

Gospel: John 14:6-14

Have I been with you all this time, and you still do not know me?

Communion Antiphon: **Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us. Whoever has seen me, Philip, has seen the Father also, alleluia.**

Saturday, 4th May

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Today we celebrate the English men and women martyred for the Catholic faith between 1535 and 1680, which have been beatified or canonised by the Holy See.

Entrance Antiphon: **These who are clothed in white robes are they who have survived the time of great distress and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, alleluia.**

The **Gloria** is said.

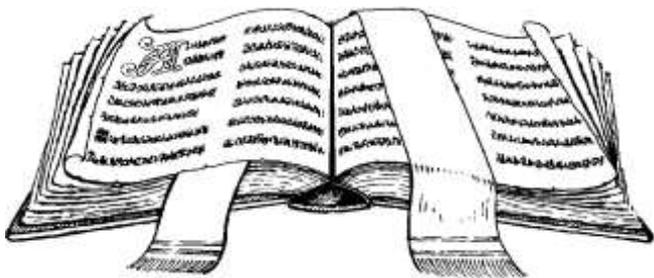
First Reading: Acts 7:55-60
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord; the noble army of martyrs praise you, O Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-20
You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the pagans.

Communion Antiphon: **To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of my God, alleluia.**



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WEEKDAY

MASS SHEET

29th April – 4th May

Easter Week Four

Monday, 29th April

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA,
VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
PATRON OF EUROPE**

Born in 1347, Catherine entered the Third Order of St Dominic whilst a teenager. She was a leader in the renewal of the Religious Life, challenged Popes and was a mystic. She died in 1380.

Entrance Antiphon: **Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ, alleluia.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2
The blood of Christ purifies us from all sin.

Responsorial Psalm: **My soul, give thanks to the 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: Matthew 11:25-30
You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to mere children.

Communion Antiphon: **If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, alleluia.**

Tuesday, 30th April

**ST GEORGE,
MARTYR & PATRON OF ENGLAND**

George was martyred in Palestine in the beginning of the 4th century. He is honoured in the Eastern Church as the greatest of martyrs. It was during the crusades that his cult spread and he was invoked as Patron of England.

Entrance Antiphon: **Rejoice, you Saints, in the presence of the Lamb; a kingdom has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Apocalypse 12:10-12

In the face of death they would not cling to life.

Responsorial Psalm: **Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter: 4:12-19

If you have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the man who stands firm, for he has proved himself, and will win the crown of life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 15:18-21

If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too.

Alternative Gospel: John 15:1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

The **Creed** is said.

Communion Antiphon: **If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him, alleluia.**

Wednesday, 1st May

Weekday of Easter or St Joseph the Worker

Pope Pius XII established the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955. Joseph is patron of workers; being a model for all to follow, not least for his Christian virtues of patience, persistence and hard work.

Entrance Antiphon: **I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.**

First Reading: Acts 5:17-26

The men you imprisoned are in the Temple, preaching to the people.

Responsorial Psalm: **This poor man called and the Lord heard him.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has risen and shone upon us whom he redeemed with his blood. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 3:16-21

God sent his Son into the world so that through him the world might be saved.

Communion Antiphon: **I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.**

Thursday, 2nd May

St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Athanasius was Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt for forty five years. He was a great theologian and is considered on the Fathers of the Church. He chiefly fought against the heresy of Arianism, which says that Jesus is created and, therefore, less than the Father.

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

First Reading: Acts 5:27-33

We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: **This poor man called and the Lord heard him.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has risen: he who created all things, and has granted his mercy to men. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 3:31-36

The Father loves the Son and has entrusted everything to him.

Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

This is the carpenter's son, surely?

Communion Antiphon: **No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ, alleluia.**

Friday, 3rd May

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES

Philip, a former disciple of John the Baptist, preached at Phrygia whilst James, a cousin of the Lord, presided over the Church at Jerusalem and was martyred.

Entrance Antiphon: **These are the holy men whom the Lord chose in his own perfect love; to them he gave eternal glory, alleluia.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The Lord appeared to James, and then to all the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm: **Their word goes forth through all the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord. Philip, to have seen me is to have seen the Father. Alleluia!**