

Friday, 25th May

**St Bede the Venerable, Priest &
Doctor of the Church**

Bede died in 573, a monk of Jarrow. He was a great scholar and wrote the Ecclesiastical History of the English people. Bede was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1899 by Pope Leo XIII.

Entrance Antiphon: **In the midst of the church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filed him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.**

First Reading: James 5:9-12
The Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Your precepts, O Lord, are all of them sure; they stand firm for ever and ever. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 10:1-12
What God has united, man must not divide.

Communion Antiphon: **Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.**

**Saturday 26th May
St Philip Neri, Priest**

Philip died in 1559. Having undergone a profound conversion he became a priest in Rome. He founded the Congregation of the Oratory and had a great love for all people, no matter their status in life.

Entrance Antiphon: **The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us.**

First Reading: James 5:13-20
The heartfelt prayer of a good man works very powerfully.

Responsorial Psalm: **Let my prayer come before you like incense, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 10:13-16
Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Communion Antiphon: **As the Father loves me, so I also love you; remain in my love.**

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

**21st May – 26th May
Week 7, Year II**

Monday, 21st May

**MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY,
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

This celebration was instituted in 2018 and then added to the General Roman Calendar. The Decree states: 'This celebration will help us to remember that growth in Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, Virgin who makes her offering to God.'

Entrance Antiphon: **The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.**

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15. 20 (Lect III p841)
I will make enemies of your offspring and the offspring of the woman.

Alternative First Reading: Acts 1:12-14
They joined in continuous prayer with Mary the mother of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: **You are the highest honour of our race!**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you Holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, for the sun of justice, Christ our God, was born of you.**

Gospel: John 19:25-27
This is your son. This is your mother.

Communion Antiphon: **A wedding was held in Cana of Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there; then Jesus performed the first of his signs and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.**

Tuesday, 22nd May

**Weekday or
St Rita of Cascia, Religious**

Rita was an Augustinian nun who died in 1457. She was married for eighteen years to a violent husband and upon his murder persuaded her sons not to seek revenge. She is patron of marital problems, abuse, wounds and lost and impossible causes.

Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

First Reading: James 4:1-10
When you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly.

Responsorial Psalm: **Entrust your cares to the Lord and he will support you.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself the last of all.

Communion Antiphon: **I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

Wednesday, 23rd May

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

First Reading: James 4:13-17
You never know what will happen tomorrow. The most you should ever say is: 'If it is the Lord's will.'

Responsorial Psalm: **How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 9:38-40
Anyone who is not against us is for us.

Communion Antiphon: **I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

Thursday, 24th May

**FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek. In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart.

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change: You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
I will make a new covenant with them; I will remember their sins no more.

Alternative First Reading: Hebrews 10:11-18
He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Responsorial Psalm: **You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Since he was Son, he learned obedience through those things which he suffered, and having been made perfect, he has become for all who obey him the author of eternal salvation!**

Gospel: Mark 14: 22-25
This is my body. This is my blood.

Communion Antiphon: **This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it in memory of me.**