

English Martyrs
Hollis St, Alvaston
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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH ALVASTON & CHELLASTON



Second Sunday of the Year - A 18 January 2026

Psalm Response: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will

Sun: 9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass

People of the Parish (SVP)
Eileen O'Kelly 90th B'day

Mon: 12 noon Mass

Tom McHugh RIP

Wed: 12 noon Mass

Norman Annable RIP

Fri: 12 noon Mass

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Sun: 9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass

Fr Slavik RIP
Winnie & Joe Hartley RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £407.68

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 Collections: There will be a second collection on **Sunday, 1 February** for the Diocesan Quota.
22 February for the SVP (For the poor and needy)

Churches Together in Chellaston: Ecumenical Prayer and Praise Service at 3.00pm on **Sunday, 25 January** at St Peter's Church, Chellaston followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

SVP: Following on from the Christmas Food collection, we have decided to leave the box at the back of Church for you to leave donations if and when you can. This will continue to support those in need in the Parish and also the Food Bank run by Alvaston Parish Church on Elvaston Lane.

Items the Food Bank would particularly like are: Tinned Meat, Coffee, Rice Pudding, Toddler nappies and Baby Wipes. Thank you.

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!

'As believers, we must not allow pride, dignity, or self-sufficiency to keep us from crying out to God.'

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 and Peggy Whelan.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eamonn Murray. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

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St Wulstan, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 19 January:

St Wulfstan or Wulstan (1008-1095) became a Benedictine monk at Worcester and, after serving as Precentor and Prior, was appointed Bishop in 1062. He was the only Englishman to retain his see after the Norman Conquest. His wise and benevolent rule lasted thirty-two years, during which he rebuilt his cathedral, reformed the diocese and tried to stop the slave-trade at Bristol. English slaves were sold to Norse traders in Ireland until the twelfth century.

St Fabian, Pope and Martyr (Opt Mem) – 20 January:

St Fabian (+ 250) was elected Bishop of Rome in 236, despite not being in Holy Orders. He divided Rome into seven diaconates for the purpose of extending aid to the poor and was finally martyred under the Emperor Decius. St Cyprian called him an 'incomparable man.'

St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial) – 21 January:

St Agnes (+ c.304) came from a noble Roman family. According to a fifth century Life, she was about thirteen years old when she suffered martyrdom by being stabbed in the throat, after refusing to be married to a pagan. She was buried on the Via Nomentana and her name is included in the Roman Canon. She is often shown with a lamb, a symbol of her purity and also a play on her name (which in Greek means 'chaste') and the Latin word agnus (meaning 'lamb').

St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr (Opt Mem) – 22 January:

St Vincent (+ 304) was a deacon of the Church in Saragossa, Spain. He was brutally tortured and martyred at Valencia in the persecution under Diocletian. His cult grew quickly and both St Augustine and St Leo preached sermons in his honour. He is the proto-martyr of Spain.

St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – 24 January:

St Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was born in Thorens, Savoy (France) and trained as a lawyer before being ordained. He became Bishop of Geneva in 1602 and did much to combat Calvinism. He also founded the Order of the Visitation, with St Jane Frances de Chantal, and produced popular spiritual works such as Introduction to the Devout Life. His flock called him 'the Gentle Christ of Geneva'. Pius XI declared St Francis patron of journalists and writers in 1923.

The conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast) – 25 January:

This Feast commemorates the conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. He was blinded by a light and thrown from his horse to the ground, hearing the words, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'the Risen One spoke to Paul, called him to the apostolate and made him a true Apostle, a witness of the Resurrection, with the specific task of proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles, to the Graeco-Roman world.'