

The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of
SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS



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DAILY ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE CARDIFF ORATORY

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday (9.00- 9.30) Wed 6pm (Confessions during these times)

6th Sunday of Easter 25 th May 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Santo Celeste, RIP 08:00 Mass: Donor's Intention 10:00 Mass: Ruby Maunders, B'day 11:15 Mass: Joanne Whitfield, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction	ASCENSION THURSDAY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 7:30 Mass: Holy Souls 9:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9:30 Mass: Maria Burns' Int. 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises **19:00: John Glavin, RIP
MONDAY 26 th May (Bank holiday) <i>Feastday of St Philip Neri</i> **8:00 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 10.00 Mass: Vocations to the Oratory **7:00pm Sung Mass <i>Pro populo</i>	FRIDAY 30 th May 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Keith Thomas, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises
TUESDAY 27 th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Pamela England, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises	SATURDAY 31 st May 8:00 Mass: Holy Souls/John George Whitfield, RIP 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Cyril & Bridget George, RIP
WEDNESDAY 28 th May 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions **19:00 VIGIL MASS OF THE ASCENSION	7th Sunday of Easter 1 st June 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Rosetta Zurlo, Int. 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:15 Mass: Salvatore Moncada, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction

PRAYERS REQUESTED *for the SICK*

The Fathers and Brothers remember the sick and those who have care for them in their prayers and at Mass.

Dennis Kassimi, Peter McKendry, Shirley Thomas, Ian Williams, Neil B. Anne, Joseph Hurley, Daniel, Sarah Caswell, Mary May Cassidy, Rosa Tannorella, Elizabeth Williams, Veronica Williams, Gary Britton, Clare Schwartz, Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Teresa Jonker, Elizabeth Conway, Summer Arnesen, Dianne, Laura, Jane, Lucy Iacobucci, Brooke, Mike, Hayden, Dave, Patrick Mongan, Dorotka Sookanadenchetty, Jason Benedito, Gareth Bowen, Ann Henry, Sarah, Claire Hawkey, Danielle Camilleri, Jane Morris, Jonathan Bowen, Anne Marie Bell, Karen, Jenny, Kingsley, Gareth Vaughan, Hannah Bird, Bernadette Horan, Mark, Joseph Heron, Yvonne Murray, Patrick M., McGinley Family, Anna Maria & Carmella Tannorella, Rose Christina, Mark, Martin, Geoff, Billy Page, Alison, Kit Lewis, Phoebe, Paul, Ruth Pinder, Christian Babu, Olive Bowen, Paul Burns, Julie Cale, John Cowhey, Elle Fine, Jim & Doris Painter, Sharon Bradley, Nell Horan, James Hogg, Jennifer King, Shirley & Michael Kingston, E. Connors, Shelagh O'Donaghue, J. Pratt, J. Price, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Nia P-Jones, Elizabeth Sitole, Pamela, Daniel, Ellen Smith, Joseph Smith, Benjamin & Abigail Smith, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Shirley O'Leary, Jim Price, Bernard Mahoney, Margaret Tyler, Margaret O'Brien, Brenda Brooks.



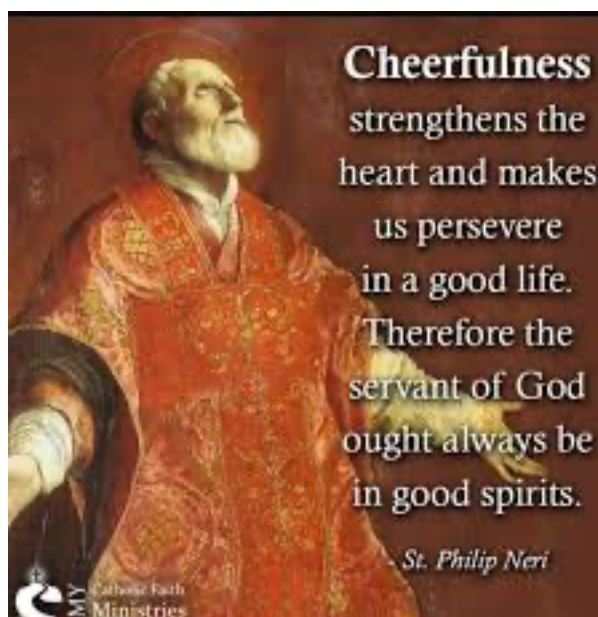
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CARDIFF ORATORY CONFESSION TIMES

