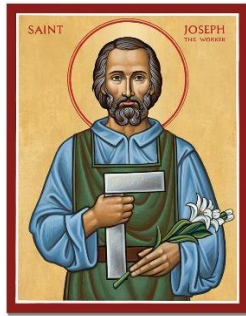




Calendar of Saints/ Feast Days

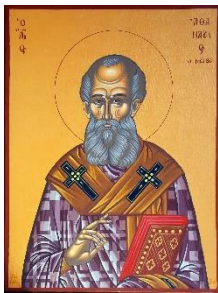
DATE	FEAST
1 st May 2025	St. Joseph the Worker
2 nd May 2025	St Athanasius
3 rd May 2025	St. Philip and St James
4th May 2025	Third Sunday of Easter
5 th May 2025	Blessed Edmund Rice
8 th May 2025	Blessed John Sullivan
10 th May 2025	St Comhgall
10 th May 2025	St John of Avila
11th May 2025	Fourth Sunday of Easter
12 th May 2025	St. Nereus and Achilleus
12 th May 2025	St. Pancras
13 th May 2025	Our Lady of Fatima
14 th May 2025	St. Matthias
15 th May 2025	St. Carthage
16 th May 2025	St. Brendan
18th May 2025	Fifth Sunday of Easter
19 th May 2025	Dedication of a Cathedral- Ardagh/Clonmacnoise
20 th May 2025	St. Bernardine
21 st May 2025	Ss Christopher Magallanés and Companions
22 nd May 2025	St. Rita of Cascia
25th May 2025	Sixth Sunday of Easter
26 th May 2025	St. Philip Neri
29 th May 2025	St Paul V1
31 st May 2025	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINTS CELEBRATED IN MAY 2025



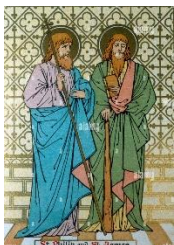
Saint Joseph the Worker

St Joseph the Worker – 1st May. This memorial instated by Pope Pius XII in 1955, proposes the example and intercession of St. Joseph as worker and provider.



St Athanasius

St. Athanasius- 2 May - Born at Alexandria around 295, he fought ceaselessly against the Arian heresy, defending the true and equal divinity of Christ. As a result, he had to endure much tribulation and several times, he was sent into exile.



St. Philip and St James, Apostles – 3rd May

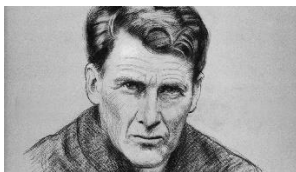
St Philip asks to see and having seen, he tells the good news to others. He was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ.

St James, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church in Jerusalem, wrote an epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.



Blessed Edmund Rice

Blessed Edmund Rice (1742-1844) – 5th May. He came from Callan, Co. Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance his work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious.



Blessed John Sullivan

Blessed John Sullivan (1861- 1933) - 8th May He was born in Eccles Street, Dublin and baptised in St. George's Church of Ireland, Temple Street and was brought up in the Christian tradition of his father. He went to Potaro Royal School in Enniskillen and then studied classics and law at Trinity College, Dublin and at Lincoln's Inn, London. At the age of 35, he was received into the Catholic Church and returned to Dublin, living a very simple lifestyle. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1900, was ordained priest in 1907 and spent the greater part of his life in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. His reputation for holiness and as a person of prayer spread rapidly and he was always available to the sick, the poor and anyone in need. He died 19 February 1933. His declaration as blessed on 13 May 2017 at St Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street, Dublin was the first ever beatification celebrated in Ireland.



Saint Comgall

Saint Comgall (516-602 or 605) – 10th May. He was born in Co. Antrim. His father was a soldier and wished his son to follow in his steps but Comgall wished to become a soldier of Christ. He studied under Finnian of Moville and deepened his life of prayer to counteract his temptations to boredom and homesickness. He was persuaded to become a priest and then established a monastery at Bangor around 555-8, which attracted people like Columbanus. He also founded a monastery at Tiree in Scotland. He died after a long illness at Pentecost.



