

English Martyrs
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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH
ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

Presentation of the Lord

2 February 2025

Psalm Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Chris & Leo Hurd RIP Phyl McGauran Int
Mon:	<u>St Blaise</u> - Blessing of Throats 12 noon Mass	Winifred Buchan RIP (2 nd Anniv)
Wed:	<u>St Agatha</u> 12 noon Mass	Denise & Ray O'Neil Int.
Fri:	12 noon Mass	Libby & Vanessa Dodes Int.
<u>5th Sunday of the Year C</u>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Mr & Mrs HJ Ocholla & Children Augustus & Hewitt Families RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £628.66
LEPRA: £272.21

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, 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 those who have died. May they rest in peace.

Second Collections:

16 Mar: CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)
23 Mar: SVP (For the Poor & Needy)

MISSIO – Red Box: Please bring your Red Box to the Sacristy for it to be emptied. **PLEASE** ensure that it has your name on it so that it can be returned to you. Thank you for your generosity.

A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year:

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational event](#) (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

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.

On Friday 28th February Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults (18-35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for 'Nottingham Night Light'. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, eg reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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

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Lay chaplaincy post- Blessed Robert Sutton, Holy Rosary and St Edwards CVA's - We are part of the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, a family of schools committed to delivering high-quality education within a strong Catholic ethos. We strive to nurture and develop the whole person—spiritually, academically, and socially—by integrating faith into every aspect of school life. Our schools are inclusive, vibrant, and diverse communities where students are encouraged to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.

We are seeking a dedicated and passionate Lay Chaplain to work across multiple schools within our trust. This is a reserved post, and the successful candidate must be a practising Catholic who is committed to deepening the spiritual life of our school communities. The schools are:

Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy, Bluestone Lane, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent, DE15 9SD.

Holy Rosary Catholic Voluntary Academy, Alexandra Road, Burton-on-Trent, DE15 0JE.

St Edward's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Newhall Road, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 0BD.

Link to the advert - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/146235/EDV-2025-BRSCVA-16204>

The deadline for applications is Midnight extended to **Friday, 7 February**

'Mine eyes have seen thy salvation.... a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to thy people Israel'

Luke 2: 30, 32

The Presentation of the Lord (Solemnity) – 2 February:

The Presentation of the Lord, popularly known as 'Candlemas', traditionally concludes the celebration of Christmas. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth, an occasion when offerings were made and the mother was ritually purified. Simeon's prophecy referred to Jesus as 'a light to enlighten the pagans', summing up the Christmas theme of light coming into the darkness, but also points towards the Paschal Mystery, for He was 'destined to be a sign that is rejected.'

St Blaise (Opt Memorial) – 3 February:

St Blaise (+c.316) was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred under Licinius. Cures were attributed to him and it is the custom in many places to bless throats on his feast.

St Ansgar, Bishop (Opt Memorial) – 3 February:

St Ansgar or Anskar (801-865) was a French Benedictine monk who is known as the 'Apostle of the North'. As Archbishop of Hamburg and Papal Legate, he worked for thirteen years preaching the gospel in northern Germany, Denmark and Sweden. The saint laid the foundations of the Church in these places, even though there were late relapses into paganism.

St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial) – 5 February:

St Agatha (+ 251) suffered martyrdom at Catania in Sicily, probably during the time of Decius. According to a later Life, the tortures she was subjected to included cutting off her breasts, which have become her symbol in art. She was widely venerated as a martyr and her name appears in the Roman Canon.

St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) – 6 Feb:

St Paul Miki and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. They were crucified and then stabbed with spears, though the executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being thus associated with the passion of Christ. They were the first martyrs of the Far East to be canonised.

St Mel, Bishop (Opt Memorial) – 7 February:

St Mel (+ C.;490) is said to have been a nephew or disciple of St Patrick, joining him as a missionary in Ireland. He eventually became first bishop of Ardagh and is venerated as the patron of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise.

St Jerome Emiliani (Opt Memorial) – 8 February:

St Jerome Emiliani (1486-1537) was born in Venice and led a dissolute youth. Serving as a soldier, he was taken captive but attributed his liberation to the intercession of Our Lady. Henceforth he dedicated himself to a life of charity. He founded a congregation of clerks regular known as the Somaschi, dedicated to the education of children, especially orphans. He died of the plague in 1537 while caring for the afflicted. In 1928 he was named patron of orphans and abandoned children.

St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (Opt Memorial) – 8 February:

St Josephine Bakhita (c. 1868-1947) was born in the Darfur region of the Sudan and spent much of her early life as a slave. She eventually settled in Italy, where she converted to Christianity and entered the Canossian Daughters of Charity at Schio, near Vicenza. Serving quietly as the community's portress, cook and sacristan, she gained a reputation for exceptional piety and holiness.