

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

3 August 2025

*Psalm Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation*

Sun: 9.00am Mass Joyce Bowker Int.  
11.00am Mass Patrick Murray RIP

Mon: 12 noon Mass Eileen Stott RIP

Wed: Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast of the Lord)  
10.00am Mass Patrick Godfrey Delaney RIP

Fri: 12 noon Mass Felix Family RIP

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year C

Sun: 9.00am Mass Gerry Budgen RIP & Carmel Stanford RIP  
11.00am Mass Margaret & Martin Eades 60<sup>th</sup> Wedd Anniv

### Money Matters:

Offertory: £504.53

Diocesan Quote:

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 Collections in August:

15 August - Feast of the Assumption

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](mailto:lance.philpott59@gmail.com)

**Alvaston Christians Together – Sundays at Six: The Goodness of God.** Today, Sunday 3 August at Alvaston Methodist Church, Brighton Rd, DE24 8TG

**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](mailto:annew505@gmail.com)

**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 John McKenna. May he rest in peace. Please also remember his family in your prayers.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Reception at 4.30pm on **Monday, 18 August.** Requiem Mass at 12 noon on **Tuesday, 19 August.**

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**St John Vianney, Priest (Memorial) - 4 August:**

St John Mary (Jean-Baptiste-Marie) Vianney (1786-1859) was born at Dardilly, near Lyons (France) and, despite finding his seminary studies difficult, was ordained a priest and spent forty-two years as Curé (Parish Priest) of Ars. Despite encountering much opposition, he reformed the parish, spent hours in the confessional and centred his life on the Holy Eucharist. Pius XI declared him patron of parish clergy.

**The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (Opt Mem) – 5 August:**

In 431 the Council of Ephesus declared the Blessed Virgin to be the 'Mother of God' (Theotokos) and shortly afterwards Pope Sixtus III dedicated the restored Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome in her honour. According to tradition its location had originally been indicated by a miraculous shower of snow on 5 August, in the middle of the Roman summer, hence the title 'Our Lady of the Snows'. The basilica is considered the most important church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the festival of its dedication renews our links with Rome.

**The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast) – 6 August:**

The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor came to strengthen the faith of the disciples, for trying times lay ahead: the Son of Man would be put to death and all that the human eye could see was weakness, humiliation and suffering. Beyond the shame of the cross, however, is the light and glory of Easter, and it is this that the Transfiguration reveals. It shows the disciples, and us, Christ's divinity – he who is Light from Light – and anticipates the glory of Heaven.

**St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs (Opt Mem) – 7 August:**

St Sixtus (Xystus) II and his companions (+ 258) suffered during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. Indeed, St Sixtus had to be consecrated Bishop of Rome in secret the previous year and was captured while celebrating the Eucharist. He was beheaded almost immediately in the Cemetery of Praetextatus. According to tradition, six of his seven deacons were also killed on the same day, the seventh (St Lawrence) being martyred a few days later. St Sixtus is included in the Roman Canon.

**St Cajetan, Priest (Opt Mem) – 7 August:**

St Cajetan or Gaetano (1480-1547) was born in Vicenza (Italy) and gave up a promising legal career in order to be ordained a priest in 1516. He co-founded the Congregation of Clerks Regular (Theatines), which did much to promote the reform of the clergy, and he had such zeal in seeking people's salvation that he was called the 'Hunter of Souls'.

**St Dominic, Priest (Memorial) – 8 August:**

St Dominic (c.1170-1221) was born at Caleruega (Spain) and initially joined the Canons Regular of Osma. In 1206 he was sent to Languedoc (France) to help uproot the Catharist or Albigensian heresy. While based in Toulouse, he founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to assist in this work; the Order was approved by the Holy See in 1216 and has had a huge impact on the life of the Church.

**St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe (Feast) – 9 August:**

St Teresa Benedicta (1891-1942) WAS BORN Edith Stein at Wroclaw (now in Poland, but then in the German province of Silesia), the eleventh child of a Jewish family. She showed great ability in her philosophical studies and became a popular lecturer and writer. After reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila, she sought baptism in 1922 and eleven years later joined the Carmelites at Cologne. She was moved to the Carmel of Echt (Netherlands) to avoid the growing Nazi threat but was eventually arrested, and gassed at Auschwitz on 9 August 1942.

**St Nathy, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 9 August:**

St Nathy or Nath I (sixth century) is said to have been a native of Luighne, Sligo and was known as Cruimthir, 'the Priest'. Much later accounts of his life make him a bishop and founder of a monastery at Achonry, of which diocese he is the patron. He may have been a disciple of St Finnian of Clonard.

**St Felim, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 9 August:**

St Felim (Phelim) or Fedlimid (sixth century) is traditionally the son of Dediva, seven of whose children are venerated as saints. He is venerated as the first bishop of Kilmore and the patron of that diocese.

**St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (Feast) – 10 August:**

St Lawrence (+258) was one of the seven deacons of St Sixtus II killed during the persecution of Valerian. On his arrest, he was ordered to hand over the riches of the Church but pointed to a crowd of poor people, saying 'Here are the true treasures of the Church'. According to tradition, he was roasted to death on a gridiron.

