

Christ the King (C)

23 November 2025

Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Foncie Ward RIP Norman Annable RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Mons. David Forde RIP
Wed:	NO MASS	
Fri:	12 Noon Mass	Spencer & Ashton Fam. RIP
Sat:	12 Noon – Private Wedding Mass of Hannah Hallsworth and Liam Green	
<u>1st Sunday of Advent (A)</u>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 3.00pm Mass	Rev J Mackie RIP Annie Wilkinson RIP Sick & Housebound of the Parish

Money Matters:

Offertory: £526.40
Diocesan Quota: £241.63

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 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 Latwiell, 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).

Chellaston Christians Together: United Service at 3pm next **Sunday, 30 November** at St Peter's Church, Chellaston. Speaker Peter Newton. There will be a collection in aid of Derby City Mission. All welcome.

Advent 2025 - Free Bible Study Course

This is a FREE, live streamed 4 week Advent Course via You Tube starting **Wednesday, 26 November-Wednesday, 17 December**. To register for this short course please go to <https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies>

Presented by Catholic presenter Mauro Iannicelli, who will break open each Advent Gospel reading on the Wednesday evening before you attend Sunday Mass.

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 next **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 four weeks, it would make an enormous difference to those we support. There will be a box for donations at the back of church in the Lady Chapel. Thank you in anticipation.

Second Collections:

7 December	-	New & Poor Parishes
25 December	-	Christmas Offering
11 January	-	Sick & Retired Priests Fund

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.'

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) – 24 November:

The feast celebrates the witness of 117 Vietnamese martyrs, who died between 1625 and 1886 and were canonised in 1988. The include St Andrew Dũng-Lạc (1795-1839), a Vietnamese diocesan priest who was beheaded at Hanoi in 1939. Twenty-one of the martyrs were foreign missionaries, such as St Théophane Vénard, a member of the Paris Society of the Foreign Missions, who was beheaded in 1861 and exercised a strong influence on St Thérèse of Lisieux.

St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr (Opt Mem) – 25 November:

St Catherine of Alexandria was a fourth century martyr. Later tradition makes her a well-born maiden of Alexandria (Egypt) who was martyred after refusing to worship pagan gods. During her interrogation, she ably defended the faith in a debate with the city's leading philosophers. According to legend, her body was taken by angels to Mount Sinai, where a monastery was built in her honour.

'Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm'

Spes non confundit 12, Pope Francis on the Holy Year 2025

St Andrew, Apostle (Feast) – 30 November: (Transferred to 1 December:

St Andrew (first century) was born at Bethsaida and worked as a fisherman. He is called the Protokletos or 'first called', for he was originally a disciple of St John the Baptist before following Christ and bringing with him his brother, St Peter. After Pentecost he zealously preached the Gospel and was crucified at Patras (Greece) He is the Patron of Scotland, where his relics were formerly venerated at St Andrews.