

17th Sunday of the Year A

26 July 2026

Psalm Response: O Lord, how I love your law!

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

Mon: NO MASS

Wed: 10.00am Mass Fernando Fam Int.

Thurs: 10.00am Mass Clifford Birds RIP

Fri: 10.00am Mass Joyce Bowker RIP

18th Sunday of the Year (A)

Sun: 9.00am Mass Kelly O'Kane RIP
11.00am Mass Frank Wheatcroft RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory: £495.15

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 and Parents Jean and Rodney RIP

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.

Second Collection today, Sunday, 26 July – Diocesan Quota

All Christians Together (ACT) – Sundays at Six

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

The first **Sundays at Six** will take place **today, Sunday 26 July** at Alvaston Baptist Church, Alvaston St.

Next Sunday, 2 August at Boulton St Mary's.

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 first mass will be **this Tuesday, 4 August**.

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.

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Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Memorial) – 29 July:

St Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1st century AD) were close friends of the Lord who often visited their house at Bethany. The Gospel of John states that He loved them. Martha offered him hospitality and Mary listened attentively to His words – presenting us with models of the active and contemplative dimension of discipleship. Lazarus was restored to life after four days in the tomb and the Chief Priests considered having him put to death, such was the attention that was being attracted. According to tradition, the three siblings preached the Gospel after the Ascension and have been particularly associated with southern France. Lazarus has been claimed both as bishop of Kition (Cyprus) and Marseilles (France).

St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem) – 30 July:

St Peter Chrysologus (c.380-c.450) was born in Imola (Italy) and appointed Bishop of Ravenna in 433. He remained close to the imperial family, with whom he is depicted in a mosaic at Ravenna, and was called 'Chrysologus' or 'Gordien Worded' by the Empress Galla Placidia. He is best remembered for his eloquent homilies as well as his battles against heresy. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1729.

St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial) – 31 July:

St Ignatius (1491-1556) was born into a noble family at Loyola (Spain). He was injured at the battle of Pamplona (1521) and experienced a conversion during his convalescence. He went on to write the Spiritual Exercises, study theology at Paris and, with his companions, found the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits have had a huge impact on the reform of the Church, the education of the young and the preaching of the Gospel to every corner of the world.

Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – 1 August:

St Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) was born in Naples (Italy) and became a priest after training as a lawyer. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), which specialized in preaching missions, and in 1762 was appointed Bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti. He faced much physical suffering and divisions within his Order. His numerous writings, especially on moral theology, earned him the title of Doctor of the Church.

St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 2 August:

St Eusebius (+371) was born in Sardinia and brought up in Rome. Around 340 he was named bishop of Vercelli in Piedmont and spent much of his episcopate fighting the Arian heresy, which caused him to be exiled for six years. He is thought to have been the first bishop to live together with many of his clergy in community, and is honoured as co-founder of the Augustinian Canons.

St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest (Opt Mem) – 2 August:

St Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868) was born at La Mure, Isère (France) and joined the Marist Fathers. He dedicated his life to promoting Eucharistic devotion and founded both the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. Canonised in 1962, he is known as the 'Apostle of the Eucharist'.

'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can'

John Wesley

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 – BBQ on **29 August 1-5pm**. 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 **Friday 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.