**English Martyrs** Hollis St. Alvaston **DE24 8QU** 

#### **ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON**

## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

### 9 November 2025 – Remembrance Sunday

Psalm Response: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High

Sun: 9.00am Mass

Gwen & Jim Moran RIP 11.00am Mass Michael Meehan RIP

Mon: 12 noon Mass Pat Ratcliffe RIP

Tues: 12 noon Mass The War Dead RIP

Fri: 12 Noon Mass Katerina, Maria, Alexander, Kai, Allan Int.

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9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass

Pat O'Donnell RIP Tony Curtis RIP & Mavis & Gordon Hawkins RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £511.01 All Saints: £266.01

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.

Second Collection next Sunday, 16 November for the **Diocesan Quota** 

Deanery Blessing of Graves next 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:**

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

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# St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – 10 November:

St Leo the Great (+ 461), a son of Tuscany, became Pope in 440. Though unable to attend the Council of Chalcedon in 451, his letter (or Tome) defining Christ's twofold nature was acclaimed as the Church's teaching: 'Peter has spoken through Leo.' His famous meeting with Attila the Hun outside Rome the following year saved the city from destruction then, although, despite his efforts, it was pillaged by Vandals in 455. Leo's theological writings earned him the title of Doctor of the Church.

#### St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial) - 11 November:

St Martin (316-397) was born to pagan parents at Szombathely (now Hungary, but then in the Roman province of Pannonia) and served as a soldier. At the age of eighteen he was baptised and, around this time, met a naked beggar to whom he gave half his cloak. That night he had a dream in which the Lord himself was wearing his cloak. St Marin founded a monastery and became Bishop of Tours (France). He was one of the first saints to be popularly venerated despite not being a martyr.

#### St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial) – 12 November:

St Josaphat (c.1580-1623) was born in Volodymyr-Volynskyi (Ukraine) of Orthodox parents, though he later became a Catholic and entered the Basilian Order at Vilnius. As Archbishop of Polotsk, he worked faithfully for the reform of the Church and unity between East and West. He faced much opposition and suffered martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob at Vitebsk (Belarus).

#### St Dyfrig, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 14 November:

St Dyfrig or Dubricius (+c.550) may have been born at Madley, Herefordshire. According to tradition, he became a bishop, founded several monasteries and educated the likes of St Samson and St Teilo. We can probably discount Geoffrey of Monmouth's claim that Dyfrig crowned King Arthur. He eventually retired to Bardsey Island, where he died in the middle of the sixth century and where his relics were venerated until they were translated to Llandaff Cathedral in 1120.

# St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem) – 15 November:

St Albert the Great (1206-1280) was born in the Swabian town of Lauingen (Germany) and studied at Padua and Paris. He became a Dominican and taught theology; his pupils included St Thomas Aquinas. In 1260 he was appointed bishop of Regensburg but resigned two years later and returned to academic pursuits. The encyclopaedic breadth of his writings earned him the title of 'Universal Doctor' and patron of students of the natural sciences.

# St Margaret of Scotland (Opt Mem)(Feast in Scotland) – 16 November:

St Margaret (1046-1093) was the granddaughter of King Edmund Ironside of England but was born while in exile in Hungary. In 1070 she married King Malcolm III of Scotland and had eight children, three of whom s of Scotland, including St David I. Remarkable for her piety and works of charity, St Margaret co-funded Dunfermline Abbey and organised ferries at North and South Queensferry for pilgrims crossing the Firth of Forth on the way to St Andrews. She is the secondary Patron of Scotland.

#### St Gertrude, Virgin (Opt Mem) – 16 November:

St Gertrude (1256-c.1302) was born in Esleben (Germany) and joined the Benedictine convent at Helfta. She showed great talent in her philosophical and literary studies but is best known for her mystical writings. She had a marked devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which later developed into its modern form with the visions of St Margaret Mary.

#### St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop (Opt Mem) - 16 November:

St Edmund (c.1175-1240) was born in Abingdon and studied at Oxford and Paris. He lectured for a time at Oxford, before becoming treasurer at Salisbury and then, in 1233, Archbishop of Canterbury. With the help of a strong team, which included St Richard of Chichester, he did much to reform ecclesiastical discipline and defend the rights of the Church. He died in 1240 at Soisy (France), while on his way to Rome, and was buried at nearby Pontigny. He gave his name to the Society of St Edmund, founded at Pontigny in 1843, and Colleges at Oxford, Cambridge and Old Hall Green.

#### **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.'

'The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus'

Spes non confundit 25, Pope Francis on the Holy Year 2025