

# THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## Parish Weekly Newsletter

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## May 23rd 2010: SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST



### THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE "SOUL OF THE CHURCH"

We call today's feast the "Birthday of the Church" because the outpouring of the Holy Spirit marked the beginning of the Apostles' mission to the world, a mission which the Church on earth still continues in every age and place, so that all peoples may be given the opportunity to know and love Christ our Lord, and find the one way to the Father. When we were baptised, the Holy Spirit Himself took "possession of our souls and made them all His own". When we were confirmed, the same Holy Spirit strengthened what He had already begun in us at baptism. That same Spirit of God, who is Love, is poured into our hearts day by day through prayer and the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. May the Holy Spirit continue to renew in the whole Church the gifts that He first gave at Pentecost.

### ST. PHILIP'S DAY

This year we are pleased to welcome our new Archbishop for the first time to celebrate St. Philip's day with us at Solemn Pontifical Mass on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Please come and join us in prayer for the welfare of the Oratory and the forthcoming beatification of Cardinal Newman.

Our celebrations will begin with sung First Vespers of St. Philip's Feast Day on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. This is a very beautiful way to begin the feast of the Apostle of Rome and Founder of the Oratories. We invite you to come along and enjoy a sung service that is not only very different from Mass, but also has very ancient roots in the worship of God in the Temple of Jerusalem—a form of worship Our Lord Himself would have known and taken part in so often throughout His life. Vespers consists of five psalms, a hymn in honour of St. Philip sung by the choir, and Our Lady's canticle of praise, the "Magnificat", which was her response to her cousin St. Elizabeth's greeting at the Visitation. Vespers is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the blessing of each person present with the relic of St. Philip himself.

Please make a special effort this year to come and take part in the Solemn Mass on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. It forms part of the preparation that we are now making spiritually for the beatification of Cardinal Newman by Pope Benedict next September. May St. Philip pray for us all.

During Paschaltide, instead of the *Angelus*, we pray Our Lady's Easter Antiphon:

### REGINA CAELI

*Regina Caeli, laetare, Alleluia!  
Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia!  
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!  
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia!*

Then:

*Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia  
For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

*Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia!  
He whom you were fit to bear, Alleluia!  
As He promised has arisen, Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God your prayer, Alleluia!*

*Let us pray: O God, who have graciously given joy to the world  
in the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ; grant, we pray,  
that through His mother the Virgin Mary, we may attain to the joys of  
everlasting life. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

### Sunday May 23rd: Pentecost (Red)

- 8.30 a.m. Low Mass
- 9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass—1962 Missal
- 10.30 a.m. High Mass
- 12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)
- 5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational Mass
- 7.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers and Benediction

### Liturgical Calendar

Year 2 of the Lectionary at Weekday Mass and Psalter Week 4 in the Divine Office

Monday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.

Mon, Thurs & Fri: May Devotions at 8 p.m. (Rosary 7.45 p.m.) including Novena for St. Philip's Day on Monday

Holy Hour: Each Weekday except Monday from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. .

Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass.

<p><b>Monday 24th May: Feria. (Green)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour from 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Novena for St. Philip's Day at 8.00 p.m. (following Rosary at 7.45p.m.)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday 25th May: St Bede the Venerable. Memoria. (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>FIRST VESPERS OF ST PHILIP at 7.30 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>St Bede</b> was a Benedictine Monk and scholar of Jarrow in North-Eastern England in the seventh and eighth centuries, and is at the present time the only English Doctor of the Church. He wrote many wonderful commentaries on Holy Scripture and the first full historical account of the origins of the Church in Anglo-Saxon England.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 26th May: THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR HOLY FATHER ST PHILIP NERI, Apostle of Rome. (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>SOLEMN HIGH MASS at 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>May 23rd: Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity: (White)</b></p> <p><b>Mass &amp; Service Times:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8.30 a.m. Low Mass</b></li> <li><b>9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass 1962 Missal</b></li> <li><b>10.30 a.m. High Mass</b></li> <li><b>12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)</b></li> <li><b>5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational in English</b></li> <li><b>7.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury, Priest &amp; apostle of England. Memoria. (White)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>May Devotions at 8 p.m.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b> was a monk of St. Andrew's Monastery in Rome, sent by Pope St. Gregory the Great to bring the Catholic Faith to England in 597 A.D. He set up his see at Canterbury since that was the capital city of the King of Kent, whose wife was a Catholic. He also introduced Benedictine monastic life to England.</p> <p><b>Friday 28th May: Feria. (Green)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holy Hour 8 a.m.—9 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>May Devotions at 8 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Please pray for the sick</b> Carol Kuzcerawy, Kevan Bleach, Maurice Hynes, Pat Cartwright, Elizabeth Caswell, James Foynes, Michael McCann, Philip McCann, Verity Caldwell, Tony Farmer, carolyn Knight, David Pritchard, Denis Grigg and marilyn Rhyan. <b>Of your charity please pray for those who have died recently: ; and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:</b> Fr Ambrose St John of this Oratory, Arthur Hawkins, Ada Broomhead, Claude Beesley, Fr Anthony Maxwell-Ward, Joseph O'Driscoll, Dennis Adams, Mary Cunliffe and Annie Kelly.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 29th May: Solemnity of the Dedication of our Church. (White).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mass at 8 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Latin Mass 1962 Missal at 9.30 a.m. in St Philip's Chapel</b></li> <li><b>Sung Mass at 11 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30—10.45 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Benediction at 10.45 a.m.</b></li> <li><b>Confessions from 1.55 a.m. to 12 noon &amp; from 5.30 p.m.</b></li> <li><b>First Mass of Sunday (Trinity Sunday) at 5.45 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, May 29th/30th Trinity Sunday:</b></p> <p>Saturday 5.45 p.m: Anne Roebuck  Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Murray Wilson-Browne  12.00 p.m.: Dennis Wood  5.30 p.m.: Brendan Cummins</p> <p><b>Collections:</b></p> <p>The Ascension: 17th May, 2010  Offertory: £1,581  Second: Diocesan Development Fund: £461</p> <p><i>Thank you</i></p>

