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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 12 October 2025

Psalm Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

Sun: 9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

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Foncie Ward RIP Joseph 70th Birthday Int.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

29th Sunday of the Year C Sun: 9.00am Mass

Esther & Ted Foster RIP Monsignor Paul Watson RIP

Money Matters:

 Offertory:
 £543.50

 CAFOD:
 £427.57

 Evangelii Gaudium +£15
 £308.86

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: Monsignor Paul Watson RIP

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.

Funeral: Reception at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 22 October. Requiem Mass will be at 12 noon on Thursday, 23 October followed by burial at Ripley cemetery.

Second Collection next Sunday, 19 October for Missio

26 October - Diocesan Quota

Missio: 19 October is Missio Sunday and the boxes are now due for emptying. If you have a box please empty it and send the money/subscription to Missio direct via bank transfer or cheque. Alternatively put the money in the Missio envelope with your details for Gift Aid, if appropriate, and put it in the collection next **Sunday**, 19 **October**.

The Summer 'Mission Today' booklet is available at the back of Church. Please take a copy. Alternatively you can receive a newsletter direct to your email by signing up at www.mission.org.uk/e-news

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

That believers of different religious traditions will work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

October is Missions Month and the Holy Father has asked that we pray the Holy Rosary each day this month, for world peace.

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 www.comeandsee.org 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 www.alivepublishing.co.uk 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.'

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St Edward the Confessor (Opt Mem) – 13 October:

St Edward (c.1005-66) was the son of King Ethelred 'the Unready' and spent nearly thirty years as a political exile in Normandy, his mother's homeland. He succeeded as King in 1042 and was subsequently famed for his life of prayer, chaste marriage and love of the poor. He built St Peter's Abbey in Westminster, where he and most of England's monarchs are buried.

St Callistus I, Pope and Martyr (Opt Mem) - 14 October:

St Callistus (+222) was a former slave who became Bishop of Rome in 217. He fought heresy and preached God's mercy for repentant sinners, despite meeting the criticism of 'rigorists' such as Tertullian. He is perhaps best remembered for the Roman catacomb that bears his name, where many of the victims of anti-Christian persecution were buried. St Callistus himself is venerated as a martyr, although the manner of his death is uncertain.

St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) - 15 October:

St Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila (Spain). She joined the Carmelite convent at Avila and, after a quarter of a century as a nun, began to reform the Order, with the help of St Peter of Alcantara and St John of the Cross. She founded seventeen reformed houses in Spain and, despite her busy life of administration, reached the highest 'mansions' of union with God. Her outstanding works of ascetical and mystical theology led her to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

St Hedwig, Religious (Opt Mem) - 16 October:

St Hedwig or Jadwiga (c.1174-1243) was born at Andechs (Germany) into a princely family; indeed, her niece was St Elizabeth of Hungary. Aged twelve, she married Henry the Bearded, later to succeed as Duke of Poland, and bore him seven children (including Henry the Pious and Konrad the Curly). She led a life of piety and solicitude for the poor and the sick and, in her widowhood, retired to the Cistercian monastery of Trebnitz, which she had founded.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin (Opt Mem) – 16 October:

St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born at Verosvres in Burgundy (France) and joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. She received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, with the help of her Jesuit confessor, St Claude de la Colombiere, spread this devotion throughout the world. She was canonized in 1920.

St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial) - 17 October:

St Ignatius (+ c.107) followed St Peter as bishop of Antioch and was thrown to wild beasts in Rome (possible at the Colosseum) during the persecution of Trajan. On his way to Rome he wrote seven epistles, which give a clear picture of Christian belief and practice a century or so after Christ's birth. His name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

St Luke, Evangelist (Feast) - 18 October:

St Luke (first century) was a Greek, possibly from Antioch, who trained as a doctor. He converted to Christianity, became a disciple of St Paul and wrote both a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. His vivid descriptions of the childhood of Jesus has led some to believe that he was close to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is believed to have died in his old age, and may have been martyred; he is patron of doctors and artists.

Ss John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (Opt Mem) - 19 October:

St John (Jean) de Brebeuf (1593-1649), St Isaac Jogues (1607-46) and their six companions were Jesuit missionaries, originally from France, who dedicated their lives to preaching the Gospel among the indigenous peoples of North America. St John de Brebeuf was captured by the Iroqouis, fastened to a stake, tortured to death and then partly eaten, near Midland, Ontario (Canada). St Isaac Jogues had already suffered slavery and mutilation during his missionary work, but returned to Canada from France. He was seized by the Mohawks, who thought he was a sorcerer, and tomahawked to death near Auriesville, New York in 1646

St Paul of the Cross, Priest (Opt Mem) - 19 October:

St Paul of the Cross (Paolo Francessco Danei) (1694-1775) was born in Piedmont (Italy) and, following a spiritual conversion, founded a congregation of missioners with a special devotion to the Lord's passion and death (the Passionists). The first house was founded on Monte Argentario and, despite facing many problems, there were twelve Passionist 'Retreats' (community houses) by the time of his death, as well as a community of nuns. He had a special interest in England and regularly prayed for its conversion.

'Enter into the inner chamber of your mind. Shut out all things save God and whatever may hinder you in seeking God'

St Anselm