English Martyrs Hollis St. Alvaston **DE24 8QU**

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 21 September 2025

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord who raises the poor

9.00am Mass Valeria & Pavol Tomko Int & Little Paulina RIP 11.00am Mass

Alfred & Greta Magee RIP

Mon: 12 noon Mass Clifford Birds RIP

Wed: Our Lady of Walsingham (Feast)

John McKenna RIP 12 noon Mass

NO MASS Fri•

Sun:

26th Sunday of the Year C

9.00am Mass Ian Blanksby RIP 11.00am Mass Andy Fernando Int.

Money Matters:

Offertory: £533.79

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, Mary Storer, Peggy Whelan and Ann McGauran.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died. May they rest in peace.

Second Collections in October:

5 October - CAFOD Family Fast 19 October - Missio Sunday 26 October - Diocesan Quota

300 Club: The winners of the September draw are:

Terry & Liz Spencer £100 £50 154 Vera Billington £25 71 Mary Storer Peter Newton £25 149 122 £25 B Foster £25 38 Angela Gregson

Well done all!

Churches Together in Chellaston: The Methodist chapel in Chellaston is holding its last ever service on Sunday, 28 September at 3pm which will be a United service honouring the longstanding ecumenical covenant between the three churches in Chellaston. The speaker will be Reverend Simon Drew the new priest in charge at St Peter's Church. There will be hospitality on offer afterwards in the school room organized by members of the Methodist chapel. Everyone welcome.

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St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (Memorial) - 23 Sept:

St Pius (1887-1968) better known as Padre Pio, was born in Pietrelcina in Campania (Italy) and joined the Capuchin community at Morcone. Ordained in 1910, he moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo in the Gargano peninsula. Bearing the wounds of Christ's passion on his body (known as stigmata), he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and his miracles. In 1956 he opened the 'Home to Relieve Suffering' near his friary. Despite his popularity, he faced much opposition, even from Church authorities. He was canonized in 2002

Our Lady of Walsingham (Feast) - 24 Sept:

England's premier Marian shrine dates back to 1061, when a wealthy widow, Richeldis de Faverches, was inspired by a vision to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth in Walshingham, Norfolk. This remained a vibrant pilgrimage centre until its destruction in 1538, although the shrine was later revived by both Catholics (1897) and Anglicans (1922). Formerly, 24 Sept was kept as the Memorial of Our Lady of Ransom, when prayers were offered for the 'ransom' of England. 'Our Lady's Dowry.'

Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (Memorial) - 26 Sept:

Ss Cosmas and Damian (date uncertain; perhaps + c.300). According to tradition, whose historical reliability is unclear, they were twins who worked as doctors and were known as the Anargyri ('The silverless') on account of their practice of not charging for their services. They brought many of their patients to Christ but were finally condemned to death under Diocletian around the year 300 and suffered at Cyrrhus (Syria). Their basilica in Rome, not far from the Colosseum, was built in the sixth century by Felix IV and their names appear in the Roman Canon.

St Vincent de Paul, Priest (Memorial) - 27 Sept:

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was born in Gascony (France) and ordained a priest at the early age of twenty. Legend says he endured a period of captivity in Tunis; at any rate, after being falsely accused of theft, he dedicated himself to evangelizing the poor, the unfortunate and the suffering. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Lazarists) and, together with St Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. These congregations, together with the well-known Society of St Vincent de Paul, continue his charitable work today.

St Wenceslaus, Martyr (Memorial) - 28 Sept:

St Wencelaus (907-930) was born in the castle of Stochov near Prague and became Duke of Bohemia in 921. The popular carol 'Good King Wenceslas' speaks of his strong faith and concern for the poor. However, he faced many trials in governing as a Christian prince and was finally murdered at the instigation of his brother, Boleslav, on 27 Sept 929. According to legend, his final words were, 'Brother, may God forgive you.'