



Crucis



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*Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

Message from Fr David Gordon

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write this having just returned from the best part of a week in Launde Abbey, Leicestershire.

The experience of being away at Launde Abbey, and the study I undertook there, impressed upon me the importance of "place" in discipleship.

Our spiritual journey draws its strength from the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Incarnating the Gospel (making it real and fleshly in the world) is what discipleship is all about.

St Salvador's has an important ministry to its neighbourhood based upon its geographical location.

So, how do we make present, and fleshly, our Christian vocation? We will need to reflect on this together in the weeks and months ahead.

The ministry of Jesus was based upon an imperative to go out and encounter people wherever they were. His ministry is our ministry and so we need to do the same.

Let us pray for the wisdom to discern our vocation as we journey into a future which belongs to God and his kingdom, and let us pray for the strength to live out that vocation in the day to day reality of our lives and those of our neighbours.

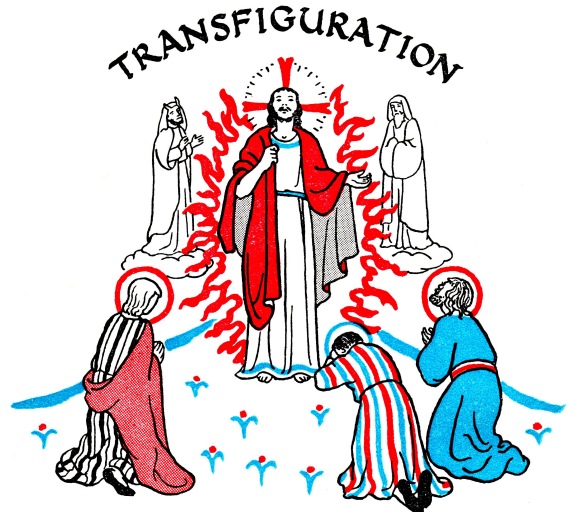
Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another!

With Every Blessing,

Fr David.

Vestry news

The Vestry met members of the Maxwell Centre on 14th July to discuss the future of their operations in our property. Both groups are keen to develop our already very good relationship and place it on a more secure basis, which would be to our long-term mutual benefit. We shall keep you posted.



Saints' and special days this month

O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son wonderfully transfigured: Mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine Majesty that we, being purified and strengthened by thy grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Canadian Prayer Book

LAMMAS (Loaf Mass)



Sun., 1 Aug. – Lammas Day, the day when first fruits of the harvest were offered. One of the Scottish legal quarter days when contracts and leases began & ended (with Whitsun, Martinmas & Candlemas).

Thu, 5 Aug. – St Oswald of Northumbria, M., born circa 605, the son of King Aelfrith of Northumbria, forced to move to Iona after death of his father. Returning in 634, he defeated the British king. Worked with Aidan on missionary journeys as interpreter. Died in 642 defending from the Mercians.

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Friday, 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord
The Transfiguration reveals that salvation is for all, and that the Son of God is the One bringing salvation. The testimony of the Law & the Prophets to Jesus are given by the presence of Moses & Elijah, pre-figuring the Resurrection, giving a foretaste of the life of glory.

Sat., 7 August – St Boisil (or Boswell), Melrose Prior, became abbot of the abbey at Melrose that St Aidan built. Bede describes him as a man of great virtue. He died around the year 642.

S. DOMINIC founded the Blackfriars



Sun., 8 August – St Dominic, Pr. & Friar, born in Castile 1170; became an Augustinian friar. Became Prior in 1201. On encountering the Gnostic Cathars in France, formed an Order of Preachers to combat the heresy. The Order spread, maintaining the credibility of the orthodox faith in late medieval Europe. Died in 1221.

Monday, 9 August – John Mason Neale, Priest, born in 1818 and influenced by the Tractarians whilst an undergraduate. A founder of the Cambridge Camden Society, playing a major part in the Catholic revival in the C. of E. Founded Society of St Margaret, and was an accomplished hymn-writer. Died on 6 Aug. 1866.

S. LAURENCE

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Tuesday, 10 August – St Lawrence, D. & M. One of the 7 deacons at Rome, closely associated with Pope Sixtus II, martyred a few days before him in the year 258. His examiners insisted he produce the Church treasures. Assembling the poor, Lawrence is reputed to have said, 'These are the treasures of the Church'.

Wednesday, 11 August – St Clare of Assisi, Religious. Born in 1193 in Assisi of a wealthy family. Following Francis' preaching, she founded her own community. During the years after Francis' death, she supported his earlier companions in their desire to remain faithful to his vision, until her death in 1253.

Thursday, 12 August – St Blane, Miss., educated in County Down. Worked with his uncle, Catan, in Bute. Moved to Strathearn, to where Dunblane Cathedral now stands. Died probably in 590.

Friday, 13 August – Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, born in Cambridge in 1613. Ordained in 1633 and chaplain in the Royalist army during the Civil War. After release from capture was given refuge in Wales. Made Bishop of Down and Connor in 1660. He died in 1667.

Sat., 14 August – St Maximilien Kolbe, Pr. & Martyr, born in Poland in 1894. He joined the Conventual Franciscans in 1910. Published Christian journals. He was arrested as an 'intellectual' by the Nazis and taken to Auschwitz in May 1941. After an escape, he took the place of one of ten prisoners chosen to forfeit their lives. He was put to death on this day in 1941.

Sunday, 15 August – St Mary the Virgin

Celebrated for centuries as the BVM's principal feast. In the East, it is entitled 'The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Virgin'; in the RC Church it is called 'The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary'.

Fri., 20 August – St Bernard of Clairvaux, Abb. & T., born near Dijon in 1090. Entered the Benedictine abbey at Citeaux in 1112. Established a new monastery at a place he named Clairvaux, 'the valley of light'. Hundreds of houses were founded on the Citeaux or Cistercian system. He died on this day in 1153.

Tuesday, 24 August – St Bartholomew, Ap., long assumed Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael, 'bar Tolmai' being a Jewish surname, but this is by no means certain. Nathanael was 'an Israelite worthy of the name, as he was an upright man who came to recognise Jesus as Son of God and the King of Israel'.

Wed., 25 August – St Ebba of Coldingham, Abbess, sister of Northumbrian prince Oswald sharing his exile on Iona. Established mixed community of monks & nuns on coast near Coldingham. Died circa 683.

Fri., 27 Aug. – St Monica, Mother of St Augustine, born in North Africa of Christian parents in 332. She converted her husband Patricius to Christianity. The eldest of their three children was the future St Augustine. He ascribed his conversion to his mother's example and devotion. Died at Ostia in Italy, in 387.

Sat., 28 Aug. – St Augustine of Hippo, Bp & Teacher, born in North Africa in 354. First rejected Christianity, but, influenced by his mother and St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, he looked afresh at the Scriptures. Baptised in 387 then ordained priest after returning to North Africa. Became Bishop of Hippo. He died in 430.

Sun., 29 August – Beheading of St John the Baptist

The main celebration is for John's birth on 24 June, but he was also the forerunner of Christ in his death, following his call to repentance from immorality.

Tue., 31 Aug. – St Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bp & Miss., sent as a missionary from Iona to Northumbria at the request of King Oswald. He worked with Oswald training priests and combining the monastic lifestyle with mainland missionary journeys. He died in 651.