

16th Sunday of the Year A

19 July 2026

Psalm Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving

Sun: 9.00am Mass John McKenna RIP
11.00am Mass Patrick Murray RIP

Mon: 11.00am Mass (With St John Fisher School) Natalie Simonova RIP

Wed: 10.00am Mass Philip Roe RIP

Fri: 10.00am Mass Norman Annable RIP

17th Sunday of the Year (A)

Sun: 9.00am Mass Ruth Watson Int.
11.00am Mass Mavis & Gordon Hawkins RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £614.13
Stella Maris £355.78

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:

Prayers for the Sick: Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially Simon Thompson, Christine Dreuit, Giovanni Busato, Ian Robinson, Bart Makowski, Christopher Turner, Tracey Reeve, Terry & Liz Spencer, Mick & Frances Connolly, Maria Latwiel, Anne Smith, Margaret Meagher, Libby Dodes, Gregory Makowski, Brian Campbell, Mary Storer, Peggy Whelan, Ann Curley, Veronica Wood and Phyl McGauran.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Liam Blaney. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family also in your prayers.

Second Collection next Sunday, 26 July – Diocesan Quota

SVP Summer Raffle: Raffle tickets for the SVP Summer draw are now available to buy from any SVP member or at the back of Church. First prize £5000, 2 second prizes of £1000 and 15 £100 prizes. Tickets cost £1 (in books of 5). Buy now for your chance to win – you've got to be in it to win it!!

Lend your voice to the Choir

We are looking for new members to help lead the congregation in singing at the **11am Mass on Sundays**.

Joining the Choir is a wonderful way to make new friends, deepen your faith and serve our parish community.

In the coming weeks we will be aiming to practice the hymns for the Mass about 15/20 minutes before the commencement of Mass.

Please come and join us if you enjoy singing 

If you're interested, please come to English Martyrs early to practice regularly and if you are unable to go upstairs to the choir area please stay downstairs near the organ as practices will take place there.

Food Donations: Thank you for your continued donations to the Food Appeal. The box will remain at the back of Church for your donations when you can.

The school summer holidays are fast approaching, which is always a more difficult time for those we support. Your support would be greatly appreciated over the next couple of months.

Items in particular need are: Pasta Sauce, Baked Beans, Soup, Dry Pasta, Tinned hot dogs, Tinned meatballs, Cereals, Nappies and Pull-ups. Squash, Crisps, Biscuits etc also gratefully received. Thankyou.

Mission Together, 12 September 2026: Join the 'Workshop for everyone' at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the church through 'synodality' (walking together). Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer and an invited expert at the synod on synodality, the workshop runs 10am - 3pm and will explore practical ways to listen and connect for mission. Caritas Leicester & Leicestershire suggest a donation of £20 to cover costs, though if this amount means you can't come just give what you can. Find out more at bit.ly/synodalityleics

Father M Brentnall VF [Parish Priest]

Email: englishmartyrsderby@outlook.com

Newsletter Admin: Anne Walsh – annew505@gmail.com 07980 568261

Contact: 01332 574474

www.englishmartyrsparish.org.uk

Hall Enquiries: Rita Merrison

St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr (Opt Mem) – 20 July:

St Apollinaris (first or second century) may have been a native of Antioch. He eventually became first bishop of Ravenna (Italy). He was tortured and martyred for the faith and his cult became popular in many places.

St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem) – 21 July:

St Lawrence (1559-1619) was born at Brindisi (Italy) and joined the Capuchins in Verona. A talented theologian and gifted linguist, he travelled around Europe and became particularly associated with missions to the Jews and Protestants. In 1601 he led the Imperial Army during the capture of Székesfehérvár (Hungary) from the Turks, holding only a crucifix. Having served as Minister General of the Capuchins, he died in Lisbon on 22 July 1619, his sixtieth birthday. St John XXIII declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1959.

St Mary Magdalene (Feast) – 22 July:

St Mary Magdalene (first century), originally from Magdala in Galilee, was one of the Lord's most intimate disciples and is often associated with the woman from whom he drove out seven demons. She remained with the Lord during his last agony on the cross and, according to St Mark and St John, was the first to see him after the resurrection. Tradition relates that she spent her last years as a hermit in Provence (France).

St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast) = 23 July:

St Bridget (Birgitta)(1303-1373) was born in Sweden and married Ulf Gudmarsson in 1316. It was a happy marriage and the devout couple brought up eight children, including St Catherine of Sweden. After Ulf's death in 1344, she founded a religious community (Bridgettines) and received a number of mystical revelations. She corresponded with European monarchs, promoting peace and the return of the papacy from Avignon to Rome. She made pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Rome, where she spent her final years.

Ss Philip Evans and John Lloyd, Priests and Martyrs (Opt Mem) – 23 July:

St Philip Evans (1645-1679) was born in Monmouth, studied at St Omer and entered the Jesuits. Following his ordination in 1675, he worked secretly in Wales until he was arrested as a result of the fictitious 'Popish Plot.' He was hanged, drawn and quartered on 22 July 1679 in Gallows Field (no Richmond Rd), Cardiff, professing 'to die for God and religion's sake.'

St John Lloyd (c.1630-1679) was originally from Brecon, studied at Valladolid and worked as a mission priest in Wales for over twenty years. Arrested in 1678, he suffered with St Philip Evans at Cardiff.

St Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest (Opt Mem) – 24 July:

St Sharbel or Charbel (1828-1898) was born in Bekaa-Kafra (Lebanon) and became a Catholic Maronite monk, taking his vows at the monastery of St Maron, Annaya. From 1875 he lived as a hermit, with the Holy Eucharist as the source and summit of his life, and his reputation for holiness spread far and wide. He died on 24 December 1898, having suffered a stroke while celebrating Mass.

St James , Apostle (Feast) – 25 July:

St James (+44), the son of Zebedee, was called by the Lord together with his brother St John. He was one of the three apostles, along with St Peter and St John, who witnessed the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1) and the agony in the Garden (Mt 16:37). He was condemned to death by Herod Agrippa and beheaded in the year 44, the first of the Twelve to be martyred. His reputed shrine at Santiago de Compostella (Spain) remains a popular pilgrimage centre.

Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) – 26 July:

Ss Joachim and Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of the Lord. They remind us that the Word truly became flesh in a particular family. Our devotion to them is an extension of our love of Mary and her Divine Son.