity is not a type of moralism, simply a system of ethics. It does not originate in our action, our moral capacity. Christianity is first and foremost a gift: God gives himself to us – he does not give something, but himself. And this does not only happen at the beginning, at the moment of our conversion. He constantly remains the One who gives. He continually offers us his gifts. He always precedes us. This is why the central act of Christian being is the Eucharist: gratitude for have been gratified, joy for the new life that he gives us.

Pope Benedict XVI

Friday of the Pasion of the Lord:

The liturgy applies to Jesus's descent into the night of death, the words of Psalm 23(24): “Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O ancient doors!” The gates of death are closed, no one can return from there. There is no key for those iron doors. But Christ has the key. His Cross opens wide the gates of death, the stern doors. They are barred no longer. His Cross, his radical love, is the key that opens them. The love of the One who, though God, became man in order to die – this love has the power to open those doors. This love is stronger than death.

Pope Benedict XVI

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:

During the Easter Vigil, the Church reads the account of creation as a prophecy. In the resurrection, we see the most sublime fulfilment of what this text describes as the beginning of all things. God says one again: “Let there be light!” The resurrection of Jesus is an eruption of light. Death is conquered, the tomb is thrown open. The Risen One himself is Light, the Light of the world. With the resurrection, the Lord's day enters the nights of history. Beginning with the resurrection, God's light spreads throughout the world and throughout history. Day dawns. This Light alone – Jesus Christ – is the true light, something more than the physical phenomenon of light. He is pure Light: God himself, who causes a new creation to be born in the midst of the old, transforming chaos into cosmos.

Pope Benedict XVI