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ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year (C)**  
**30 March 2025 – Mothering Sunday**  
**Psalm Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good**

<b>Sun:</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Valentine Duarte Joao
	<b>11.00am Mass</b>	Zubel-Hawksworth Int
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>12 noon Mass</b>	Private Intention
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>12 noon Mass</b>	Fr Sean Carroll RIP
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>12 noon Requiem Mass</b>	John Gannon RIP
	<b>Followed by burial at Nottingham Rd Cemetery at 1.30pm</b>	
<b>Sat:</b>	<b>10.00am Stations of the Cross</b>	
	<b>10.30-12noon Adoration &amp; Confession</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C</b>		
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	Foncie Ward RP
	<b>11.00am Mass</b>	Christopher O'Kelly Int.

**Money Matters:**

Offertory: £629.40  
SVP: £483.15

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, and Mary Storer.

**First Holy Communion – Sunday 25 May at 2.00pm:**

Application forms are available at the back of Church. Classes will begin on **Saturday, 3 May at 10.30-11.30am** in the Church.

**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.

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.

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

**Second Collections for April:**

<b>17 April (Maundy Thursday)</b>	<b>Bishops Charities</b>
<b>18 April (Good Friday)</b>	<b>Holy Places of Jerusalem</b>
<b>20 April (Easter Sunday)</b>	<b>Easter Offering</b>

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April:**

**For the use of the new technologies  
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not  
replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the  
person, and will help us face the crises of our times.**

**Please Pray** for the repose of the souls of Johnathan Glanfield and Jane Giles. May they rest in peace.

Please remember their families in your prayers.

Jane Giles – 11.00am Requiem Mass on **23 April** followed by burial at Nottingham Rd Cemetery at 12.30pm

Johnathan Glanfield – 12noon Requiem Mass on **2 May**.

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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

**The Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat** returns to Nottingham this year on Saturday, 5 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)

***'We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence'***  
Spec non confundit 7, Pope Francis on the Holy Year 2025

### **St Ceallach (Celsus), Bishop (Opt Memorial) – 1 April**

St Ceallach or Celsus (1079-1129) became Archbishop of Armagh as a twenty-six year-old layman, inheriting it as a family fief. He was referred to by St Bernard as a 'worthy and God-fearing man,' and promoted the reform of the Church through visitations and synods, despite facing much opposition. He appointed St Malachy as his successor, thus breaking the hereditary right to the See held by his own family. He was buried at Lismore, County Waterford.

### **St Francis of Paola, Hermit (Opt Memorial) – 2 April**

St Francis of Paola (1416-1507) initially joined the Franciscans, but left to live as a hermit in a cave on the Calabrian coast, near his birthplace, Paola. He was soon joined by others who wished to devote their lives to prayer and penance. The community developed into the Order of Minims (Minimi fratres, the 'least brethren'). After being called to console King Louis XI on his deathbed, St Francis moved to France, where he founded several Minim houses.

### **St Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Opt Memorial) – 4 April**

St Isidore (560-636) was born in Seville (Spain) and succeeded his elder brother as Bishop of Seville around the year 600. He did much to consolidate the Spanish Church by calling councils, founding religious houses and fighting Arianism. He was a prolific author; his last work, Etymologies, was an encyclopedia which continued to be used throughout the Middle Ages. St Isidore was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1722.

### **St Vincent Ferrer, Priest (Opt Memorial) – 5 April**

St Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419) was born at Valencia (Spain) to an English father and Spanish mother. He joined the Dominicans and became renowned as an effective preacher among Christians, Jews and Muslims. Many miracles were attributed to him. He died in 1419 while preaching in Brittany and was buried at Vannes.

#### **Easter Services**

**Thursday 6.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday 3.00pm - The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Holy Saturday 6.30pm – The Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday 9.00am & 11.00am – Easter Sunday**