

English Martyrs
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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON



1st Sunday of Advent Year A

30 November 2025

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

Sun: 9.00am Mass Rev J Mackie RIP
11.00am Mass Annie Wilkinson RIP
3.00pm Mass Sick & Housebound of the Parish

Mon: 11.00 Mass – Martyrs Day with the School attending
Joy Lewandowska RIP

Wed: NO MASS

Fri: 12 Noon Mass Roland Campbell Int.

Sat: 10am Mass Mick & Frances Connolly Int.
Followed by Exposition and Benediction until 12pm

2nd Sunday of Advent (A)

Sun: 9.00am Mass John Gannon RIP
11.00am Mass Dennis Sherwin & Fam RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £432.62

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 Catherine Dunne. May she rest in peace. Please also remember her family in your prayers.

Chellaston Christians Together: United Service at 3pm today **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 Walk With Me: These little booklets are FREE and are available at the back of Church. Please take a copy for yourselves, friends or neighbours, and join in the daily reflection and decade of the Rosary during Advent.

Alvaston Churches Together: Christmas Witness:

Saturday, 6 December – We will be singing Christmas Carols at the Alvaston shops. Then we will go to Boulton St Mary's at 12pm for the end of the Christmas Tree festival, followed by refreshments. If the weather is bad, meet at St Mary's at 12pm. Please come and join us.

Advent 2025 - Free Bible Study Course

This is a FREE, live streamed 4 week Advent Course via YouTube which started **Wednesday, 26 November-Wednesday, 17 December**. To register for this short course please go to <https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies> It's not too late! Presented by Catholic presenter Mauro Iannicelli, who will break open each Advent Gospel reading on the Wednesday evening before you attend Sunday Mass.

SVP News: 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 few 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 Collection next Sunday, 7 December for New and Poor Parishes.

Second Collections:

25 December - Christmas Offering
11 January - Sick & Retired Priests Fund

Pope's Prayer Intention for December:
'For Christians in areas of conflict'

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MISSIO NEWS: The Mission Today Calendar is a thank you to all Red Box holders and supporters for their prayers and donations throughout the year. Please pick up your FREE copy at the back of Church.

Advent Online Rosary: Join Missio, ACN, CAFOD and Stella Maris as they pray the Rosary on **Tuesday, 2 December at 7pm**. This is a great opportunity for the Catholic community of England and Wales to join together in prayer during Advent.

Email redbox@missio.org.uk for more information on how to join.

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!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

English Martyrs:

6.30pm	Christmas Eve
12.00am	Midnight
9.00am	Christmas Day
11.00am	Christmas Day

St Georges:

5.30pm	Christmas Eve
9.30am	Christmas Day

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 present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection'

Spes non confundit 13, Pope Francis on the Holy Year 2025

St Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial) – 3 December:

St Francis Xavier (1506-1552) was born near Pamplona in what is now Spain and studied in Paris, where he became a follower of St Ignatius Loyola. A founding member of the Society of Jesus, he tirelessly brought the Gospel to India, Borneo, Indonesia and Japan. He died of fever on Shangchuan Island in 1552 while travelling to China.

St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial) – 4 December:

St John Damascene (c.657-749) was born in Damascus (Syria), already under Muslim rule, and became a monk in the monastery of St Sabbas, near Jerusalem. He wrote many theological works and hymns, including 'The day of Resurrection'. He is considered the last Eastern Father of the Church; he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

St Nicholas, Bishop (Optional Memorial) – 6 December:

St Nicholas (fourth century) was born perhaps at Patara (now in Turkey) and became bishop of Myra. He may have been imprisoned under the Emperor Diocletian and have attended the Council of Nicaea which opposed the Arian heresy. He is venerated in both the East and West, especially as a patron of sailors and of children, as can be seen in the Christmas tradition of 'Santa Claus'. The saint's relics were later brought to Bari (Italy).

St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – 7 Dec:

St Ambrose (c.340-397) was born in Trier (now in Germany, but then capital of the Roman prefecture of Gaul) and worked as a lawyer. In 370 he was appointed Governor of Liguria and Aemilia, with a residence in Milan. In 374 he was chosen to be the city's bishop, much to his surprise – not only was he a layman, but he was also not yet baptised: he was a catechumen preparing for baptism. He proved to be an outstanding bishop, not afraid to challenge the actions of the emperor and uncompromising in his struggle against Arianism. His converts included St Augustine and his teachings have led him to be numbered as one of the Latin Doctors of the Church.