English Martyrs
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ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH
ALVASTON & CHELLASTON

All Saints
1 November 2026
Psalm Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

Sun:	**9.00am Mass**	Anne Walsh Int.
	11.00am Mass	Jordan Family RIP
Mon:	**Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (A)**	
	11.30am Exposition	
	12 noon Mass	Dennis Sherwin & Family RIP
	6.00pm Mass	Noel Walsh RIP
Wed:	**NO MASS**	
Fri:	**10.00am Exposition**	
	NO MASS	
32nd Sunday of the Year - A		
Sun:	**9.00am Mass**	Gilbert Kelly RIP
	11.00am Mass	Norman Annable RIP

Money Matters:

Offertory:	**£599.06**
Diocesan Quota:	**£206.27**

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 Dreuitt, 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 Collections: Today, Sunday, 1 November for Diocesan Hospices
15 November - Diocesan Quota
6 December - New & Poor Parishes
25 December - Christmas Offering

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. Thankyou.

St John Fisher School: Do you have a child ready to start school in September 2027? (Or move into Year 3?) Do you have a friend or family member who does?
No need to book – just turn up!

SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Party: The SVP annual Christmas Party for our senior citizens will be held on **Sunday, 29 November.** There will be mass at 3pm followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Parish Hall. If you wish to come, please sign the sheet at the back of church indicating whether you require transport or not. We look forward to you joining us.

The November Dead List: The November Dead List is available at the back of Church for you to fill in with the names of your deceased relatives and friends, Give the list to Fr and the lists will be placed on the altar and they will be prayed for at all Mass during November.

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All Christians Together – Community Events:
Alvaston Baptist – Model Railway Club **Friday at 7pm**. Contact Paul at Paul@whpcottage.co.uk.
Prayer meeting **Wednesdays at 7pm**
Alvaston Methodist – Bereavement café 1st Friday of the month 10-12 noon.
Wednesday Coffee Mornings Fortnightly from 8 October.
Alvaston Parish Church (St Michael's) – Games night **every Friday at 7pm Warm welcome** follows the morning service till 4pm on a **Wednesday**.
Boulton St Mary's – Craft 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month. Chatty Café 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, **10.30-11.30**.. Hot chocolate give-away on 31 October 5-7pm. 21 Oct – Women's Network Day of Prayer 10-2pm. Bring your own lunch. 21 Nov Christmas Fayre
St Martins – Warm space **Fridays 9.30-11.30.** Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 10.30-12.30pm. . Lunch club Thursdays 12-1pm. Divine Play 15 Nov 4-5.30pm. Martys Tots Friday am. Tuesdays Chatty Crafters 10-12noon
Salvation Army – 18 October Harvest Service **3pm**. **21 Nov** Autumn Fair **10.30-12.**30pm. **13 December** Christingle and scratch nativity **3pm. 20 December** Carol Service **3pm.**

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.'

'Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendours which are behind it'

St John Henry Newman

All Saints (Solemnity) – 1 November:
The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in heaven, in the light of God's face – both those recognized by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfil our vocation to be saints.

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) – 2 November:
Today we renew the hope in eternal life, truly founded on Christ's death and Resurrection. "I am risen and I am with you always", the Lord tells us, "and my hand supports you. Wherever you may fall, you will fall into my hands and I will be there even to the gates of death. Where no one can accompany you any longer and where you can take nothing with you, there I will wait for you to transform for you, the darkness into light." Christian hope, however, is not solely individual, it is also always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other, and the good and the bad that each of us does always affects others too. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the Church invites us today to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries.

Pope Benedict XVI

St Martin de Porres, Religious (Opt Mem) – 3 November:
St Martin de Porres (1579-1639) was born in Lima (Peru), the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a former slave. He became a Dominican lay brother and was exemplary in his care for the sick, his love of the poor and his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

St Winifride, Virgin (Opt Mem) – 3 November:
St Winifride or Gwenfrewi (seventh century) was the niece of St Beuno. According to legend, despite making a vow of chastity, she was courted by Caradoc, son of a local chieftain; eventually he decapitated her. However, her uncle restored her to life and she ended her days as a nun at Gwytherin (Wales). For centuries pilgrims have visited her shrine and well at Holywell, the site of her attempted murder.

St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial) – 4 November:
St Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) was born into a noble family at Arona, on the shores of Lake Maggiore (Italy). His uncle was Pope Pius IV and this ensured his quick promotion within the Church; aged only twenty-one he was created Cardinal Priest of Santa Prassede, although he was only ordained when in 1564 he became Archbishop of Milan. He zealously applied the teachings of the Council of Trent to his diocese, establishing seminaries and schools and renewing the life of the clergy. During the plague of 1576 he was active in the care of the sick.

All The Saints of Ireland (Feast in Ireland) – 6 November:
Ireland, especially in the early Christian centuries, was known as an isle of saints and scholars. Many of these combined pastoral care with observance of the monastic life. The Irish also did much to bring the faith to other parts of Europe and, if we are to believe the story of St Brendan, even further afield.

All Saints of Wales (Feast) – 8 November:
This Feast commemorates the hundreds of Welsh saints recognised by the Church across the ages, as well as those known only to God. Many of them date from the so-called 'Sage of the Saints' in the fifth and sixth centuries and often have connections with the Christian communities in Cornwall, Ireland, Scotland and Brittany.