

English Martyrs
Hollis St, Alvaston
DE24 8QU

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH
ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

21st Sunday of the Year

24 August 2025

Psalm Response: Go into all the world and proclaim the good news

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

Mon: NO MASS

Tues: 12 noon Mass Spencer Ketta RIP

Wed: 12 noon Mass Michael Dreuit RIP

Thurs: 10.00am Mass Benard Dazeley RIP

Fri: NO MASS

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Sun: 9.00am Mass Liam Gorell RIP
11.00am Mass Freya Killackey Int

Money Matters:

Offertory: £564.25
Assumption: £186.10

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:

Second Collection today Sunday, 24 August - Diocesan Quota

SVP Summer Raffle - LAST CHANCE: Prizes: £5000, £1000 and 15 x £100. Please get your tickets from the back of Church at 11.00am mass or see an SVP member at the 9.00am mass. Thank you for your support.

Alvaston Christians Together – Sundays at Six: The Goodness of God. Today, Sunday 24 August at New Testament Church of God DE24 8SZ. Next Sunday, 31 August at Boulton St Mary's, DE24 0GE.

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

Used Stamps: A letter has been received from St Patrick's Missionary Society thanking you all for your kind donation of used stamps which helps pay towards their valuable work.

If you would like to donate your used stamps, a box is available on the shelf of the bookcase at the back of Church. Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially Simon Thompson, Christine Dreuit, 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 Latwiell, Anne Smith, Margaret Meagher, James Wilson, Libby Dodes, Gregory Makowski, Brian Campbell, and Mary Storer.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Slavomir Hermanowicz (Fr Slavic). May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

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St Louis (Opt Mem) – 25 August:

St Louis IX (1214-1270) became King of France at the age of twelve. He married Margaret of Provence and had eleven children. He showed great integrity in his rule, always promoting peace and justice and showing great piety and love for the poor. He died of dysentery near Tunis in 1270 during his second crusade for the liberation of the Holy Places. He was canonised in 1297.

St Joseph Calasanz, Priest (Opt Mem) – 25 August:

St Joseph Calasanz (1557-1648) was born near Peralta de la Sal in Aragon (Spain) and ordained a priest in 1583. He went to Rome, where he joined St Camillus de Lellis in caring for the victims of the 1595 plague. He founded the first free school in the city and his community of teachers developed into the Piarist Order. In his old age he was the victim of false accusations but patiently endured this humiliation. He is the patron of Christian schools.

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest (Opt Mem) – 26 August:

Blessed Dominic Barberi (1792-1849) was born near Viterbo (Italy), entered the Passionists and ordained a priest in 1818. He taught theology in Rome and served as Provincial. He had long believed he was called to be an instrument for the conversion of England and in his final years was given the opportunity of labouring tirelessly in this country, despite facing much opposition. On 8 October 1845 he received St John Henry Newman into the Church at Littlemore.

St David Lewis, Priest and Martyr (Opt Mem) – 26 August:

St David Lewis (1616-1679) was born in Monmouthshire and brought up as a Protestant. After studying law at the Middle Temple, London, he became a Catholic and studied for the priesthood at the Venerable English College, Rome. After ordination he joined the Jesuits and in 1646 was sent on the English mission, basing himself at the Cwm, Llanrothal on the Welsh border. After thirty-one years of discreet ministry, he was arrested during the hysteria of the 'Popish Plot' and hanged, drawn and quartered at Usk.

St Monica (Memorial) – 27 August:

St Monica (c.331-387) was born in Thagaste (now Algeria, then in the Roman province of Africa). She married Patricius and was mother of St Augustine. She prayed and suffered for her son's conversion and was overjoyed by his baptism in 387. She died shortly afterwards at Ostia and in the fifteenth century her relics were brought to Rome.

St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – 28 August:

At Augustine (354-430) was born in Thagaste (Algeria) and, despite the example of his mother, became a Manichean and fathered an illegitimate child. He was converted at the age of thirty-three and baptised by St Ambrose in Milan. St Augustine became Bishop of Hippo Regius (now Annaba, Algeria) and wrote and preached energetically in defence of the faith, making him one of the most influential Doctors of the Church. His principles concerning the religious life continue to inspire Augustinian canons, friars and nuns.

The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial) – 29 August:

The Gospels relate how St John fearlessly condemned Herod Antipas's unlawful marriage to Herodias, who had been previously married to his half-brother. The outraged Herodias had him imprisoned. In a moment of weakness Herod promised to grant the heart's desire of Salome, the daughter of Herodias. She asked for St John's head, which was promptly fetched for her. Thus the Precursor of the Lord preceded his Master through his passion.

Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs (Opt Mem) – 30 August:

This day commemorates the three canonised female martyrs of the English Reformation: St Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), a native of York and convert to Catholicism, who sheltered priests and was pressed to death in her home town on 25 March 1586; St Anne Line (1567-1601) from Dunmow, Essex who also harboured priests and was hanged at Tyburn on 27 February 1601; St Margaret Ward (+ 1588), born in Congleton, Cheshire, who worked in London and attempted to help a priest escape from prison. She was hanged at Tyburn on 30 August 1588. All three were canonised in 1970 amongst the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

St Aidan, Bishop, and Saints of Lindisfarne (Opt Mem) – 31 August:

St Aidan or Aedan (+ 651) was an Irish monk who joined the community at Iona and was sent to preach the Gospel in Northumbria. He was consecrated bishop and settled on the island of Lindisfarne, with the support of King St Oswald and his successor St Oswin. After St Aidan's death in 651, the 'Holy Island' of Lindisfarne continued to produce many saints instrumental in the evangelisation of northern England, until the monastery was devastated by Vikings. These saints include the bishops St Finan, St Colman, St Eata, St Eadfrith, and, of course, St Cuthbert (4 Sept)