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ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

9 February 2025

*Psalm Response: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord*

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Mr & Mrs HJ Ocholla & Children Augustus & Hewitt Families RIP
Mon:	<u>St Scholastica</u> (Memorial) 12 noon Mass	Christine French RIP
Wed:	12 noon Mass	Anne Walsh Int.
Fri:	<u>Ss Cyril &amp; Methodius</u> (Patrons of Europe)(Feast) 12 noon Mass	Andrzej Hebda RIP
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C</b>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Tony Bradford RIP Anne & Norman Annable Int.

Money Matters:

Offertory: £554.28

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)

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk), telephone 07887 296983, or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Walk 200km In 40 Days To Help Fight Global Poverty**

Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Details on the CAFOD website [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk)

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**New Daily Missals** are now available to pre-order. The Weekday Missal costs £55 and the Daily Missal, which also contains the Sunday readings, is £75. If you would like to order one of these Missals please contact me, Anne Walsh (contact details overleaf), or Jo Ludlow on the Piety Stall at 11.00am mass, with your details. The Missals will be delivered at the end of April.

**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**

### **St Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial) – 10 February:**

St Scholastica (+ c.543) was the sister of St Benedict. She followed the rule of her brother near Montecassino and is regarded as the first Benedictine nun. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting; three days later St Benedict saw her soul ascend to heaven as a dove (her symbol in art).

### **Our Lady of Lourdes (Opt Memorial) – 11 February:**

The feast marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old St Bernadette Soubirous. There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of which was on 16 July 1858. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer and charity. In a special way, the shrine has become closely associated with the sick.

### **St Gobnait, Virgin (Opt Memorial) – 11 February:**

St Gobnait or Gobnet (sixth century) was probably born in County Clare and, according to legend, studied with St Enda on the Aran Islands. Medieval sources claim she founded churches at Dunquin, County Kerry and Dungarvan, County Waterford and a monastery at Ballyvourney, County Cork. She is remembered for her love of bee-keeping and her care of the sick.

### **St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe (Feast) – 14 February:**

These two brothers evangelised Moravia, Bohemia, and Bulgaria and are venerated as the 'Apostles of the Slavs.' They translated liturgical books into Slavonic with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet, which they invented. St Cyril (+ 869) died in Rome where he had gone to seek the Pope's blessing. St Methodius (+ 885) was consecrated a bishop and ended his days in Pannonia (Hungary). Blessed St John Paul II proclaimed them Patrons of Europe, along with St Benedict.

***'Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love'***

St Augustine of Hippo