

5th Sunday of Lent – Year A
22 March 2026

***Psalm Response: With the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption***

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Clifford Birds RIP Bridie Smith RIP
Mon:	NO MASS	
Wed:	<u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u> (Solemnity) 12 noon Mass	Josie Clifford RIP
Fri:	10.30am Exposition, Benediction and Confession 12 noon Mass	Fergus Murphy RIP
<u>Palm Sunday</u>		
Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Fernando Family RIP John McKenna RIP

Second Collection today Sunday, 22 March for Diocesan Quota

2 April - Bishop's Charities
3 April - Holy Places
4/5 April - Easter Offering

Lent Week 5: the week of expectation, looking forward to Easter. A week of thanksgiving for the joy and graces received.

'Lord, be my strength as I go about the activities of this week, in any good deeds for others and in my prayer and denial. I ask you to bless me my Lord and my God.'

The Prayer Trust

Money Matters:

Offertory: £466.78

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: Tony Curtis RIP, Mavis & Gordon Hawkins RIP

EASTER SERVICES

31 March: 7.30pm Penance Service at St Mary's

Holy Thursday: 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday: 9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass**

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 those who have died.

Food Donations: Thank you for your continued donations to the Food Appeal. These will be particularly needed over Easter and the School holidays.

Palms: Please bring your old palms and place them in the basket on the table at the back of Church. These will then be burned to produce the ashes for Ash Wednesday next year.

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St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 23 March:

St Turibius of Mogrovejo (1538-1606) was born at Mayorga (Spain) and worked for many years as Professor of Law at Salamanca. In 1580, even though he was a layman, he was appointed archbishop of Lima (Peru), where, after being ordained, he did much to consolidate ecclesiastical discipline and champion the rights of indigenous peoples.

The Annunciation of the Lord – 25 March:

On the floor of the Holy House in Nazareth, an inscription reads *Verbum caro hic factum est*; 'the Word was made flesh here.' When the Blessed Virgin said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, the Word became flesh and dwelt in her womb for nine months. The Annunciation is the prologue to the mysteries of Holy Week: the Incarnation happened so that we could be redeemed; the child conceived on this day was born to die for our sins and conquer death.

Palm Sunday – 29 March:

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent. But what are we really doing when we join this procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.