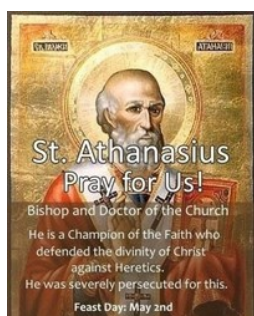


**Monday-Saturday, 2nd-7th May 2022**

**3rd Week of Easter- Year 2**

**MONDAY**

*St Athanasius*



**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.**

**READING:** *1 John 5:1-5*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**PSALM:** **The mouths of the just murmur wisdom.**

**ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!**

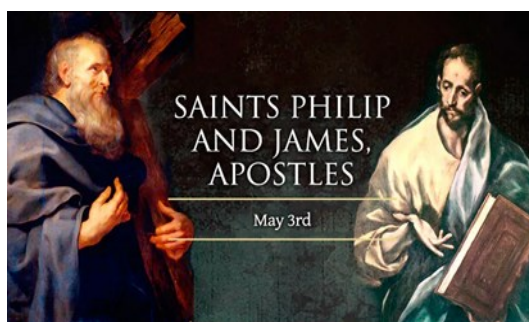
**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 10:22-25*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.* Jesus said to his disciples: 'You will be hated by all men on account of my name; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved. If they persecute you in one town, take refuge in the next; and if they persecute you in that, take refuge in another. I tell you solemnly, you will not have gone the round of the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 'The disciple is not superior to his teacher, nor the slave to his master. It is enough for the disciple that he should grow to be like his teacher.

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

**TUESDAY**

*Sts Philip and James, Apostles*



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

**READING:** *1 Cor 15:1-8*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you—believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

**PSALM:** **Their word goes forth through all the earth.**

**ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; Philip, whoever sees me sees the Father. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** *Jn 14:6-14*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.* Jesus said to Thomas: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father?" Do you not believe that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask for in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it.'

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.**

## WEDNESDAY

*Mass of the Day*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Let my mouth be filled with your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to you, alleluia.**

READING: *Acts 8:1-8*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

A bitter persecution started against the church in Jerusalem, and everyone except the apostles fled to the country districts of Judaea and Samaria.

There were some devout people, however, who buried Stephen and made great mourning for him.

Saul then worked for the total destruction of the Church; he went from house to house arresting both men and women and sending them to prison.

Those who had escaped went from place to place preaching the Good News. One of them was Philip who went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. There was great rejoicing in that town as a result.

PSALM: **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who believe in the Son have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, says the Lord. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *John 6:35-40*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;

he who believes in me will never thirst.

But, as I have told you,

you can see me and still you do not believe.

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me

I shall not turn him away;

because I have come from heaven,

not to do my own will,

but to do the will of the one who sent me.

Now the will of him who sent me

is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us, whom he has redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.**

## THURSDAY

*Mass of the Day*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Let us sing to the Lord, for he has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation, alleluia.**

READING: *Acts 8:26-40*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, 'Be ready to set out at noon along the road that goes from Jerusalem down to Gaza, the desert road.' So he set off on his journey. Now it happened that an Ethiopian had been on pilgrimage to Jerusalem; he was a eunuch and an officer at the court of the kandake, or queen, of Ethiopia, and was in fact her chief treasurer. He was now on his way home; and as he sat in his chariot he was reading the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit said to Philip, 'Go up and meet that chariot.' When Philip ran up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' 'How can I' he replied 'unless I have someone to guide me?' So he invited Philip to get in and sit by his side. Now the passage of scripture he was reading was this:

Like a sheep that is led to the slaughter-house, like a lamb that is dumb in front of its shearers, like these he never opens his mouth.

He has been humiliated and has no one to

Defend him. Who will ever talk about his

descendants, since his life on earth has been cut short!

The eunuch turned to Philip and said, 'Tell me, is the prophet referring to himself or someone else?' Starting, therefore, with this text of scripture Philip proceeded to explain the Good News of Jesus to him.

Further along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'Look there is some water here; is there anything to stop me being baptised?' He ordered the chariot to stop, then Philip and the eunuch both went down to the water and Philip baptised him. But after they had come up out of the water again Philip was taken away by the Spirit of the Lord, and the eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. Philip found that he had reached Azotus and continued his journey proclaiming the Good News in every town as far as Caesarea.

