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

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

23rd Sunday of the Year 7 September 2025

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

Sun: 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass Chrissie Ryan RIP Ivan Skliarsky RIP

Mon: NO MASS NO MASS Tues: Wed: NO MASS NO MASS Thurs: Fri: NO MASS

24th Sunday of the Year C

Claire Houston RIP 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass Norman Annable RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £495.24

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 those who have died. May they rest in peace.

Second Collection today, 7 September for the Diocesan

Second Collections in September:

21 September – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) – 8 September

Nothing is known for sure about the details of the Blessed Virgin's birth. Even her parents, traditionally known as St Joachim and St Anne, are not mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Today's feast originated in the East, probably during the sixth century, and was later introduced to the West. A French legend tells of a man hearing angels singing on the night of 8 September and being told that the Virgin Mary had been born on that night. Her earthly birth is celebrated (like that of St John the Baptist) because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.

St Peter Claver, Priest (Opt Mem) – 9 September:

St Peter Claver (1580-1654) was born at Verdu in Catalonia (Spain) and entered the Society of Jesus. In 1610 he was sent to Colombia and began his life's work among the slaves. He cared for them and baptized more than 300,000 during his thirty-three years of tireless ministry.

The Most Holy Name of Mary (Opt Mem) – 12 September:

The name of Mary is regarded as holy because it is the name of the Mother of God, her who brought the Saviour into the world. The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary was added to the Universal Calendar in 1684 by Blessed Innocent XI, commemorating the defeat of the Turks at the gates of Vienna the previous year: a powerful example of the might of the Blessed Virgin's intercession.

St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) - 13 September:

St John Chrysostom (C.350-407) was born at Antioch and trained as a lawyer. He became a monk, then later a priest and became a famed theologian and preacher, gaining the name Chrysostom or 'the goldenmouthed.' In 398 he became Archbishop of Constantinople and face much opposition in his reforms. He died in exile and is honoured as one of the four Greek Doctors of the Church. The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, widely used in the East, was once attributed to him, although it is now recognized as very probably later than his time.