**TODAY**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** will be for the costs of the Beatification.

**ILLUSTRATED TALKS ON THE EARLY CHRISTIAN SAINTS:** Our short series of talks in the Upper Cloister Hall, given by Brother John Parker, S. M. who is an expert in Roman Christian History conclude this afternoon. The session commences at 2.30 and will end at 5 p.m. *(If you were unable to attend yesterday, it will not spoil your enjoyment of today's talks.)*

**THE PIETY STALL** is open after all Sunday Masses.

**THIS WEEK**

**There will be A HOLY HOUR** from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each weekday morning until further notice to pray for the success of Cardinal Newman's beatification and the Pope's visit.

**NOVENA FOR ST. PHILIP'S DAY** takes place on Monday and **MAY DEVOTIONS** on Thursday and Friday beginning with Rosary at 7.45 & continuing with meditation, prayers and Benediction at 8 p.m.

**ST PHILIP'S DAY CELEBRATIONS begin with Solemn First Vespers on Tuesday, 25th May, and conclude with Pontifical High Mass, at which the celebrant and preacher will be His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, on Wednesday at 7 p.m.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** in the Cloister Chapel will take place on Monday beginning at 3 p.m. and ending with Benediction at c. 5 p.m. (There will be *no* Mass.)

**Prayer for Atonement and Reparation** as requested by the Bishops' Conference will take place in the Cathedral on Friday 28th May after 12.15 pm Mass until 2 pm. There will a period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to begin with, followed by a short service.

**ORATORY YOUNG ADULTS** Saturday outing is to the **Rosary Rally** at the Dominican Convent at Stone, Staffs. Please 'phone Richard Winstanley for details: 07905 601 721. **(Please note, the Rosary Rally is open to all. See the poster in the cloisters for full details).**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**THE BEATIFICATION OF CARDINAL NEWMAN** will be on Sunday 19th September and it is essential that you book on a coach in order to gain access to the Beatification site. Travel to and from the site will be £15. Coaches will leave from and return to the Oratory at times to be announced. Forms are to be found at the back of church and completed forms should be returned to the Oratory in an envelope marked "Beatification".

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** (1) on Thursday 3rd June there will be a High Mass (1962 Missal) at 8 p.m. followed by an indoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

(2) Corpus Christi Sunday is June 6th. **The annual Outdoor Blessed Sacrament Procession will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday 6th. Please do your very best to attend with your families, and encourage friends in other parishes to join us in this act of love and homage to Our Lord.** On Saturday 5th June, we would be most grateful to receive fresh roses/ rose petals which will be strewn before the Blessed Sacrament during the procession or money for purchasing roses.

(3) The children of Year 3 of the Oratory Primary School will make their First Holy Communion at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday June 13th.

**VIGIL OF REPARATION IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** will take place in the Cloister buildings on the night of the 11th June. High Mass will be at 8 p.m. on Friday (the Feast of the Sacred Heart) and the Vigil will be held in the cloister chapel until 3 a.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and it will end with Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**ANNUAL APF MASS**, to which all APF members, families and friends are invited, will take place on Saturday 12th June at St Anthony of Padua, Oxford. A coach will leave St Michael's, Moor St, at 10 a.m. Cost approx £10. Refreshments will be provided after Mass. *If you wish to attend, please contact Monica Hynes 427 2039, no later than next Sunday, 23rd.*

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO EVESHAM** with blessing of the sick, takes place on Saturday 12th June. Please see the poster for details.

**NOTICES**

**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT EASTER DUTIES:** The Church requires all Catholics who have made their First Communion to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season and also, in preparation of this, to go to Confession. Of course, we should receive Holy Communion as frequently as possible, however these "Easter Duties" are the minimum requirement set by the Church and the final day for fulfilling them is Trinity Sunday (this year on May 23rd).