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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year (C)**  
**23 March 2025**

**Psalm Response: The Lord is compassionate and gracious**

<b>Sun:</b>	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Don & Julia Middleton Nathalia Christine Sequeira RIP
<b>Mon:</b>	12 noon Mass	Alfred & Greta Magee RIP
<b>Tues:</b>	<u>Annunciation of the Lord</u> (Solemnity) 12 noon Mass	Pat Ratcliffe RIP
<b>Fri:</b>	12 noon Mass	Phil & Sheila Sanders RIP
<b>Sat:</b>	10.00am Stations of the Cross & Confession 10.30-12noon Adoration	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C</b>		
<b>Sun:</b>	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Valentine Duarte Joao Zubel-Hawksworth Int

**Money Matters:**

Offertory: £669.53  
CAFOD Family Fast: £547.36

For those who regularly contribute to the Church via the Envelope Scheme, another option would be to set up a Monthly or Weekly Direct Debit or Standing Order. If you contribute by any of these methods and you pay Income Tax, please consider Gift Aiding your contributions to the Parish, this is worth an extra 20% to the Parish without costing you any more than your Gift to the Parish.

Lloyds Bank: sort code 30-92-59;  
Account number 01620555 – English Martyrs, Derby RCP.  
(Gift Aid forms available at the back of Church)

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, Frances Connolly, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Meagher, James Wilson, Libby Dodes, Gregory Makowski, Brian Campbell, James Slater, Mary Storer and Karen Marshall..

**Please Pray** for the repose of the soul of John Gannon. Please remember his family in your prayers.  
The funeral of John Gannon will be held on **Friday, 4 April** at 12 noon followed by burial at Nottingham Rd Cemetery at 13.30pm

**Second Collection today Sunday, 23 March for the SVP, for the Poor and Needy of the Parish.**

During Lent, St John Fisher is raising money for **CAFOD** carrying out sponsored virtual pilgrimages around the diocese and to Vatican City. To encourage children to gain sponsorship, Mr Lobb – the New Headteacher – will walk from the school to St Mary's church (As the Jubilee church for the deanery) to deliver the money to **CAFOD** on **4 April** – dressed as a chicken (buying chickens was the focus for our launch assembly) as long as we raise £1000. If you would like to support St John Fisher's fundraising for **CAFOD**, search St John Fisher 2025 or Graham Lobb on Just Giving. Thank you!

**Jubilee Station Mass with the Bishop** at 7.00pm on **Thursday, 3 April** at St Mary's, Derby.

As part of the celebrations, there will be a Guided History Tour of St Mary's on **Saturday 5 April** starting at 1pm. (1 hour)  
All are very welcome to join me for this guided tour.

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

**300 Club:** The winners of the March draw are:

£100	60	Elizabeth Wainwright
£50	111	Michael Wilson
£25	95	Alphonsus Ward
£25	79	Marie Horsley
£25	8	Elizabeth Wainwright
£25	2	Margaret Johnson

Well done all!

**Daylight Saving Time: Don't forget to put your clocks forward next Saturday night/Sunday morning, 29/30 March.**

**A recording of Fonce Ward's Requiem Mass in Ireland can be found at: <https://mcn.live/Camera/st-michaels-church>**

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**Hospital Ministry to Catholics in Derby:** As the UHDB NHS Trust, which runs the two hospitals in Derby, does not provide for a Catholic Chaplain in the city, it's not always clear what to do if you're in hospital and want religious care, so here's a quick guide:

(1) You need to proactively make it known that you are a Catholic and ensure that ward staff contact the Hospital Chaplaincy and inform them that you want added to the Catholic visiting and Communion lists.

Once you have done this then (2) on Fridays Fr Tim O'Sullivan, Fr Deogratias Arumasi and Deacon Richard Beben, together with Sr Helen UMI, Sr Sneha UMI, or Sr Vineeta UMI, visit in both Royal Derby and Florence Nightingale Hospitals as chaplaincy volunteers; and (3) on Sundays Holy Communion is brought to patients by the Sisters and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Beyond Fridays and Sundays (4) if you require non-urgent sacramental care, such as Confession or Anointing, you should ask your parish priest, or (5) in danger of death the ward will ask the hospital switchboard to contact whichever local Catholic priest has volunteered that week to respond to end of life calls, and he will attend as soon as is practicable

**Nottingham Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir** are gearing up to perform the Bach St John Passion on **Saturday 29 March** at 7.45pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AE. For those haven't experienced the St John Passion, it is the perfect preparation for Holy Week. Since the performance falls the day before Mothering Sunday, the Choirs are offering 10% off tickets if you are treating your mum! This discount is available until **19 March**; simply use the code MUM10 at the checkout

**The Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat** returns to Nottingham this year on Saturday 5th April. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' and it will be given by Canon Jonathan Cotton, a fantastic retreat leader. Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) will host the retreat which will include Holy Mass, Talks, confession, social time and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events)

**Join men from across the diocese** on Saturday **12 April** for our annual Men's Retreat, once again at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is 'The Journey Through Holy Week' and it will be given by Father John Farrell OP, former provincial of the Dominican Order. The retreat will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, Talks, confession, guided adoration and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events)

### **Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity) – 25 March:**

On the floor of the Holy House in Nazareth, an inscription reads 'Verbum caro hic factum est'; 'the Word was made flesh here'. When the Blessed Virgin said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, the Word became flesh and dwelt in her womb for nine months. The Annunciation is the prologue to the mysteries of Holy Week: the Incarnation happened so that we could be redeemed; the child conceived on this day was born to die for our sins and conquer death.

***'The Jubilee reminds us that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone. The rich must be generous and not avert their eyes from the faces of their brothers and sisters in need'***

**Spec non confundit 16, Pope Francis on the Holy Year 2021**