Sundays: before & during all Masses / Weekdays: 9 am to 9:30 am

Since the time of St. Philip Neri, the Fathers of the Oratory have made themselves available for Confessions during daily Mass, as well as during Sunday Masses. Outside of these set times, there is a **CONFESSIONAL BELL** positioned in between the two Confessional Boxes in the Church. Ring to alert a Father. If available he will respond

Solemn Mass for St Philip's Day **Monday 26 May at 7:00pm**



St. Philip Neri known as “Third Apostle of Rome” during his lifetime

St Philip Neri was born into a prominent family in Florence in 1515. He was educated by the Dominican friars in Florence. As a young man he was sent to work for his uncle in San Germano, near Monte Cassino, who planned to hand over his business to Philip. It was here, while living in the shadow of the Benedictine abbey at Monte Cassino, that Philip gained a profound love for the sacred liturgy and an appreciation for the wisdom of the desert fathers. Philip had little interest in taking over his uncle's business and within a year had gone to live in Rome.

When Philip came to Rome he lived with a Florentine family who gave him lodgings and food in return for teaching their two sons. His real joy, however, lay in spending nights in the catacombs in prayer. He had a great affinity with the early Christians, and in his Litany of St Philip, Newman calls him *Vir Prisci Temporis* or Man of Primitive Times. In his early years in Rome, Philip pursued philosophical and theological studies with the Augustinians in the city, but was content to remain as layman. Contemporaries noted his great eloquence in theological matters, but Philip didn't see his studies as an end in themselves and happily sold his text books to give financial help to other students.

In 1544 Philip had a mystical experience, while praying in the catacombs of San Sebastiano, in which he felt the Holy Spirit enter him in a special way, and from that time onwards he had a great feeling of warmth in his heart. Philip hid this experience for most of his life, and only in his last years did he confide in his trusted friend Pietro Consolini about the experience.

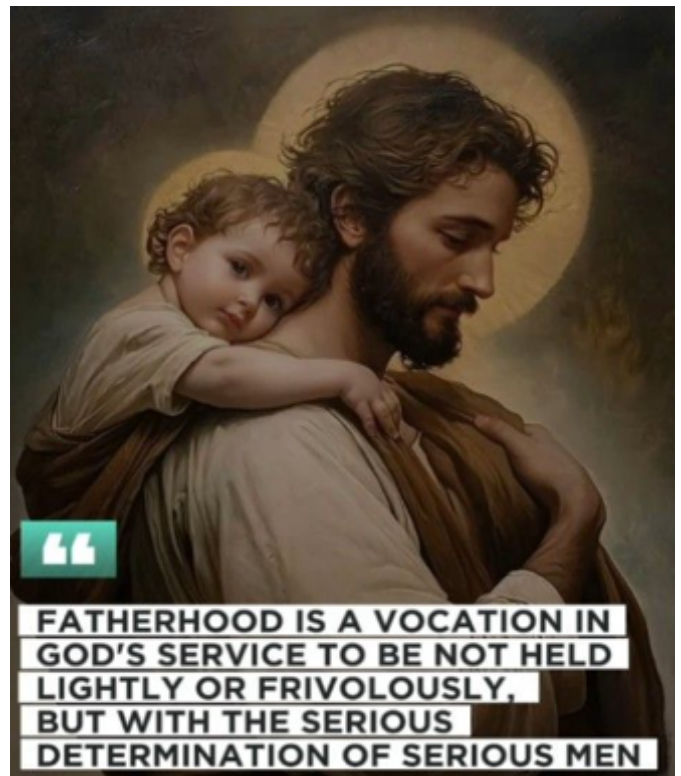
Philip had a magnetic personality, and when he wasn't teaching the two boys, he used to walk the streets of Rome, engaging young men in pious conversation. At that time in Renaissance Rome, there seem to have been many young men with little to do after lunch. Philip hoped that he could draw these men out of their idleness and towards the pursuit of holiness. One of his favourite phrases was 'when shall we begin to do good?'. During his fifteen years as a layman Philip attracted a strong following. His first companions were mainly Florentines and craftsmen, but he later attracted the attention of courtiers, artists and musicians. He used to bring these young men together for prayer, sermons and music. When the numbers were small the meetings were informal, but as numbers grew it became more structured. These gatherings were the beginning of what would become known as the Oratory.

