

**Mon 3rd May Ss Philip & S James. Mass at 10.30 @ SMMs**



Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ. He introduced St

Bartholomew (Nathaniel) to Jesus. Tradition has it that he was crucified in about 80AD at Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he had preached the Gospel. James the son of Alphaeus is called James the Less, to distinguish him from James, son of Zebedee (feast day 25th July). IN the New Testament James the less is also identified by his mother Mary (Mark 15:40 and Matthew 27:56). Tradition has it that this is 'Mary of Clopas' who is his mother and she was one of the women present at the Crucifixion of Jesus.

**Tue 4th May The English Martyrs. Mass at 14.30 @ GS**



This Feast celebrates the many mane and women who suffered for their beliefs in England between

1535 and 1680. The day itself commemorates three Carthusian monks and a Brigettine and a secular priest being executed at Tyburn. It was the start of a vast and varied procession of Martyrs from all walks of life on both sides of the division between Catholic and Protestant at that time. The number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in that time cannot be numbered. They are all remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

**Fri 7th May S John of Beverley Mass at 7.30 @ SMMs**  
**Of Our Lady of Walsingham Mass at 19.30 @ SMMs**



John of Beverley was born at Harpham a few miles from Driffild in Yorkshire. He studied at Canterbury under St Adrian, the African-born abbot. When

John returned to the North. He entered the double monastery at Whitby under abbess, St Hilda.

In 687 John was consecrated Bishop of Hexham in succession to Bishop Eata, one of the twelve disciples of St Aidan and the teacher of St Cuthbert. During his time at Hexham, John ordained the future St Bede as priest. He was a good pastoral bishop, a man who loved the Scriptures, and a patient teacher. In 705 he was appointed to York in succession to St Bosa, also a former monk of Whitby. John remained there for 12 years but the call of solitude was as strong as ever and four years before his death he retired to Beverley to a religious house he had founded there.

John died on 7 May 721, having worked thirty years and more as a bishop. His shrine became famous up and was considered to be one of the chief places of devotion in England for many years.

Many miracles of healing are ascribed to John, and brought prosperity of Beverley during the Middle Ages. He was canonized in 1037. In 1541, his shrine was destroyed on the orders of Henry VIII. In 1640s workmen discovered a vault in the nave of the Minster. The inscription indicated it held the relics of St John. In 1738, when the present Minster floor was laid, the relics were put into an arched brick vault. The inscription on the tomb now reads:

HERE LIES THE BODY OF SAINT JOHN OF BEVERLEY  
FOUNDER OF THIS CHURCH  
BISHOP OF HEXHAM A.D. 687-705  
BISHOP OF YORK A.D. 705-718  
HE WAS BORN AT HARPHAM

