

18th Sunday of the Year A

2 August 2026

Psalm Response: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord

Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Kelly O'Kane RIP Frank Wheatcroft RIP
Mon:	12 noon Mass	Anne Walsh Int.
Tues:	10.00am Mass	Shene Walsh Int
Wed:	10.00am Mass	Norman Annable RIP
Thurs:	<u>Transfiguration of the Lord (A)</u> (Feast of the Lord) 10.00am Mass	Liz & Terry Spencer Int.
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Sun:	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Alan & Kath Rose RIP Anne Annable & Dawn Hallsworth Int.

Money Matters:

Offertory:	£603.31
Diocesan Quota:	£254.40

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: Valda Jordan-Lin Int.

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 those who have died. May they rest in peace.

All Christians Together (ACT) – Sundays at Six

Theme: The Peace of God following from the Goodness of God

The next **Sundays at Six** will take place **today, Sunday 2 August** at Boulton St Mary's Church, DE24 0GE.

Next **Sunday, 9 August** will be at the Salvation Army, DE249AE

Mass will now be said at the Derby Royal Hospital on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm in the Hospital Chapel. The next mass will be **Tuesday**,

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!!

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.

Second Collections:

23 August	Diocesan Quota
6 September	Diocesan Quota
20 September	Home Mission Sunday

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

Christians Together in Chellaston is holding its AGM on **Wednesday, 2 September** at St Peter's Church Hall at 10.30am. All welcome.

The next United service will be held in St Peter's Church Hall on **Sunday, 27 September** at 3pm. The speaker, Jennifer Cox, will talk about her involvement with The Children of Honduras project. Shared tea afterwards. All welcome.

All Christians Together – Community Events:

Alvaston Baptist – Model Railway Club Friday at 7pm. Contact Paul at Paul@whpcottage.co.uk.

Alvaston Methodist – Bereavement café 1st Friday of the month 10-12 noon.

Alvaston Parish Church (St Michael's) – Games night every 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month at 7pm Warm welcome 1-4pm Wednesday during August. OASIS welcomes all women to attend a great service and get together on **7 Oct.**

Boulton St Mary's – Lego building 11am 3 Aug. Craft 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month. 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 10.30-11.30 Chatty Café.

Salvation Army – 8 Aug Cream Tea £5. Day trip to Skegness **11 Sept** £22. Call Dawn on 07551 571020 to book your place for either/both

St Martins – Warm space **Fridays 9.30-11.30.** Bereavement Café **26 August** 11.30-1.00pm. Lunchclub 2 courses £6.50 Thursdays. Chatty crafters every Tuesday 10-12noon.

If you need a School Uniform or have one to donate, please contact Derby School Support website. See poster at back of Church.

St Germanus of Auxerre, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 3 August:

St Germanus (c.378-448) was Bishop of Auxerre (France). He had close associations with the British Church and visited in 429 and 447 to assist in the fight against the Pelagian heresy. During one of his visits he helped the Britons defeat the Picts and Saxons in battle; since it was around Easter this was known as the 'Alleluia Victory'. As a thanksgiving he made a pilgrimage to the shrine of St Alban. He is traditionally remembered as a monastic founder in Wales.

St John Mary Vianney, Priest (Memorial) – 4 August:

St John Mary (Jean-Baptiste-Marie) Vianney (1786-1859) was born at Dardilly, near Lyons (France) and, despite finding his seminary studies difficult, was ordained a priest and spent forty-two years as Curé (Parish Priest) of Ars. Despite encountering much opposition, he reformed the parish, spent hours in the confessional and centred his life on the Holy Eucharist. Pius XI declared him patron of parish clergy.

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Opt Mem) – 5 August:

In 431 the Council of Ephesus declared the Blessed Virgin to be the 'Mother of God' (Theotokos) and shortly afterwards Pope Sixtus III dedicated the restored Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome in her honour. According to tradition its location had originally been indicated by a miraculous shower of snow on 5 August, in the middle of the Roman summer, hence the title 'Our Lady of the Snows'. The basilica is considered the most important church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the festival of its dedication renews our links with Rome. The late Pope Francis is buried here.

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast) – 6 August:

The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor came to strengthen the faith of the disciples, for trying times lay ahead: the Son of Man would be put to death and all that the human eye could see was weakness, humiliation and suffering. Beyond the shame of the cross, however, is the light and glory of Easter, and it is this that the Transfiguration reveals. It shows the disciples, and us, Christ's divinity – he who is Light from Light – and anticipates the glory of heaven.

St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs (Opt Mem) – 7 August:

St Sixtus (Xystus) II and his companions (+ 258) suffered during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. Indeed, St Sixtus had to be consecrated Bishop of Rome in secret the previous year and was captured while celebrating the Eucharist. He was beheaded almost immediately in the Cemetery of Praetextatus. According to tradition, six of his seven deacons were also killed on the same day, the seventh (St Lawrence) being martyred a few days later. St Sixtus is included in the Roman Canon.

St Cajetan, Priest (Opt Mem) – 7 August:

St Cajetan or Gaetano (1480-1547) was born in Vicenza (Italy) and gave up a promising legal career in order to be ordained a priest in 1516. He co-founded the Congregation of Clerks Regular (Theatines), which did much to promote the reform of the clergy, and he had such zeal in seeking people's salvation that he was called the 'Hunter of Souls.'

St Mary of the Cross, Virgin (Opt Mem in Scotland) – 7 August:

St Mary of the Cross (1842-1909) or Mary MacKillop was born of Scottish parents in Melbourne on 15 January 1842. Moving as a governess to South Australia, she came into contact with Fr Julian Tenison-Woods and opened a Catholic school in Penola. Her educational and pastoral work led her to found the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart ('Josephites'). Despite facing opposition within the Church and even facing excommunication, the mission of St Mary grew rapidly and the Sisters often worked with limited resources in extremely remote areas. She died in Sydney on 8 August 1909 and was canonized as Australia's first saint by Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010.

St Dominic, Priest (Memorial) – 8 August:

St Dominic (c.1170-1221) was born at Caleruega (Spain) and initially joined the Canons Regular of Osma. In 1206 he was sent to Languedoc (France) to help uproot the Catharist or Albigensian heresy. While based in Toulouse, he founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to assist in this work; the Order was approved by the Holy See in 1216 and has had a huge impact on the life of the Church.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr, Patron of Europe (Feast in Europe) – 9 August:

St Teresa Benedicta (1891-1942) was born Edith Stein at Wroclaw (now in Poland, but then in the German province of Silesia), the eleventh child of a Jewish family. She showed great ability in her philosophical studies and became a popular lecturer and writer. After reading the autobiography of St Teresa of Avila, she sought baptism in 1922 and eleven years later joined the Carmelites at Cologne. She was moved to the Carmel of Echt (Netherlands) to avoid the growing Nazi threat but was eventually arrested, and gassed at Auschwitz on 9 August 1942).