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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

20th Sunday of the Year 17 August 2025

Psalm Response: Lord, make haste to help me!

Sun: 9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

Michael Kerrigan RIP Norman Annable RIP

Mon: 12 noon Mass

4.30pm Reception of John McKenna RIP

Russ McCarter RIP

Tues: 12 noon Requiem Mass

John McKenna RIP

Fri: NO MASS

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n: 9.00am Mass Tony Cox RIP 11.00am Mass James Connor & Fam RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £429.50

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 Dreuitt, Terry Bullock, Giovanni Busato, Ian Robinson, Bart Makowski, Joe Migallo, Liam Blaney, Christopher Turner, Tracey Reeve, Liz Simmons, Terry & Liz Spencer, Mick & Frances Connolly, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Meagher, James Wilson, Libby Dodes, Gregory Makowski, Brian Campbell, and Mary Storer.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McKenna and Fr Slavomir Hermanowicz (Fr Slavic). May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Second Collection on next Sunday, 24 August - Diocesan Quota

SVP Summer Raffle: Prizes: £5000, £1000 and 15 x £100. Please get your tickets from the back of Church or see an SVP member. Thank you for your support.

Can you help at an SVP camp next year?

With the closure of their camp at Mablethorpe the SVP is hoping to offer a relaunched camp provision for young people aged 9/10 next summer. This can only happen with a team of helpers in place to ensure the camp runs safely and effectively. You do not have to be involved with the SVP to help. An enthusiasm to work with young people and a desire to make a difference is what counts. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact David Gabriel on 07751 278894, Barry Raynor, 07887 376609 or email Lance Philpott at lance.philpott59@gmail.com

Alvaston Christians Together – Sundays at Six: The Goodness of God. Today, Sunday 17 August at South Derby Salvation Army, Allenton, DE24 9AE. Next Sunday, 24 August at New Testatment Church of God DE24 8SZ.

Alvaston Christians Together Holiday Clubs: Please see poster on the notice board.

Scarecrow Festival – Theme: Stories - Weekend of 27 Sept 25

If you are interested in taking part or would like more information, please contact Anne Walsh on 07980 568261 or email: annew505@gmail.com

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St John Eudes, Priest (Opt Mem) - 19 August:

St John Eudes (1601-1680) was born in the Norman village of Ri (France), joined the Oratory in Paris and was ordained in 1625. He went on to found the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) and the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge. A popular preacher, he promoted devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He was canonised in 1925.

St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (Memorial): - 20 August:

St Bernard (c. 1090-1153) was born into a noble family at Fontaines, near Dijon (France). In 1113 he joined the new monastery at Citeaux and went on to found the Cistercian house at Clairvaux. St Bernard became known as a talented theologian, preacher and controversialist, enjoying a correspondence with monarchs and popes. He managed to combine a life of action with one of mystical contemplation, as revealed in his writings. Declared a Doctor of the Church in 1830, he is known as 'the last of the Fathers.'

St Pius X, Pope (Memorial) - 21 August:

St Pius X (1835-1914_ was born in Riese, near Venice (Italy), the son of the village postman. Ordained in 1858, he is one of the few popes to have spent a substantial period in parochial ministry. After serving as Bishop of Mantua and Patriarch of Venice, he succeeded Leo XIII as Pope in 1903. He defended Catholic doctrine against modernism, described as the 'synthesis of all heresies', and also promoted the dignified celebration of the liturgy. Aiming 'to restore all things in Christ', he extended the practice of frequent communion.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) – 22 August:

Pope Pius XII instituted this Feast in 1954, to conclude what was then the Octave of the Assumption. We remember that the Blessed Virgin reigns in Heaven, together with her Son; she reigns not because she is equal to God but because she is mother of Christ the King. All her privileges come from her Motherhood of God and the unique role she played in our redemption.

St Rose of Lima, Virgin (Opt Mem) - 23 August:

St Rose (1586-1617) was born in Lima (Peru). Influenced by the example of St Catherine of Siena, she lived a life of prayer and penance and joined the Third Order of St Dominic. The first canonised saint from the Americas, she is venerated as the patron of Latin America and the Philippines.

St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast) – 24 August:

St Bartholomew (first century) was originally from Cana in Galilee and is usually identified with Nathanael, who was introduced to the Lord by St Philip. According to tradition, after Pentecost he preached the Gospel in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is thus the patron of tanners.