



Crucis



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Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

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Message from Fr David

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Eastertide!

When I visited Dens Road Primary School just before their Easter holiday, I showed the children a cartoon video about Easter. It set the context of Christ's ministry and message, but then homed in on his betrayal, crucifixion and death, resurrection, and ascension. At the end of the video, when Jesus ascended into heaven, the children spontaneously burst into applause. It was a very moving moment which reminded me, who am so familiar with the Easter story, that it is indeed the greatest story ever told. It touches the souls and desires of humanity as no other story can because it is divine, because it is true, because it is our salvation and destiny.

There's no denying the difficulty of the times through which we are living. Yet, there is much for which to be grateful. Our observance of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter not only reminded us of the Paschal Mystery, it enabled us to participate in it.

God is not bound by time and space, and the saving events of Christ's life are eternally present and effective in the life of the Church, in word and sacrament, and in the life of every believer. Our duty is simply to take part in the mysteries of Christian worship in church, at home, wherever we find ourselves, and to receive the gracious gift which God offers – to share the very life of the Holy Trinity.

This month also sees the coronation of King Charles. It was beautiful that the oil for his anointing was blessed in Jerusalem by the

ASCENSION DAY

This same Jesus shall so come in like manner

Lo I am with you always



Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, pressed from olives harvested from the Garden of Gethsemane. A crown, made for the King in Wales and from Welsh materials, contains fragments of the True Cross gifted to the King by Pope Francis. These symbolic events remind us of the unity of the Christian world and of the sacredness of kingship within the Christian tradition. Moments like the coronation of our King remind us of, and call us back to, our Christian heritage, identity, and mission. God save the King! As the Lord prayed, concerning his disciples at the Last Supper, "I ask ... on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:20–23).

Bless you all! *Oremus pro invicem* – let us pray for one another!

Fr David

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Prayer for Whitsunday

O God, who in the exaltation of thy Son Jesus Christ dost sanctify thy universal Church: Shed abroad in every race and nation the gift of the holy Spirit; that the work wrought by his power at the first preaching of the gospel may now be extended throughout the whole world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gelasian Sacramentary

Services in May

Wed 3	Philip and James (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 7	5 th Sunday of Easter	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 10	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 14	6 th Sunday of Easter	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 17	Ascension Day (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 21	7 th Sunday of Easter	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 24	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 28	Whitsun (Pentecost)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 31	The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

Saints' and Special Days for May

S. PHILIP & S. JAMES

"Sir, we would see Jesus"



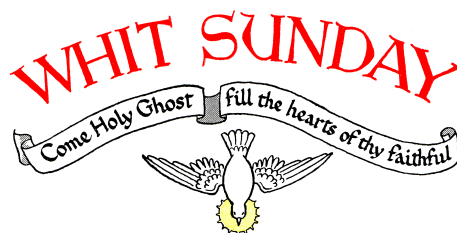
First Bishop of Jerusalem

Monday, 1st May – Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
Philip and James appear on the list of the twelve apostles in the first three gospels, but in St John's Gospel, Philip has a more prominent role. James is said to be the son of Alphaeus, and is often referred to as James the Less or James the Younger. The two are celebrated on the same day because the church in Rome, where their relics were laid to rest, was dedicated on this day in the year 560.

Thursday, 18th May – Ascension Day

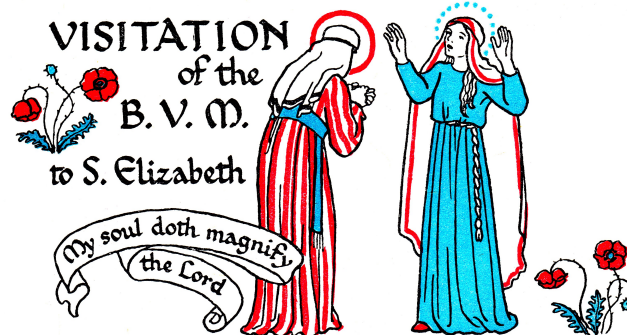
The Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day, Ascension Thursday, or sometimes Holy Thursday, commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion and Pentecost. Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, Ascension Day is

traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter, although some Christian Churches have moved the observance to the following Sunday. The day of observance varies by ecclesiastical province. Ascensiontide refers to the ten day period between the Feast of the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost. Wikipedia



Sunday, 28th May – Whitsunday (Pentecost)

Pentecost (Whit Sunday, Whitsunday or Whitsun) takes place on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). It is one of the Great feasts in the Eastern Orthodox Church, a Solemnity in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, a Festival in the Lutheran Churches, and a Principal Feast in the Anglican Communion. Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a 'moveable feast'. Wikipedia



Wednesday, 31st May – The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

The celebration of this feast first occurred among the Franciscans in 1263, but quickly spread throughout Europe. Since it recalls an incident clearly described in Scripture, the churches of the Reformation three hundred years later were less inclined to proscribe it than they were other Marian feasts, particularly as it was the occasion for the blessed Virgin to sing her great hymn of praise, the Magnificat. The story of the Visitation emphasises the connection between the old covenant and the new, and how the former clearly points to Jesus as the promised Messiah.