

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 6 September 2026

**Psalm Response:** *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'*

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| Sun:                                          | 9.00am Mass<br>11.00am Mass | Curaran Family Thanksgiving<br>Ivan Skliarsky RIP |
| Mon:                                          | 12 noon Mass                | Moran Family Int.                                 |
| Tues:                                         | 10.00am Mass                | Liz & Terry Spencer Int.                          |
| Wed:                                          | 10.00am Mass                | Private Intention                                 |
| Thurs:                                        | 10.00am Mass                | Dawn Hallsworth Int.                              |
| Fri:                                          | 10.00am Mass                | Maureen & Ronnie RIP                              |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b> |                             |                                                   |
| Sun:                                          | 9.00am Mass<br>11.00am Mass | Philip McGauran Int.<br>Maureen Hinchcliffe Int.  |

**Money Matters:**

Offertory: £513.38  
Diocesan Quota: £ 11.00

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:** This Sunday, 6 September for the Diocesan Quota  
20 September - Home Mission Sunday

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Half an hour before every weekday Mass.

**Fr Anthony is available for Confession after every mass.**

**Mass Intentions:** If you require a mass intention for a specific date, could you please let Fr know at least a month in advance please. Sometimes requests are made for the same date, so this gives us time to arrange an alternative date. Thank you.

**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.

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.

**Christians Together in Chellaston:**

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.

**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.

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### **All Christians Together – Community Events:**

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

**Alvaston Methodist – Bereavement café** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 10-12 noon.

**Alvaston Parish Church (St Michael's)** – Games night every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 **30 Sept at 7pm.**

**Boulton St Mary's** – Craft 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 10.30-11.30 Chatty Café.

**Salvation Army** – Day trip to Skegness **11 Sept** £22. Call Dawn on 07551 571020 to book your place

**St Martins** – Warm space **Fridays 9.30-11.30.** Lunch club 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.**

**When you cannot get to Holy Mass, due to illness, distance or obligation, send your Guardian Angel in your place:**

**'O holy angel, at my side, go to church for me.**

**Kneel in my place at Holy Mass, where I desire to be.**

**At Offertory, in my stead, take all I am and own,  
and place it as a sacrifice upon the Altar throne.**

**At Holy Consecration's bell, adore with Seraph's love,  
my Jesus hidden in the Host, come down from heaven  
above.**

**And when the Priest, communion takes,**

**O bring my Lord to me,**

**that His sweet heart may rest on mine,**

**and I His temple be.'**

***'Teach us, Good Lord, to serve you as you  
deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to  
fight and not the heed the wounds, to toil and  
not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for  
any reward save that of knowing that we do your  
will'***

**St Ignatius of Loyola**

### **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) – 8 September:**

Nothing is known for sure about the details of the Blessed Virgin's birth. Even her parents, traditionally known as St Joachim and St Anne, are not mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Today's feast originated in the East, probably during the sixth century, and was later introduced to the West. A French legend tells of a man hearing angels singing on the night of 8 September and being told that the Virgin Mary had been born on that night. Her earthly birth is celebrated (like that of St John the Baptist) because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.

### **St Peter Calver, Priest (Opt Mem) – 9 September:**

St Peter Calver (1580-1654) was born at Verdú in Catalonia (Spain) and entered the Society of Jesus. In 1610 he was sent to Colombia and began his life's work among the slaves. He cared for them and baptized more than 300,000 during his thirty-three years of tireless ministry.

### **St Deiniol, Bishop (Opt Mem) – 11 September:**

St Deiniol (Daniel) (sixth century). Legend makes him a descendant (perhaps a grandson) of Pabo Post Prydyn ("the Pillar of Britain"), a north British hero who, again according to legend, renounced the world and died a hermit in Anglesey. Deiniol founded the monasteries of Bangor Fawr on the Menai Strait and Bangor Iscoed on the Dee. Bangor Cathedral is dedicated to him and he is sometimes reckoned its first bishop. He was buried on Bardsey Island (Ynys Ynlli).

### **The Most Holy Name of Mary (Opt Mem) – 12 September:**

the name of Mary is regarded as holy because it is the name of the Mother of God, her who brought the Saviour into the world. The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary was added to the Universal Calendar in 1684 by Blessed Innocent XI, commemorating the defeat of the Turks at the gates of Vienna the previous year: a powerful example of the might of the Blessed Virgin's intercession.

### **St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) – 13 September:**

St John Chrysostom (c.350-407) was born at Antioch and trained as a lawyer. He became a monk, then later a priest and became a famed theologian and preacher, gaining the name Chrysostom or 'the golden-mouthed.' In 398 he became Archbishop of Constantinople and faced much opposition in his reforms. He died in exile and is honoured as one of the four Greek Doctors of the Church. The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, widely used in the East, was once attributed to him, although it is now recognized as very probably later than his time.