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# St Hugh of Lincoln

Patron of the Diocese

17 November 2024 – World Day of the Poor

*Psalm Response: Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News*

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Pat O'Donnell RIP Gilbert Kelly RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Eric & Marie Rayner RIP
Tues:	12 noon Mass	Spencer Ketta RIP
Thurs:	12 noon Mass	William Johnson RIP
Fri:	NO MASS	
<b>Christ the King (B)</b>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Patrick Joseph & Patrick Henry Smith RIP Annie Wilkinson RIP

#### Money Matters:

Collection: £361.15

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 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 Meagher, James Wilson and Libby Dodes.

**Please Pray** for the repose of the souls of those who have died. May they rest in peace.

Second Collections: 8 Dec - New & Poor Parishes  
9 Dec - Immaculate Conception (Transferred)  
25 Dec - Christmas Offering

#### **An Invitation to Pray About Assisted Suicide**

On 29th November, there will be a debate in parliament about legalising assisted suicide in this country for the terminally ill (those with six months or less left to live). Catholics know that, as Cardinal Vincent Nichols has said: "Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God. That is the source of our dignity and it is unique to the human person. The suffering of a human being is not meaningless; it does not destroy that dignity."

While MPs consider the proposed bill, the Bishops have asked Catholics to pray, write to their MP, and become better informed:

"In preparation for these challenging debates, let us offer our prayers for those facing the end of their lives, that they may receive the care and support they need to live their final days with respect for their dignity. Let us also pray for our politicians and our country that wisdom and compassion may guide their decisions. I also urge all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide." (*Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for England and Wales*) We therefore encourage you to join us in prayer to St Joseph (patron saint of the dying and a happy death) that assisted suicide will not be legalised, that palliative care will be significantly improved, for all those suffering from terminal illness, and for wisdom for our politicians.

#### **Appeal – Next Sunday, 24 November**

Next week the Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be giving a talk about their work and mission.

#### **SVP – Christmas Party:**

If you would like to attend the SVP Christmas Party on **Sunday 1 December**, please add your name to the sheet at the back of Church. If you require a lift, please add your address and telephone number.

**New Sunday Missals:** If you would like to order a copy of the new Sunday Missal, please complete an order form (available on the Piety Stall) and return to the Piety Stall with a £10 deposit. The new missal will begin use on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. (1 Dec 24)

**Advent Walk With Me:** These free booklets are now available at the back of Church. Please take a copy and pray during Advent in preparation for Christmas.

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**Young Adults** are invited to Saint Joseph's church, Derby, on **Thursday 21 November**, starting from 6.00pm with a Holy Hour, followed by a talk at 7.00pm from husband and dad Joe McCay, finishing with social time and compline.

Bishop Patrick is inviting all Young Adults across the diocese to 6.00pm Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral on **Sunday 24 November**. He will then join us for some social time afterwards. If you would like to support the Mass in some way – Altar Serving, Music, Welcome, etc, then please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

### **RedWednesday – 20th November 2024**

RedWednesday is Aid to the Church in Need's (national and international) day for persecuted Christians. This year, ACN is focusing on the suffering of young Christians in priority countries, many of whom are orphaned and displaced due to targeted attacks against their Christian communities. Can you help raise £500 by Christmas to help provide material and spiritual hope to displaced children in places like Nigeria, Lebanon, Syria, Burkina Faso and Mozambique? All individual gifts and donations will be doubled to the value of £250,000, thanks to generous benefactors! To donate visit [acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://acnuk.org/redwednesday).

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies** (Reception class) - children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is 15 th January 2025.

Application forms are available on 'home' Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect chances of a place.

**Job Vacancy:** An exciting opportunity has arisen in the parish of All Saints, West Nottingham, for a part-time parish administrator. The job is for 10 hours per week at £13.32 per hour, and more details can be found at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers) Applications should be received by **Monday 2 December** at 9am.

### **Prayer to St Michael:**

*'St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.'*

### **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) – 21 November:**

The Presentation of Mary in the Temple as a young girl is based not on the New Testament but on an account in the apocryphal Gospel of James. The feast prepares us for Advent and Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of her Divine Son into the world.

### **St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial) – 22 November:**

St Cecilia (third century) was a Roman martyr. Legend makes her a noblewoman who founded a church in Trastevere, Rome, and was martyred under Marcus Aurelius – when attempts to suffocate her in the bathroom failed, a headsman was sent to decapitate her. However, three strokes failed to sever her head and she lingered on for three further days, praying and singing to God. She is mentioned in the Roman Canon and venerated as patron of music.

### **St Columban. Abbot (Feast in Ireland) – 23 November:**

St Columban (c.540-615) was born in Leinster (Ireland) and entered the monastic life at an early age. With a dozen companions he travelled to the continent and founded many monasteries in France and Italy, including Luxeuil and Bobbio, although his strict discipline sometimes aroused opposition. He died at Bobbio in 615.

### **St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) – 24 November:**

The feast celebrates the witness of 117 Vietnamese martyrs, who died between 1625 and 1886 and were canonized in 1988. They include St Andrew Dũng-Lạc (1795-1839), a Vietnamese diocesan priest who was beheaded at Hanoi in 1839. Twenty-one of the martyrs were foreign missionaries, such as St Théophane Vénard, a member of the Paris Society of the Foreign Missions, who was beheaded in 1861 and exercised a strong influence on St Thérèse of Lisieux.

*'When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed.'*

**Mother Teresa**