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ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

Christ the King (B)

24 November 2024

Psalm Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Patrick Joseph & Patrick Henry Smith RIP Annie Wilkinson RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Holy Souls
Tues:	12 noon Mass	Holy Souls
Wed:	12 noon Mass	Holy Souls
Fri:	NO MASS	
1st Sunday of Advent (C)		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 3.00pm Mass	Pauline Agnes Green RIP Tony Curtis RIP Sick & Housebound

Money Matters:

Collection: £1250.38

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

Appeal – This Sunday, 24 November

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

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 Nicholls 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.

SVP – Christmas Party:

If you would like to attend the SVP Christmas Party next **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.

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.

SVP Food Parcels:

The SVP are hoping to provide Christmas food parcels to some of the families in most need in our Parish. Christmas is always a difficult time, especially with rising energy and food costs. If you would like to contribute something to make Christmas a happier time for these families, please bring your donations to Church and place them in the box at the back of Church (in the Lady Chapel). Please don't bring any dairy or fresh foods and please ensure Use By dates are later than Christmas Day. Thank you for your generosity.

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tues 24 Dec: 6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
12 midnight Mass

Wed 25 Dec: 9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass

300 Club: The winners of the November draw are:

£100	110	Stephen Butcher
£50	123	Cath Hamblin
£25	80	Margaret Ward
£25	61	Richard Harnedy
£25	81	Anne Walsh
£25	83	Barry Rayner

Well done all!

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 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 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.'

Memorare to St Joseph:

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

St Andrew, Apostle (Feast) – 30 November:

St Andrew (first century) was born at Bethsaida and worked as a fisherman. He is called the Protokletos or 'first called', for he was originally a disciple of St John the Baptist before following Christ and bringing with him his brother, St Peter. After Pentecost he zealously preached the Gospel and was crucified at Patras (Greece). He is the Patron of Scotland, where his relics were formerly venerated at St Andrews.

'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