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'He is risen!
Alleluia, Alleluia!'

6th Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024

Psalm Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Patricia Cox RIP Margaret Meagher Int.
Wed:	6.30pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension	Tony Bradford RIP
Thurs:	<u>Ascension of the Lord</u> (Solemnity) (Holy Day of Obligation) 1.30pm Mass at St John Fisher School	Connor Fam. Thanksgiving
Fri:	12 noon Mass	Christine French RIP
<u>7th Sunday of Easter</u>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	The Swingle fam & all Travellers Alfred & Greta Magee RIP

Second Collection Today for CAFOD: Urgent Appeal for Sudan: Families in Sudan are facing extreme hunger. 25 million people need urgent help. CAFOD and our Church partners are there, ready to help. **Please pray and please give.** Every gift is needed.

Second Collections:

9 May – Ascension (Holy Day)

21 May - Catholic Communications

Churches Together in Chellaston:

12-18 May - Christian Aid Week

Tues 14 May - 12-2.00pm. Hunger Lunch for Christian Aid - £6

Sat 22 June - Spirit of Chellaston at the Community Centre

Sun 30 June - United Service with shared tea at St Peter's Hall

Last Sunday's Service with shared tea was a great success with an inspiring presentation by Jo Howie from Suzanna Wesley House for refugees. A cheque for £100 was presented to this charity. Thank you to all from SRS who contributed to the cakes.

Confirmation: Application forms are available at the back of Church. Classes start on **8 June** at 10.30am. Confirmation will take place on **7 July**

Ascension of the Lord (B): Today we hear once again this question from the Acts of the Apostles. This time it is directed to all of us: 'Why do you stand looking up to heaven?' We have read that, just as the Apostles were asking the Risen Lord about the restoration of Israel's earthly kingdom, 'He was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight.' And 'they looked up to heaven as he went'. They looked up to heaven because they looked to Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen One, raised up on high. We do not know whether at that precise moment they realized that a magnificent, infinite horizon was opening up before their eyes: the ultimate goal of our earthly pilgrimage. Perhaps they only realized this at Pentecost, in the light of the Holy Spirit. But for us, at a distance of two thousand years, the meaning of that event is quite clear. Here on earth, we are called to look up to heaven, to turn our minds and hearts to the inexpressible mystery of God. We are called to look towards this divine reality, to which we have been directed from our creation. For there we find life's ultimate meaning.

Pope Benedict XVI

Money Matters:

Collection:	
Offertory:	£498.55
Clergy Formation: + £32	£292.46

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: Walsh & Watson Families RIP

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially Simon Thompson, Christine and Michael Dreuit, Terry Bullock, 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, Chris Connolly, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Johnson, Margaret Meagher, James Wilson and Libby Dodes.

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget Mary Oldfield and Pat Ratcliffe. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Funeral for Bridget Oldfield: Reception 6.30pm **23 May**. **Requiem** at 11.00am at St Joseph's Burton, with Committal at Bretby at 12.15pm.

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