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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH  
ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

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

2 March 2025

*Psalm Response: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord*

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Mary Anne Conlon RIP Mavis & Gordon Hawkins RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Baby Freya Purcell & her Parents
Wed:	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> – Day of Fast and Abstinence 10.00am Mass at SJF School 12 noon Mass 6.30pm Mass	Children & Staff Mary Storer Int. John Hanson RIP
Fri:	12 noon Mass	Bridie Smith RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C</b>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Valda Jordan-Lin Int. Jack O'Kelly RIP

### Money Matters:

Offertory: £584.79

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: Baby Freya Purcell

**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 souls of John Hanson and Dr Budgen. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Dr Budgen's funeral details are:

Reception on **Thursday 13 March** at 4.00pm

Requiem Mass on **Friday, 14 March** at 2.00pm followed by committal at Trent Valley Crematorium at 3.30pm

**Second Collection** next **Sunday, 9 March** for Derby Hospices.

### 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)

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** is **Friday, 14 March**. Please pick up an envelope for your contribution to the second collection on **16 March**.

**Walk with Me:** The Journey of Prayer for Lent booklets are available at the back of Church. Please take a **FREE** copy for yourselves, your family and neighbours. This Jubilee edition has Hope as its central message. 'Lent is a time to rediscover the gift of prayer, a moment of genuine, personal encounter with Jesus, who is the door of our salvation, but also our living hope.' - Cardinal Vincent Nichols

**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 £70. If you would like to order one of these Missals please contact me, Anne Walsh on 07980 568261 or email [annew505@gmail.com](mailto:annew505@gmail.com), or Jo Ludlow on the Piety Stall at 11.00am mass, with your details. The Missals will be delivered at the end of April.

**If anyone is in need of a riser/recliner chair** please contact the SVP for further details: David Gabriel on tel: 01332 700549 or email: [davewgabriel@aol.com](mailto:davewgabriel@aol.com)

### Second Collections:

16 Mar: CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)

23 Mar: SVP (For the Poor & Needy)

**'At the foot of the cross Mary became our mother. Just before he died, Jesus gave his mother to St John and St John to his mother. And so, all of us became her children.'**

St Teresa of Calcutta

Father M Brentnall VF [Parish Priest]

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**Palms:** Please bring your old palms and place in the box at the back of Church. These will be used for the fire on Holy Saturday night.

**St Casimir (Opt Memorial) – 4 March:**

St Casimir (1458-1484) was the third son of King Casimir IV of Poland. A shining example of faith, piety, humility, and chastity, he had little interest in proposals to arrange an advantageous marriage, and refused to go to war against other Christian princes. His devotion to Our Lady was great; he was so fond of the twelfth-century hymn 'Daily, daily sin to Mary' that it is often attributed to him. He died of tuberculosis aged twenty-six and was named patron of Poland in 1602.

**Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, 5 March:**

**A day of Fast & Abstinence**

Today, at the centre of our liturgical celebration, there is a symbolic action, interpreted by the words that are used with it. It is the imposition of the ashes, whose meaning, as a pointed reference to the human condition, is focused by the first formula offered by the rite: "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Today's rite can be considered to be a "liturgy of death"; it refers to Good Friday, when our rite will be fully completed. It is in him, who "humbled himself making himself obedient unto death, even death on the Cross" that we should die to ourselves to be reborn to eternal life. Let us listen to the call that the Lord directs to us through the intense and austere rites and prayers of the liturgy of Ash Wednesday. Let us accept the call with the humble and confident attitude of the Psalmist: "A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me".

Pope St John Paul II

**Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (Memorial) – 7 March:**

St Perpetua, a young mother of noble birth, and St Felicity, a heavily pregnant slave girl, were imprisoned at Carthage in 203 because of their Christian faith. Before they met their death (they were thrown to wild beasts in the arena), Felicity gave birth to a girl; Perpetua was still nursing her new-born son. 'The Passion of St Perpetua' provides a particularly vivid account of their martyrdom. They are included in the Roman Canon.

**St John of God, Religious (Opt Memorial) – 8 March:**

St John of God (1495-1550) was born at Montemor-o-Novo (Portugal) and took a number of employments, including shepherd, soldier and bookseller. Encouraged by St John of Avila, he experienced a conversion of heart aged forty-two and started serving the sick in Granada (Spain). For this purpose, he founded the Brothers Hospitallers (Brothers of St John of God) and is venerated as patron of the sick and of hospitals, and also of booksellers.

**St Frances of Rome, Religious (Opt Memorial) – 9 March:**

St Frances of Rome (1384-1440) was a married woman and mother of six children. She patiently endured many trials, including the death of two of her children, the exile of her husband and the confiscation of their estates. In 1433 she founded the Benedictine Oblates of the Tor de'Specchi to continue her works of charity, and after her husband died in 1436 she became their superior. She often saw her guardian angel at her side, guiding and protecting her, which may be why she was named patron of motorists by Pope Pius XL.