Philip wasn't content only to discuss holiness, but was keen that he and his companions would live it. He was especially conscious of the needs of the sick, and he and his companions visited them in hospital. At this time, conditions in hospitals were grim and patients relied on volunteers to nurse them. While this was a valuable work of mercy, it also served as a source of mortification for himself and his followers. Philip was more concerned to mortify the reason of his followers than their bodies, which sometimes resulted in mortifications which appeared bizarre to onlookers. For example, he insisted on one of his followers, Tarugi, carrying Capriccio, a dog who had originally belonged to a cardinal but who became attached to Philip.

In 1550 Philip, after living for fifteen years in Rome as a layman, agreed to be ordained a priest so that he might be of more service to his companions. He had already completed his studies, and so it was possible for him to be ordained soon afterwards. He went to lodge in a house for priests attached to the Church of San Girolamo. Philip had

always preached the value of frequent confession and communion, and as soon as he was ordained to the priesthood, he himself became a valued confessor. He directed many young men into religious life, but encouraged some of his penitents to remain at court, where he hoped they would have a positive influence on those around them. As a priest he spent his mornings hearing confessions and said the last Mass of the morning around noon.

Towards the end of his life he became a trusted advisor of Popes and Cardinals, among others. After a while, Philip had some of his followers ordained priests. These included Tarugi, who was forced to carry the Cardinal's dog, and Caesar Baronius, who became famous as a writer of ecclesiastical history. In 1575 St Philip was given the church of Santa Maria in Vallicella. It was soon pulled down, and a new church, still known as the 'chiesa nuova', was built on the same site. The relics of St Philip now lie in that church, beneath his altar, which is still the home of the Roman Oratory. On the 11th of May 1615 Philip was beatified by Pope Paul V. On the 12th of March 1622 Philip was canonised by Pope Gregory XV. His feast is kept on the 26th of May.



Sacrament of Confirmation

6th July 2025



His Grace, the Archbishop of Cardiff will visit St Alban's Parish to celebrate Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 6th July at 10.00am. There are already 18 adults due to receive the Confirmation so it will be "first come first serve" for the remaining places up to 30 candidates.

Adult Preparation: Tuesday 3,10,17 June

Under 18's: Saturday 21 June, 5 July

is in St Alban's Church.

Under 18's (parents / grandparents, guardians may wait in church or the Parish Hall if they wish)

VIGIL LAMPS

Please use the dedicated candle envelopes in church to make a donation for your candle

The ancient Catholic tradition of lighting vigil lamps in our churches and chapels is deeply significant and retains its importance for us today. If you would like to have one of the lamps burn for a loved one's anniversary or for some special intention or in thanksgiving please write the name on an envelope and drop it in the plate or the sacristy. There are vacancies in the lamps for February 2025

- **Most Blessed Sacrament:** Dom Sebastian Wolff, OSB, RIP
 - **Sacred Heart:** Eileen Hougardy, RIP
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Families
- **The Lady Chapel:** Ann McConkey & Tumelty Family
 - Chantry of Our Lady:** Simon Care, Int.
 - **Our Lady of Pity:**
 - **Our Lady of Walsingham:** David Woolf, Int
 - **Shrine of St Joseph:**
 - **Shrine of St Alban:**

Reserving a vigil lamp is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones, living or deceased. For a donation of £4.50, to pay for the candle, your intention will be remembered by the whole Parish for one week.



