

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

### Monday 25th July – Feast: St James, Apostle.

St James the Greater and his younger brother St John the Evangelist were sons of Zebedee and Salome. With his father and brother, James was a fisherman from Bethsaida in Galilee. We all well recall how the Lord called the brothers to leave their former lives and follow him. They were zealous in their dedication to the public ministry of the Lord and are described as ‘Boanerges’ – sons of thunder. James and his brother are named as being present for the most significant moments in the Gospel. They were present at the cure of St Peter’s Mother-in Law, for the raising of Jairus’ daughter, for the Transfiguration and they were called to be close to the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane. Their mother asked the Lord for a place of honour in the Kingdom for the two brothers, but the Lord made clear that the cup of suffering had first to be accepted. Tradition places St James as taking the Gospel to Spain. He is most honoured at the great pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, located in the far north-west of Spain. St James is the national patron of Spain. It is certain that he was the first of the College of Twelve to face martyrdom in Jerusalem in the year 44 AD. He was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa.



### Tuesday 26th July – Memoria: St Joachim and St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St Joachim and St Anne (Anna or Hannah) are identified as members of the Tribe of Judah and as belonging to the royal house of David. They are venerated as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although there is no mention of them in the Sacred Scriptures of the New Testament, they were named and honoured from the earliest years of Christianity (mention is made in some apocryphal writings). The Fathers of the Church, especially in the East, present both Joachim and Anne as exemplars of faith and virtue. The Fathers describe Joachim and Anne as moving from Galilee to Jerusalem in later life. It was in Jerusalem that Mary was born. A church was built in Jerusalem during the fourth century to honour Joachim and Anne, possibly by St Helena the mother of Emperor Constantine. The Church has been sometimes reluctant to authorize and promulgate public devotion to Joachim and Anne. Luther vehemently attacked such a devotion. The memorial was firmly re-established after the Reformation in 1584. As you all know, St Mary of the Angels has an altar dedicated to St Anne. Anne is usually depicted as teaching the Sacred Scriptures to her daughter Mary.



### Wednesday 27th July – Memoria: St Philip Evans and St John Lloyd, the Cardiff Martyrs (translated from 23rd July which is now designated as the Feast of St Bridget of Sweden).

St Philip Evans was born in Monmouthshire in 1645. He was educated at St Omer, the Jesuit school and seminary on the continent. Philip entered the Society of Jesus on the 7th September 1665. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1675 and sent to the ‘English Mission’, that is the English and Welsh Mission. He was assigned to South Wales.



When Titus Oates promulgated the so called ‘Popish Plot’, Catholics suffered a sharp upsurge of persecution. Although Fr Philip was advised to flee by friends, he refused to abandon his priestly duties and the care of souls. He was soon captured whilst staying at the house of Christopher Turberville at Sker in Glamorganshire. It was Justice Logher who arrested Fr Philip on the 4th December 1678. Following his arrest, he was asked to take the Oath of Allegiance, which would have constituted a denial of his Catholic faith. He refused to take the oath and was incarcerated at Cardiff Castle. He was in solitary confinement for three weeks until Fr John Lloyd was imprisoned with him.



John Lloyd was born in Brecon. He studied at the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain, and was ordained as a priest on the 16th October 1649. He laboured for twenty-four years, mainly in Breconshire and Monmouthshire. He was finally arrested on the 20th November 1678 whilst residing at Mr Turberville’s house at Penllyn in Glamorganshire.

The case against both priests were greatly contrived. It took a great deal of time to persuade witnesses to offer evidence. Great care was taken in selecting members of the jury so as to ensure a guilty verdict on both men. They were found guilty of High Treason on the 5th May 1679 for the simple fact of them being Catholic priests. They were not actually sentenced for some time. As they awaited sentence, the two priests were occasionally granted some time out of their cell. The two were playing tennis when they finally heard that the sentence of death had been pronounced.

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The execution took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1679. The two were taken from their cell, located to the left of the Castle's main gate, and placed upon a cart. The priests had requested to walk to the place of execution but their request was denied. The execution took place in Gallows Field, now the northern end of Richmond Road in Roath. Both men offered a short but eloquent proclamation of their faith, and entrusted themselves into the hands of the Lord.

St Philip Evans – Pray for Us.

St John Lloyd – Pray for Us.

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Memoria: St Martha, St Mary and St Lazarus



Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. The family lived in Bethany (now called El'Azaryth or Lazarich), a village just beyond Mount Olivet some two miles from Jerusalem. The Gospel indicates that the family was honourable and wealthy. The three siblings provided the Lord with generous and repeated hospitality, developing an intense devotion to him. St Martha is depicted as providing hospitality, even criticising her sister Mary for not assisting. Although Mary's contemplation of the Lord's presence and teaching is praised, Martha should not be understood as the subject of humiliation. When Lazarus died, it was Martha who professed a complete trust in the Lord's identity as Messiah and Son of God.

## SAFEGUARDING – SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE

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17th July - Gift Aid £64.56 Loose - £ 735.01

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

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17th July - Gift Aid £287.00 Loose - £ 194.02

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The July edition of the Bible Alive magazine is now on sale for £3.00.

### ORDINATION GIFT FOR FR ELLIOT – PARISH COLLECTIONS

I wish to thank all those parishioners who have contributed so generously to our parish collections for Fr Elliot over the past few weeks. Fr Elliot was presented with a cheque from each parish. Fr Elliot wishes to express his own gratitude to you all.