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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH
ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

Second Sunday of the Year - C

19 January 2025

Psalm Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	David Perry RIP Tony Curtis RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Margaret Johnson Int
Wed:	12 noon Mass	Doris & Jim Kelly RIP
Fri:	St Francis de Sales (Memorial) 12 noon Mass	Christine Walker RIP
3rd Sunday of the Year (C)		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Paul Muyomba Fam Int. Mavis & Gordon Hawkins RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £376.88
Sick & Retired Priests Fund: £169.80

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: Brenda Bethell 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, Liz Simmons, Terry & Liz Spencer, Anu Chilka, Mick Connolly, Chris Connolly, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Meagher, James Wilson, Libby Dodes and Gregory Makowski.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Cunningham. May she rest in peace. Please also remember her family in your prayers.

Funeral details: Reception: 4.30pm on **27 January**, Requiem Mass at 11.00am **28 January**, followed by burial at St Michael's.

Second Collections:

16 Mar: CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)

23 Mar: SVP (For the Poor & Needy)

Second Collection: Next Sunday, 26 January for LEPR

Prayer and Life Workshops: The diocese are offering a course to help people grow in their prayer life this spring. The course called *Prayer and Life Workshops* will help you learn and practise a variety of ways of praying, that will bring you closer to Christ, find healing, become more familiar with the Word of God and help you live your faith through the challenges of life. The course begins on **Thursday 23 January**. All sessions will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Derby, (DE3 9GE), 7-9pm. Email: formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new **Young Adult Formation Course** run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SjRHh>

The Adult Formation team has organised a Young Adult (18-35) Retreat Day from 3.00pm on **Saturday, 25 January** at Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The day comprises Mass, spiritual input, a light supper, and social time. To book your place (including dietary requirements) visit: <https://buy.stripe.com/7sl7t6aJYbCugve14b> or donate on arrival. For further details contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday, 16 February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the Jubilee of Marriages. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

The Diocesan Youth Service is looking to appoint a Business Manager to provide managerial oversight and hands on control of all aspects of financial management and reporting, people management and other resources such as the facilities in Derbyshire. The role is for 37.5 hours per week, with a salary in the range £38k-£42k. The deadline for applications is **Friday 31st January**, and more details can be found at: www.ndcys.com/job-vacancies/

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An exciting opportunity has arisen at All Saints, West Nottingham parish for a part-time parish administrator, working 10 hours per week (Mondays and Fridays). For more details see the poster; the closing date for applications is **Friday, 31 January**.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom, **Thursday 27th February – Sunday 2nd March** please email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk, telephone 07887 296983, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial) – 21 January

St Agnes (+ c.304) came from a noble Roman family. According to a fifth century Life, she was about thirteen years old when she suffered martyrdom by being stabbed in the throat, after refusing to be married to a pagan. She was buried on the Via Nomentana and her name is included in the Roman Canon. She is often shown with a lamb, a symbol of her purity and also a play on her name (which in Greek means 'chaste') and the Latin word agnus (meaning 'lamb').

St Francis de Sales (Memorial) – 24 January:

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was born in Thorens, Savoy (France) and trained as a lawyer before being ordained. He became Bishop of Geneva in 1602 and did much to combat Calvinism. He also founded the Order of the Visitation, with St Jane Frances de Chantal, and produced popular spiritual works such as Introduction to the Devout Life. His flock called him 'the Gentle Christ of Geneva'. Pius XI declared St Francis patron of journalists and writers in 1923.

The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast) – 25 January

This Feast commemorates the conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. He was blinded by a light and thrown from his horse to the ground, hearing the words, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'the Risen One spoke to Paul, called him to the apostolate and made him a true Apostle, a witness of the Resurrection, with the specific task of proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles, to the Graeco-Roman world.'

'Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us'

Romans 5: 5