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ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year (C)**  
**6 April 2025**

**Psalm Response: What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad**

Sun:	9.00am Mass	Foncie Ward RP
	11.00am Mass	Christopher O'Kelly Int
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Chris Egan RIP
Wed:	12 noon Mass	Manuel Antonio de Oliveira
<b>Palm Sunday Year C</b>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass	Francesca & Mauricio Int
	11.00am Mass	Maria Novak RIP

**Money Matters:**

Offertory: £374.34

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.

**Second Collections for April:**

17 April (Maundy Thursday)

18 April (Good Friday)

20 April (Easter Sunday)

Bishops Charities

Holy Places of Jerusalem

Easter Offering

**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, Jane Giles and Tommasina Buonaguro. 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**.

Tommasina Buonaguro – Reception 6.00pm on **Tuesday, 6 May**.  
Requiem at 9.00am on **Wednesday, 7 May** followed by burial at Nottingham Rd cemetery at 10.30am.

**SVP:** Thank you for your generous support to the collection the other week. However, now that the school holidays have started, the calls on our resources are greater than ever as there is no access to the free school meals system. If you are able to donate any food items, particularly Easter treats, to help in our ongoing support, it would be much appreciated. Many thanks.

**Easter Services**

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

**Good 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**

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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

**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)

**The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote> Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/)**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:**

Today's liturgy presents to us the Gospel episode of Jesus who saves an adulterous woman condemned to death. St John the Evangelist highlights one detail: while his accusers are insistently interrogating him, Jesus bends down and starts writing with his finger on the ground. St Augustine notes that this gesture portrays Christ as the divine legislator: in fact, God wrote the law with his finger on tablets of stone. Thus Jesus is the Legislator, he is Justice in person. And what is his sentence? "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." These words are full of the disarming power of truth that pulls down the wall of hypocrisy and opens consciences to a greater justice, that of love, in which consists the fulfilment of every precept.

Pope Benedict XVI

### **St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest (Memorial) – 7 April:**

St John Baptist de la Salle (1651-1719) was born at Rheims (France). He opened free schools for poor children and introduced new teaching methods, earning him the title 'Father of Modern Pedagogy'. He founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Brothers), which made a great contribution to popular education. He was declared patron of schoolteachers in 1950.

### **St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial) – 11 April:**

St Stanislaus (Stanislaw) (1030-1079) became Bishop of Cracow (Poland) in 1072 and championed the liberty of the Church and the dignity of man. He reproached King Boleslaw II for his immoral life, and may have plotted his overthrow; in any event, the King himself murdered the bishop while he was offering Mass. Devotion to Stanislaus grew at once, and he was canonised in 1253. St Stanislaus is the patron of Poland.

### **St Martin I, Pope and Martyr (Opt Memorial) – 13 April:**

St Martin I (+ 655) was born in Todi (Italy) and elected Pope in 649. He called a Council to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which denied that Christ had two wills. This angered the Byzantine emperor Constans II, who sympathised with the Monothelites, and St Martin was imprisoned then banished to the Crimea where he died, broken by his sufferings. He is venerated as a martyr.[]

***'Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sins. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance of mercy'***

**St Isidore of Seville**