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of
MR. ANTHONY READ, RIP
 Mass on Wednesday 28th May at St Alban's Church at 11.00am
Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation, and it should be received before entering Christian Marriage; it is necessary before entering Consecrated Life and for men before studying for the Sacred Priesthood.

REV. BRO ILLTYD M. COMPLETES HIS STUDIES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND GRADUATES WITH A MASTERS DEGREE IN THEOLOGY.



This end of academic year (2024-25) photograph shows the Oratorian Faculty and seminarians who were studying along with Bro Illtyd M in Toronto. Please keep them all in your prayers.

FRIDAY'S DIACONATE ORDINATION OF BRO FABIAN AT THE MANCHESTER ORATORY



On Friday evening Bro Fabian of the Manchester Oratory, who is a classmate of Bro Illtyd M. was Ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Mario Aviles, who is an Oratorian from America. Bro Illtyd represented the Cardiff Oratory and functioned as the deacon at the Mass of Diaconal Ordination. Fr Francesco (Bournemouth) Bro Paul & Fr Richard (York), Bishop Aviles, Bro Fabian (Manchester), Bro Edmund (Bournemouth) Bro Illtyd (Cardiff) and Fr Richard Provost of Manchester.

First Holy Communions on Corpus Christi Sunday



Please pray for our children as they prepare for their First Communion on Corpus Christi Sunday. Please note: all the children must have made their First Confession prior to Corpus Christi Sunday in order to be admitted to Holy Communion.



"A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one."
~ St. Philip Neri

The Servers Guild of St Philip Neri

Please pray for the Guild and that many more young men will be inspired to offer themselves to assist in this most important apostolate of the Oratory by serving at the Altar.



LATEST NEWS: Restoration Work "Parish Stewardship: *Our* Task"

On Friday morning I travelled to Aberdare to see the works being undertaken on the gates to be re-sited on Swinton St. These gates will give added security to the property and of course restore an historical element of the church's architecture. Some will have noticed that the tribune to the left of the sanctuary has been re-opened. The former music room, accessed by the stone stairway, now no-longer compliant with the expectations of H&S, will become a scriptorium for the Oratory. This room will be used for silent study, weekly small conferences given by the Father to the novices and to hold the Oratory community's fortnightly chapter meetings.

CALLING ALL OLD COPPERS

Thank you to those who faithfully return their boxes monthly. Your coppers and silver coins are making a difference to the Restoration Fund. Boxes are in the porch of the church.



THE MASS LINE: 029 2267 0924

The Mass Line is a dedicated telephone line for those without the internet, so that they can hear Sunday & Holyday Masses. Simply call the number, and for the cost of a Local Call, the most recent Mass can be heard over the telephone.



Saturday 31 May

at 6:30pm

in St Alban's Hall"

Coffee Morning



Next time: Tues., 3 June at 10.00am



Oratory Ladies Group

On the 7th June (and every 1st Saturday following) there will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration followed by coffee and cakes in the St Alban's

Hall for all ladies of the Parish aged 18+ (nursing babies welcome).

We would be delighted if you could join us for this time of prayer and fellowship. For further information please email Liz Stewart at greglismolly@hotmail.com.



The Superior and Community of the Cardiff Oratory

Request the pleasure of your company at the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of

Reverend Brother Illtyd M Williams

by the Most Reverend Mark O'Toole, Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia

in the Parish Church of St Alban on the Moors, Swinton Street, Splott, CF24 2NX

on Friday 27th June, 2025 at 7:00pm

and afterwards to light refreshments in the Parish Hall.



REMINDER TO PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

In the promotion and management of the culture of *Health and Safety* in and around St Alban's Church, I remind parents and grandparents that it is *your personal responsibility* to supervise your children, grandchildren while in church and on church property. Reasonable measures are undertaken to mitigate dangers, but nothing can replace adult supervision. Thank you.

ORATORY PIETY STALL / GUILD BOOKSHOP



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The Oratory Piety Stall is open before Sunday Masses and upon request. It contains high quality and bespoke items: First Holy Communion, Confirmation gifts, rosaries, scapulars etc. Catalogue available upon request.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts

The children of St. Alban's will make their First Holy Communion during Corpus Christi weekend, so now is the time to find the perfect gift for the occasion. St. Alban's Repository has cards, Rosaries, rosettes, lapel pins, veils, bracelets, necklaces, crucifixes, pens, missals, photo frames, gift sets, and much more.





