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ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
**26 October 2025**

***Psalm Response: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him***

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|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun:                                       | 9.00am Mass<br>11.00am Mass                                  | Michelle Drewitt & Fam<br>Monsignor Paul Watson RIP  |
| Mon:                                       | 12 noon Mass                                                 | Clifford Birds RIP                                   |
| Tues:                                      | <u>Ss Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</u> (Feast)<br>12 noon Mass | John McKenna RIP                                     |
| Fri:                                       | 12 Noon Mass                                                 | Fr Slavik RIP                                        |
| <u>All Saints</u> (Solemnity)(Transferred) |                                                              |                                                      |
| Sun:                                       | 9.00am Mass<br>11.00am Mass                                  | Jordan Family RIP<br>Simon 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday |

**Money Matters:**

Offertory: £450.309  
Missio: £337.72

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:

**Second Collection today Sunday, 26 October for Diocesan Quota**

**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.**

**November Dead List:** The forms for the Dead List are available at the back of Church. Please complete and return to Fr with your donation before the end of October. These will then be placed on the altar for all masses during November.

A list of all those who have died in the parish since 2006 will also be placed on the altar.

**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@dif.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:globb@dif.srscmat.co.uk) or call School on 01332 572154 to find out more.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially Simon Thompson, Christine Dreuit, 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.

**Stella Maris:** There is a letter of thanks for the recent collection on the notice board at the back of Church.

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### **Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast) – 28 October:**

St Simon (first century) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot', suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealous of the Law.' St Jude or Thaddeus (first century) has a short epistle in the New Testament ascribed to him, and is popularly invoked as the patron of hopeless cases.

Tradition says that after Pentecost they evangelised, Simon in Egypt, Jude in Mesopotamia, and then together in Persia, where they were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.

### **All Saints (Solemnity) – 1 November (Transferred to Sunday this year)**

The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face – both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfil our vocation to be saints.

### **The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) – 2 November (Transferred to Monday this year)**

Today we renew the hope in eternal life, truly founded on Christ's death and Resurrection. "I am risen and I am with you always", the Lord tells us, and my hand supports you. Wherever you may fall, you will fall into my hands and I will be there even to the gates of death. Where no one can accompany you any longer and where you can take nothing with you, there I will wait for you to transform for you the darkness into light. Christian hope, however, is not solely individual, it is also always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other, and the good and the bad that each of us does always affects others too. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the Church invites us today to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries.

Pope Benedict XVI

### **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.'***

***'For a small reward a man will hurry away on a long journey; while for eternal life many will hardly take a single step.'***

Thomas à Kempis