

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES PATRONAL FESTIVAL

S. Philip and S. James appear in the list of the twelve apostles in the first three gospels but are frequently confused with other early saints who share their names. In S. John's gospel, Philip has a more prominent role, being the third of the apostles to be called by Jesus and then himself bringing his friend Nathanael to the Lord. Philip is the spokesman for the other apostles who question the capacity for feeding the five thousand and, at the Last Supper, he enters into a dialogue with Jesus which leads to the farewell discourse of our Lord.

S. James is said to be the son of Alphaeus and is often known as 'James the Less' to distinguish him. He may also be the 'James the younger' whose mother, in S. Mark's gospel, is a witness at the crucifixion.

They 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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James, grant us, through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, so that we may merit to behold you for eternity.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: The prophet Isaiah 30:15-21.

PSALM: 18

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

SECOND READING: The first letter of S. Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-8.

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!

GOSPEL: John 14:6-14.

PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Darren Smith SSC
Chairman of our Patron The Church Union &
General Secretary of The Additional Curates Society.

MASS INTENTIONS

Encouraged by our fellowship with Saint Philip & Saint James,
let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The response in the prayers to Saint Philip & Saint James is: **Pray for us.**

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those whom he has called today, marked with the cross and made his disciples within the Church.

Silence Saint Philip & Saint James - **Pray for us.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out and give it that peace for which it longs.

Silence Saint Philip & Saint James - **Pray for us.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother, sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families, friends and neighbours and upon all of this parish with whom we share our life. We remember especially our Founder Mrs. Laura Sophia Gretton and our Patron The Church Union.

Silence Saint Philip & Saint James - **Pray for us.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and to heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation and renew among your people the gifts of healing.

We pray in particular for the sick known to us:

Christine	Peter	Enzo	Ezekeiel	Michael	David	Doris	Andre
Margaret	Sue	Joan	Guy	Tim	Ray	Terry	Eddie
Frank	Herta	Nadine	Jean	Simon	Cindy	Lois	Debbie

We pray for all those who are suffering from the Covid-19 virus, particularly those in our hospitals and in intensive care, and ask the Lord that we, our families and our community may be brought safely through this pandemic.

Silence Saint Philip & Saint James - **Pray for us.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death.

In particular we commend to your eternal presence the members of our own families, the recently departed, Giovanni, and for all those whose anniversary falls at this time, namely:

2nd John Frederick Orton.

3rd Lance Wilson.

4th Joan Valerie Scammell.

6th Glynn Thompson.

Priest: ✙ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

All: and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: May they rest in peace;

All: and rise in glory.

We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

Silence Saint Philip & Saint James - **Pray for us.**

We are all reliant on the intercessions and prayers of others.

Therefore we join our prayers with those of your saints, S. Philip and S. James and Mary, the Mother of God, as we say together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessèd art thou amongst women and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets with Jesus Christ as the chief corner stone. So join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.