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## ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

# 33rd Sunday of the Year C

### 16 November 2025

Psalm Response: The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness

 9.00am Mass
 Pat O'Donnell RIP

 11.00am Mass
 Tony Curtis RIP &

Tony Curtis RIP & Mavis & Gordon Hawkins RIP

Mon: 12 noon Mass Canon Bernard Scoles RIP

Wed: NO MASS

Sun:

Fri: 12 Noon Mass William Johnson RIP

Christ the King (C)

Sun: 9.00am Mass Foncie Ward RIP
11.00am Mass Norman Annable RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £460.25

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 and Peggy Whelan.

Please pray for the repose of the soul Harold Wainwright. May he rest in peace. Please also remember his family in your prayers. Funeral for Harold Wainwright: 25 November, 2.30pm at Trent Valley Crematorium. Refreshments from 3.00pm at the Euston Suite, Derby Conference Centre (Opposite Dunelm).

Second Collection today Sunday, 16 November for the Diocesan Quota

Deanery Blessing of Graves today 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 five 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:**

7 December - New & Poor Parishes 25 December - Christmas Offering

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#### **300 Club:** The winners of the November draw are:

£100	57	Frances & Mick Conno
£50	6	Joanne King
£25	56	Phyl McGauran
£25	159	Pat Rogers
£25	44	Catherine Smith
£25	62	Margaret Eades
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Well done all!

**South Sudan Appeal:** With over half of the population facing acute food insecurity and 80% of the population living below the national poverty line, SVP Sudan is an essential beacon of hope.

The annual appeal hopes to raise £100,000 to continue our support of SVP South Sudan's essential projects, focused on poverty relief and empowerment.

100% of your donation goes to the vital works of SVP South Sudan. For more information and to donate, please visit

https://svp.org.uk/twinning-and-overseas-aid/south-sudan

#### St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious (Opt Mem) – 17 November:

St Elizabeth (1207-31), daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary, was born at either Sáropatak (Hungary) or Bratislava (then Hungary, now in Slovakia). She married Ludwig IV, Landgrave of Thuringia (Germany), and had three children. St Elizabeth was widowed at the age of twenty and devoted herself to the poor and the sick. She founded a hospital at Marburg and was a Third Order Franciscan.

#### St Hilda, Religious (Opt Mem) - 17 November:

St Hilda (614-680) was born into the Northumbrian royal family and baptised by St Paulinus at the age of thirteen. She eventually decided to enter the religious life, aged thirty-three, and became superior of the double monastery (men and women) at Hartlepool. She later moved as Abbess to the double monastery at Whitby, where he hosted the famous Synod in 663-64 which reconciled the differences between Roman and Irish usages. St Hilda died in 680 and her supposed relics were in later years claimed by Glastonbury and Gloucester.

#### St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 17 November:

St Hugh (c.1140-1200) was born at Avalon in Burgundy (France) and first entered the Augustinian Canons, before moving to the stricter Carthusian Order. After ten years at the Grande Chartreuse, he was sent to Witham in Somerset to take charge of the recently-founded Charterhouse there. In 1186 he was reluctantly appointed Bishop of Lincoln and proved to be a holy and reforming pastor. He died at his residence at Lincoln's Inn, London, in 1200 and his symbol is a swan, a reference to the swan of Stowe that became his companion and guarded him as he slept.

### The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles (Opt Mem) – 18 November:

The dedication of these two major basilicas allows us to express our communion with the Church in Rome. Both basilicas were completed in the fourth century and commemorated the two great Apostles: St Peter's on the Vatican Hill was built above the tomb of the first Pope and St Paul's outside the Walls was likewise erected over the final resting place of the Apostle of the Gentiles.

### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) – 21 November:

The Presentation of Mary in the Temple as a young girl is based not on the New Testament but on an account in the apocryphal Gospel of James. In being presented in this way, the Blessed Virgin dedicated herself to the service of God and kept herself open to God's will. The feast prepares us for Advent and Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of her Divine Son into the world.

#### St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial) – 22 November:

St Cecilia (third century) was a Roman martyr. Legend makes her a noblewoman who founded a church in Trastevere, Rome, and was martyred under Marcus Aurelius – when attempts to suffocate her in the bathroom failed, a headsman was sent to decapitate her. However, three strokes failed to sever her head and she lingered on for three further days, praying and singing to God. She is mentioned in the Roman Canon and venerated as patron of music.

#### St Clement I, Pope and Martyr (Opt Mem) – 23 November:

St Clement (+ 97) was the third pope after St Peter and author of a famous letter to the Corinthians, an early example of the bishop of Rome's universal jurisdiction. Tradition records him being sentenced to hard labour in the Crimea and thrown into the sea, tied to an anchor (his emblem in art).

#### St Columban, Abbot (Opt Mem) – 23 November:

~St Columban (c.540-615) was born in Leinster (Ireland) and entered the monastic life at an early age. With a dozen companions he travelled to the continent and founded many monasteries in France and Italy, including Luxeuil and Bobbio, although his strict discipline sometimes aroused opposition. He died at Bobbio in 615.

#### 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.'

'Let the proud seek and love earthly kingdoms, but blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs in the kingdom of heaven'

St Augustine