Saint John of Avila

Saint John of Avila (1499-1569) 10th May - was a priest, honoured as apostle of Andalusia, renowned for his preaching and his quest for the renewal of Christian life.

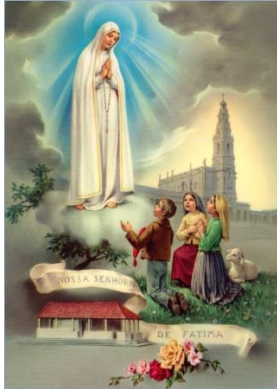


Saints Nereus and Achilleus

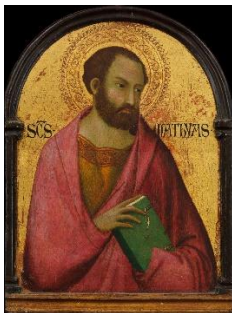
Saints Nereus and Achilleus were martyred under Diocletian in 304. They were Roman soldiers who, on conversion refused further military service.



Saint Pancras, 10th May- As a boy of fourteen, he suffered at the same time as Saints Nereus and Achilleus and was martyred in Rome in 304.



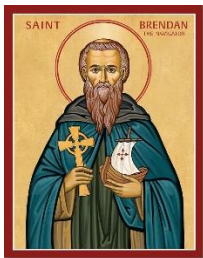
Our Lady of Fatima, 13 May – The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on the 13 May when the ‘Lady’ asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the world War. In the final apparition on 13 October, the ‘Lady’ identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.



Saint Matthias 14th May – like all the apostles was chosen to become ‘a witness to Christ’s resurrection’. The story of his election as one for the apostles is given in the Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey, where it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans to the faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St Helena.



Saint Carthage or Machta 15th May-, hailed from a rich family in Kerry. As he loved the chanting of the Psalms, the local king arranged for him to become a priest. Having spent a year possibly in Bangor, he founded his own monastery in Rahan in 595. It grew rapidly. However, opposition made him move southwards around 637. Along with hundreds of monks and their patients from the leper colony, he finally arrived at Lismore, Co Waterford, where he made a foundation. He died in 638.



Saint Brendan 16th May – was a Kerryman who was born in 486. He studied at Clonard under Finnian. His name is connected with many places in Kerry such as Ardfert and Mount Brandon. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert in 568 and died there in 578.



Saint Bernardine (1380-1444)-20 May. As a young man, he took charge of a hospital in Siena during a plague. Then, he became a Franciscan, travelled through Italy, preaching with great success. He promoted devotion to the Holy Name and to Saint Joseph.



Saints Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Saints Christopher Magallanes and Companions- 21 May. These twenty-five priests and laymen were executed in 1927 in Mexico.



Saint Rita of Cascia

Saint Rita of Cascia (1386 -1457) – 22 May. She was married for eighteen years. Her husband an ill-tempered and abusive man was murdered. Later Rita entered the Augustinian convent in Cascia and spent forty years in prayer and charity, and working for peace in the region.



Saint Philip Neri

Saint Philip Neri (1515-1595) – 26 May – founded the Congregation of the Oratory to foster good preaching and to promote holiness of Christian life.



Saint Paul VI

Saint Paul VI (1897-1978) – 29 May. He was ordained priest 29 May 1920, and worked in the Vatican for most of the time before becoming Archbishop of Milan in 1954. Elected Pope in 1963, taking the name Paul VI, succeeding Pope John XXIII and continuing the Second Vatican Council. A messenger of peace, he sought to open the Church to the modern world; he began the papal apostolic visits as a pilgrim to the Holy Land and a historic meeting with Athenagoras, the Ecumenical Patriarch. Beatified 2014, canonised 2028, his memorial is on his priestly ordination.



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -31 May- Today's liturgy recalls the 'Blessed Virgin Mary carrying her son within her' and visiting Elizabeth to offer charitable assistance and to proclaim the mercy of God the saviour (Marialis Cultus).