



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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Significant events in life are not just events, but processes. After any significant experience, there is a process of reception, adaptation, and integration, during which we take on board the reality of the change and what it means for our life. So it is on the first Easter morning that the disciples begin to come to terms with their experience of the empty tomb and, indeed, of meeting the risen Jesus.

The encounter between Mary and Jesus seems strange because she does not recognise him. But, if someone we knew to be dead appeared to us, we might struggle to take on board what was actually happening, or to recognise the person.

When she does recognise Jesus, Mary quite understandably reaches out to him. She wants to have back the Lord she knew from before the terrible, heart-breaking events of his suffering and death. But Jesus asks her not to do this: 'Do not hold on to me', he says (John 20:17). Mary has to let go of the past and allow the risen Jesus to transform her life in new ways.

St Mary Magdalene has been called 'the apostle to the apostles'. She is the first one to encounter the risen Jesus and she is sent by the risen Jesus to tell the apostles about what she has experienced. She is given a mission to bear witness to the reality of his resurrection and she tells the others, 'I have seen the Lord' (John 20:18).

Mary's transformation and subsequent mission are the same for every follower of Christ. We are called



to seek Jesus intensely and with great love, allowing him to possess our hearts and change our lives. Like Mary, we are also given a mission; the mission of the Church and of all Christians in the world: to bear witness to the reality of the risen Jesus and the transforming power of his love which is available to all who seek it. But, as with the first disciples at the first Easter, this is a process and not an event.

We are on a lifelong journey; a process of becoming. We, like Mary and the apostles at the tomb, can struggle to recognise Jesus when we meet him or to understand his working in our lives. They struggled, and we are not higher than they. So let us be patient with self and others. By our patience and perseverance, may we come to a thriving relationship of faith, hope, and love in the living and ever-present Lord which enables us to say with Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!'

On the other side of suffering and death is always resurrection, not because of us but because of God. So let us pray never to diverge from the truth of our existence that we are born of love, that we are called to make love practically known to others, and that we share an eternal destiny in God who is Love.

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! Christ is risen! In truth, he is risen!

Easter Blessings you all,

Fr David

A Prayer for Easter

Almighty God, whose blessed Son did as on this day rise again for us, victorious over sin and the grave: Grant that we, being risen with him, may set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth; that when he who is our life shall appear, we may also appear with him in glory; through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Based on Colossians 3:1-4

Services in April

Sun 17	Easter Sunday	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 20	Wednesday in Easter Week	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 24	Low Sunday	Extended Communion	11.00 a.m.
Wed 27	St Mark (transf.)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

Services in May

Sun 1	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 4	Philip & James (tr.)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 8	4 th Sunday of Easter	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 11	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 15	5 th Sunday of Easter	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 18	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 22	6 th Sunday of Easter	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 25	St Augustine (ant.)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 29	Ascension Sunday (tr.)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.

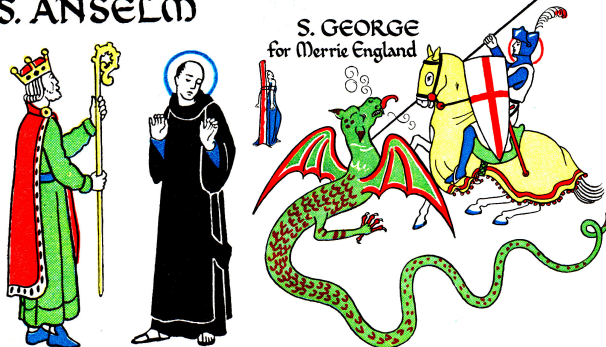
Service in June

Wed 1	Visitation BVM (tr.)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
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Saints' and Special Days for Eastertide

Thursday, 21 April – St Anselm of Canterbury, 12th century French-born Bishop and Philosopher.

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Sat., 23 April – St George, Martyr, Patron of England.

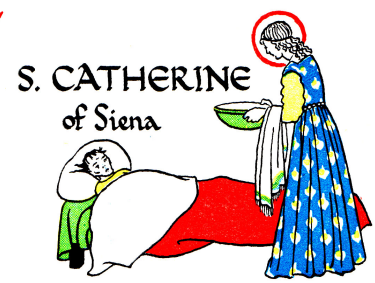
Sunday, 24 April – Low Sunday (Quasimodo Sunday) marking the close of the high liturgy of Easter week.

Mon., 25 April – St Mark, Evangelist of 2nd Gospel.

Friday, 29 April – St Catherine of Siena, 14th c.

Dominican nun, mystic and author of prayer books.

Sunday, 1 May – Ss. Philip and James, Apostles, original disciples of Jesus.



Monday, 2 May – St Athanasius, Bishop & Teacher

Thursday, 5 May – St Asaph, Welsh Bishop, friend of St Kentigern of Glasgow, a hymn tune was named after him.

Sunday, 8 May – Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, 14th century female (Julian was her religious name) anchorite whose cell can still be seen there, first woman writer of English prayers.

Thursday, 12 May – Thomas Rattray, Bishop, 18th century Bishop of Brechin, the other episcopal bishops didn't want him to have the job!

Thursday, 12 May – St Pancras, 14-year-old boy beheaded in AD 287 by Emperor Diocletian for giving shelter to Christians.

Saturday, 14 May – St Matthias, Apostle, Apostle, substitute replacement for Judas.

Thursday, 19 May – St Dunstan, Archbishop, 10th century Bishop of Worcester, found vocation after friends threw him in a bog.

Saturday, 21 May – St Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, Protector of the Holy Places, Emperor Constantine's mother who found the true Cross in Jerusalem.

Monday, 23 May – St William of Perth, Martyr, Martyr, settled in Kent, killed by his adopted son.

Wednesday, 25 May – The Venerable Bede, Monk and Teacher, Monk & T., Northumbrian scholar & church historian.



Thursday, 26 May – Ascension Day, Jesus rises bodily to Heaven. (Celebrated on Sunday this year.)

Thu., 26 May – St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, 6th c. first Archbishop, of Italian origin. (Anticip. on 25th)

Tue., 31 May – The Visit of the BVM to Elizabeth.