Books Woof I Have Read by Pippo

This week, I read '*The Napoleonic Wars: A Global History*', by Alexander Mikaberidze.

We tend to view the Napoleonic Wars as an essentially Euro-centred conflict, with engagements stretching from the Iberian Peninsula to Moscow, and only occasionally straying a little outside Europe with battles in more exotic locations, such as Egypt.

However, the central thesis of this work is that the Napoleonic Wars were, in fact, much more global in their reach. This was partly because several of the combatants (most notably, Britain, France, Spain and Portugal) had colonies around the world, and it was inevitable that each would try to strike at the other's assets in any way that it could. For example, Napoleon's famous, but ultimately ill-fated, forays into Egypt were intended to be a first step towards attacking British interest in India.

However, Mikaberidze also shows that there were other forces at work in the world. For example, there were native populations, such as those in the Caribbean and South America, who saw that their European overlords were distracted with one another and too over-stretched to put down insurrections on the other side of the world. Not surprisingly, therefore, many made a bid for freedom, and sought to establish their independence.

Nor was it native populations only who sought to take advantage of the situation. The United States, for example, saw this as an opportunity to expand significantly. Indeed, the exigencies of the Napoleonic Wars were a major factor contributing to the War of 1812, which put an end to American dreams of annexing Canada (at least until this year!) and saw British troops attacking Washington DC, burning both the White House and the US Capitol.

Although the different, global ramifications of the Napoleonic Wars are very interesting, one problem with this book is the way in which one finds oneself reading about the same key events on multiple occasions in multiple chapters, as the author tries to

explain how those events impacted upon different continents. On more than one occasion, this left me with a feel of *déjà vu*. Indeed, I was left with a nagging suspicion that certain passages had just been copied and pasted.

That having been said, I thought this book was a worthwhile endeavour, and contributed something interesting to the already substantial canon of books on the Napoleonic Wars. This fresh perspective made it well worth reading.



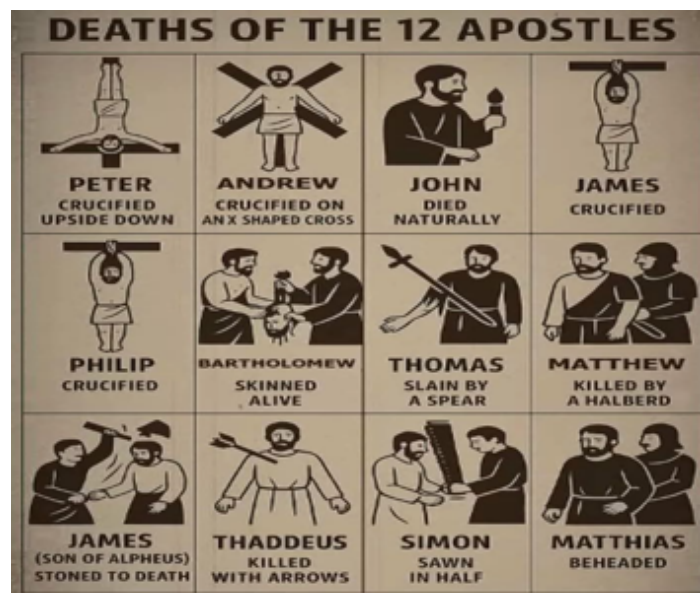
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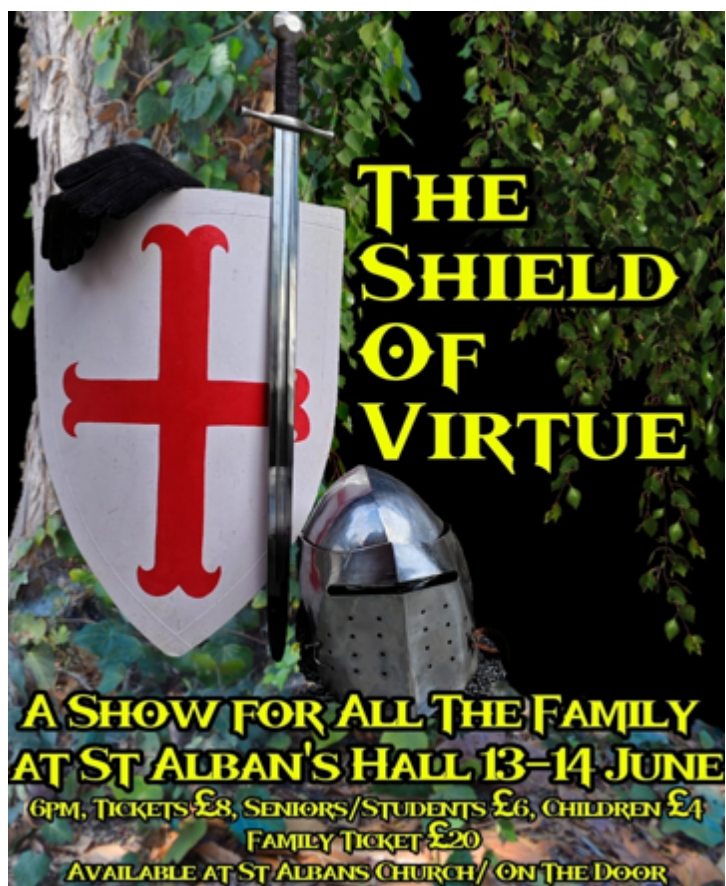