## FRIDAY

*Mass of the Day*

PSALM: **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Jn 6:44-51*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

'No one can come to me  
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,  
and I will raise him up at the last day.  
It is written in the prophets:  
They will all be taught by God,  
and to hear the teaching of the Father,  
and learn from it,  
is to come to me.  
Not that anybody has seen the Father,  
except the one who comes from God:  
he has seen the Father.  
I tell you most solemnly,  
everybody who believes has eternal life.  
I am the bread of life.  
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert  
and they are dead;  
but this is the bread that comes down from  
heaven,  
so that a man may eat it and not die.  
I am the living bread which has come down from  
heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the  
Life of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him, who died for them and is risen, alleluia.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.**

READING: *Acts 9:1-20*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Saul was still breathing threats to slaughter the Lord's disciples. He had gone to the high priest and asked for letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, that would authorise him to arrest and take to Jerusalem any followers of the Way, men or women, that he could find.

Suddenly, while he was travelling to Damascus and just before he reached the city, there came a light from heaven all round him. He fell to the ground, and then he heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' he asked, and the voice answered, 'I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me. Get up now and go into the city, and you will be told what you have to do.' The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless, for though they heard the voice they could see no one. Saul got up from the ground, but even with his eyes wide open he could see nothing at all, and they had to lead him into Damascus by the hand. For three days he was without sight, and took neither food nor drink.

A disciple called Ananias who lived in Damascus had a vision in which he heard the Lord say to him, 'Ananias!' When he replied, 'Here I am, Lord,' the Lord said, 'You must go to Straight Street and ask at the house of Judas for someone called Saul, who comes from Tarsus. At this moment he is praying, having had a vision of a man called Ananias coming in and laying hands on him to give him back his sight.'

When he heard that, Ananias said, 'Lord, several people have told me about this man and all the harm he has been doing to your saints in Jerusalem. He has only come here because he holds a warrant from the chief priests to arrest everybody who invokes your name.' The Lord replied, 'You must go all the same, because this man is my chosen instrument to bring my name before pagans and pagan kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he himself must suffer for my name.' Then Ananias went. He entered the house, and at once laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your way here so that you may recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately it was as though scales fell away from Saul's eyes and he could see again. So he was baptised there and then, and after taking some food he regained his strength.

After he had spent only a few days with the disciples in Damascus, he began preaching in the synagogues, 'Jesus is the Son of God.'

PSALM: **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION AT ST KEVIN'S**

**There will be Holy Mass at  
7.00 pm on  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May  
(First Friday of the month)  
at St Kevin's Church**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Jn 6:52-59*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

The Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus

replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my  
Blood has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

He taught this doctrine at Capernaum, in the  
synagogue.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.**

## **SATURDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You have been buried with Christ in Baptism, through which you also rose again by faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead, alleluia.**

READING: Acts 9:31-42

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

The Churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Peter visited one place after another and eventually came to the saints living down in Lydda. There he found a man called Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ cures you; get up and fold up your sleeping mat.' Aeneas got up immediately; everybody who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they were all converted to the Lord.

At Jaffa there was a woman disciple called Tabitha, or Dorcas in Greek, who never tired of doing good or giving in charity. But the time came when she got ill and died, and they washed her and laid her out in a room upstairs. Lydda is not far from Jaffa, so when

the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men with an urgent message for him, 'Come and visit us as soon as possible.'

Peter went back with them straight away, and on his arrival they took him up to the upstairs room, where all the widows stood round him in tears, showing him tunics and other clothes Dorcas had made when she was with them. Peter sent them all out of the room and knelt down and prayed. Then he turned to the dead woman and said 'Tabitha, stand up.' She opened her eyes, looked at Peter and sat up. Peter helped her to her feet, then he called in the saints and widows and showed them she was alive. The whole of Jaffa heard about it and many believed in the Lord.

**PSALM: What return can I make to the Lord for all that he gives to me?**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Jn 6:60-69*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

After hearing his doctrine, many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

## **SECOND FRIDAYS** **OF EACH MONTH ADORATION** **AT ST PATRICK'S**

**7.30-8.00 PM: Confessions**

**8.00-8.30 pm: Mass**

**8.30-11pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**