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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

All Saints (Transferred) 2 November 2025

Psalm Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

Sun: 9 00am Mass

11.00am Mass

Jordan Family RIP Simon 40th Birthday

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls – C)(Transferred) Mon: 12 noon Mass

All the Faithful Departed RIP

NO MASS Wed

12 Noon Mass Fri:

Peggy Whelan Int.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast of the Lord)

9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass Gwen & Jim Moran RIP Michael Meehan RIP

Money Matters:

£667.93 Offertory: Missio: + £21 £358 72 Diocesan Quota: £250.71

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 souls of those who have died. May they rest in peace.

Second Collection today Sunday, 2 November for the Feast of All Saints.

Deanery Blessing of Graves on Sunday 16 November at 2.30pm. We will meet at Nottingham Road Cemetery with a short liturgy in the main car park (opposite Reginald Road South) before blessing individual graves.

Do you have a child ready to start School in September 2026:

(Or move into Year 3) Do you have a friend or family member who does? St John Fisher will be giving tours of the School to prospective parents every Monday at 10-11am and 1-2pm. No need to book - just turn up!

Foundation Governors: St John Fisher School are looking for Foundation Governors to serve on their governing body. Do you have some time to spare to offer to the School?

There are 6 meetings a year and occasional visits to the School. If you might be interested contact Mr Lobb on globb@djf.srscmat.co.uk or call School on 01332 572154 to find out more.

SVP News:

Senior Citizens Xmas Party: The annual SVP Senior Citizens party will be held on Sunday, 30 November. We will start with Mass and anointing of the sick at 3.00pm and this will be followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Church Hall.

If you would like to come and join us, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church. If you need transport on the day, please add your address and contact details. Unfortunately, we can only cater for our Senior Citizens, so if you are bringing someone, please drop them off and pick them up later. Thanks

Xmas Food Parcels: Xmas is an expensive time for all of us, but especially for those who struggle all year. We would like to ask if you could help with donating Christmas foods/treats. If everyone bought just one item a week for the next six weeks, it would make an enormous difference to those we support. There will be a box for donations at the back of church. Thank you in anticipation.

Second Collections:

16 November **Diocesan Quota** 7 December **New & Poor Parishes** 25 December **Christmas Offering**

St Martin de Porres, Religious (Opt Mem) – 3 November:

St Martin de Porres (1579-1639) was born in Lima (Peru), the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a former slave. He became a Dominican lay brother and was exemplary in his care for the sick, his love of the poor and his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

St Winifride, Virgin (Opt Mem) - 3 November:

St Winifride or Gwenfrewi (seventh century) was the niece of St Beuno. According to legend, despite making a vow of chastity, she was courted by Caradoc, son of a local chieftain; eventually he decapitated her. However, her uncle restored her to life and she ended her days as a nun at Gwytherin (Wales). For centuries pilgrims have visited her shrine and well at Holywell, the site of her attempted murder.

St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial) – 4 November:

St Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) was born into a noble family at Arona, on the shores of Lake Maggiore (Italy). His uncle was Pope Pius IV and this ensured his quick promotion within the Church; aged only twenty-one he was created Cardinal Priest of Santa Prassede, although he was only ordained when in 1564 he became Archbishop of Milan. He zealously applied the teachings of the Council of Trent to his diocese, establishing seminaries and schools and renewing the life of the clergy. During the plague of 1576 he was active in the care of the sick.

St Illtud, Abbot (Opt Mem in Wales) – 6 November:

St Illtud or Illtyd (+c.505) is claimed as a discip0le of St Germanus of Auxerre. He founded the great monastery of Llaniltud Fawr (Llantwit Major) in Glamorgan (Wales), which produced many saints. An early source calls him 'the most learned of the Britons in both Testaments and in all kinds of knowledge.' Later legends have4 him born in Brittany, which is possible if unlikely.

All The Saints of Ireland (Feast in Ireland) – 6 November:

Ireland, especially in the early Christian centuries, was known as an isle of saints and scholars. Many of these combined pastoral care with observance of the monastic life. The Irish also did much to bring the faith to other parts of Europe and, if we are to believe the story of St Brendan, even further afield.

St Willibrord, Bishop (Opt Mem) - 7 November:

St Willibrord (658-739) was originally from Northumbria and was educated at Ripon under St Wilfrid. He dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel in northern Europe, becoming Archbishop of the Frisians in 695 and setting up his residence at Utrecht (Netherlands). He also founded a monastery at Enternach (Luxembourg), where his relics are venerated.

All Saints of Wales (Feast) - 8 November:

This Feast commemorates the hundreds of Welsh saints recognised by the Church across the ages, as well as those known only to God. Many of them date from the so-called 'Sage of the Saints' in the fifth and sixth centuries and often have connections with the Christian communities in Cornwall, Ireland, Scotland and Brittany.

Blessed John Duns Scotus, Priest (Memorial in Scotland) – 8 November:

Blessed John Duns Scotus (c.1265-1308) was probably born at Duns in the Borders (Scotland), joined the Franciscans and studied at Cambridge, Oxford and Paris. Scotist thought had a great influence on medieval philosophy and theology. Among other achievements, the 'Subtle Doctor' is remembered for his strong defence of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, at a time when many doubted the dogma. He died in Cologne and was beatified by St John Paul II in 1992.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast) – 9 November:

The Basilica of St John Lateran is the Cathedral of Rome, built under Constantine and consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. The Feast of its dedication rightly honours 'the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world' and renews our union with and love for the See of Peter.

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.'

'Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them.'

Spes non confundit 11, Pope Francis on the Holy Year 2025