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

### **ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON**

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 28 September 2025

Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord

Sun: 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass

Ian Blanksby RIP Andy Fernando Int.

Mon:

Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

Annmarie Luesley Int.

Wed: St Teresa of Lisieux (Memorial)

12 noon Mass

Foncie Ward RIP

Thurs: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

12 noon Mass

Angela & Donald Watson RIP

NO MASS Fri:

27th Sunday of the Year C

9.00am Mass

Fr Slavik RIP

Patrick Henry Smith RIP & Patrick Joseph Smith RIP 11.00am Mass

#### Money Matters:

£687.66 Offertory: Evangelii Gaudium: £288.86

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 Tom McHugh. May he rest in peace. Please also remember his family in your prayers.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection next week, to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

#### **Enabling Our Mission Campaign:**

Our parish is currently undertaking the Enabling Our Mission Campaign which aims to support our mission of becoming more outward looking, while also striving to ensure that the fewer priests now available for active ministry across the Diocese are best able to serve our communities. We will be hosting a small gathering in the parish hall to explain this initiative to you and hope you are able to make the following date: Thursday, 9th October - 5.30-6.30pm

I appreciate you considering my invitation and I look forward to seeing you there.

With all good wishes, Fr. Brentnall & Mr Matt Bloomer

**Second Collections in October:** 5 October - CAFOD Family Fast

19 October - Missio Sunday 26 October - Diocesan Quota

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.

Salvation History – A Free on-line course: This eight week on-line course will be live streamed at 7-8.45pm each Wednesday, beginning Wednesday, 1 October through to Wednesday, 19 November. It will help in gaining a better understanding of the Biblical Readings during holy Mass as well as helping develop our own personal spirituality.

If interested, register on-line at <a href="www.comeandsee.org">www.comeandsee.org</a>. Here you can find out more, see trailers and read reviews given by those who have already completed the course.

**PS**: On the same subject, 'Growing in Faith – a panoramic view of salvation history' is a very interesting book written by the late Monsignor Paul Watson, which explores God's plan of salvation. It can be obtained at <a href="https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk">www.alivepublishing.co.uk</a> or tel: 01782 745600. It costs £9.99+p&p

#### Prayer to St Michael:

'St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.'

# 'Holiness consists in doing the will of God with a smile'

St Teresa of Calcutta

#### Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast) – 29 Sept:

The Feast celebrates the three archangels named in Sacred Scripture, reminding us of the angelic world and of their constant ministrations to the world.

St Michael (meaning 'Who is like God') is venerated as captain of the heavenly army, victor over Satan, protector of the Church and helper of the sick and dying. Today's feast originated as that of the dedication of a Roman basilica in his honour.

St Gabriel (meaning 'Strength of God') announced both the birth of St John the Baptist (to Zechariah) and of Jesus Christ (to the Blessed Virgin Mary). His greeting at the Annunciation, 'Hail, full of grace,' has become one of the most familiar prayers.

St Raphael (meaning 'God heals') took care of Tobias on his journey, as described in the book of Tobit, and is often associated with the angel of the sheep pool (Jn 5: 1-4). He is a patron of the blind, travelers and physicians and nurses

# St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – 30 Sept:

St Jerome (Hieronymus)(c.342-420) was born in Strido (now in Croatia; then part of the Roman province of Dalmatia) and studied in Rome, where he was baptized. He retired for a while to Syria to live as a hermit and learnt Hebrew at the hands of a rabbi. Between 382 and 385 he was in Rome as secretary to Pope Damasus, who commissioned him to revise the Latin version of the Bible. He went to Bethlehem to concentrate on this work, together with the writing of Scriptural commentaries and theological works.

# St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Lisieux) Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – 1 Oct:

St Thérèse Martin (1873-1897) was born at Aleçon and, aged fifteen, entered the Carmel of Lisieux, thus joining two of her sisters. Although she died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-four, such was the influence of her spiritual writings and her 'little way' that she was declared a Doctor of the Church by St John Paul II in 1997. She is also Patron of the Missions and Co-Protectress of France (with St Joan of Arc).

#### The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial) – 2 Oct:

Three days ago the Church's liturgy celebrated the Archangels Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael; today is the turn of those angels who, according to Scripture and tradition, guard and assist us at every moment. Each person has such a Guardian Angel and we rightly rejoice in their company.

#### St Francis of Assisi (Memorial) - 4 Oct:

St Francis (C.1182-1226) was the son of a wealthy merchant in Assisi (Italy) and, responding to the Lord's call, embraced poverty and preached the love of God to all. In 1210 Innocent III approved his Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans); two years later he helped St Clare establish a female community (Poor Clares). In 1224, while praying at La Verna, he received the wounds of the crucified Lord, which caused him great pain in his final years.

### St Bruno, Priest (Opt. Memorial) – 6 Oct:

St Bruno (c.1035-1101), founder of the Carthusian Order, was born in Cologne and taught theology for about twenty years at Rheims (France). In 1084 he retired with six companions into the mountains near Grenable (France) and founded the strict monastery of the Grande Chartreuse. St Bruno was summoned to Rome by his former pupil, Blessed Urban II, and while working for the pope founded further monasteries in Italy.