ORATORY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

22 -25 SEPTEMBER 2025

Fr Sebastian M has reserved 40 places at the Catholic Pilgrimage centre for an Oratory Parish Pilgrimage to the beautiful and ancient Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There is a sign up sheet in the church porch to gauge interest. The last time we had a pilgrimage to Walsingham it was a most enjoyable trip which included a visit to Sandringham, the seaside and Tea in Stamford. (Single, double, twin, family rooms have been reserved). Deposit £50 to secure a place.





ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Year 6 were excited to be on the train to Swansea. They are all looking forward to learning more about rainforests at Plantasia Tropical Zoo



They thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Plantasia Tropical Zoo. As well as exploring the animals and plants in a rainforest habitat, we had the chance to hold a millipede, snake, gecko and giant snail!



Year 6 'Wheelie' enjoyed their first cycle proficiency lesson this week. A great start to Safety Week! [#sacps](#)
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Litany of St. Philip Neri

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
 God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,
pray for us.
 Holy Virgin of Virgins, *pray for us.*

Saint Philip, *pray for us.*
 Vessel of the Holy Spirit, etc..
 Child of Mary,
 Apostle of Rome,
 Counselor of Popes,
 Voice of Prophecy,
 Man of Primitive Times,
 Winning Saint,
 Hidden Hero,
 Sweetest of Fathers,
 Martyr of Charity,
 Heart of Fire,
 Discerner of Spirits,
 Choicest of Priests,
 Mirror of the Divine Life,
 Pattern of humility,
 Example of Simplicity,
 Light of Holy Joy,
 Image of Childhood,
 Picture of Old Age,
 Director of Souls,
 Gentle Guide of Youth,
 Patron of thine Own,

Thou who observed chastity in thy youth,
 Who sought Rome by Divine guidance,
 Who hid so long in the catacombs,
 Who received the Holy Spirit into thy heart,
 Who experienced such wonderful ecstasies,
 Who so lovingly served the little ones,
 Who washed the feet of pilgrims,
 Who ardently thirsted after martyrdom,
 Who distributed the daily word of God,
 Who turned so many hearts to God,
 Who conversed so sweetly with Mary,
 Who raised the dead,
 Who set up thy houses in all lands,

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Remember thy congregation.
R. Which thou hast possessed from the beginning.

Let Us Pray.

O God, Who hast exalted blessed Philip, Thy confessor, in the glory of Thy Saints, grant that, as we rejoice in his commemoration, so may we profit by the example of his virtues, through Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.