



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,

Happy New Year!

'Temporal shifts' are always confusing at this time of year. We tend, about now, to lose track of our time and place in the secular and liturgical calendars. For example, it hardly seems any time since the beginning of Advent and yet here we are now, having passed through Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, heading, now, towards Candlemas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!

At St Salvador's there is a tradition of making the celebration of Candlemas a 'town and gown' celebration. For the last couple of years, however, Covid has stifled this celebration somewhat. It was my intention (last year) to resurrect Candlemas in 2022. However, before Christmas, Omicron suggested that we should be careful, and I decided to let go of a larger celebration of Candlemas for the good of all. We will, therefore, celebrate Candlemas not on Wednesday 2nd, but on Sunday 6th February.

However, we are still on course to build upon the musical and liturgical tradition of St Salvador's. On Palm Sunday, 10th April 2022, we will welcome Alan Tavener, Director of *Capella Nova*, and his choir, to support our Liturgy.

<http://www.strathclydechoir.org>

We will do everything we can to stream this Service on the internet. However, please do all you can to be there.

Bless you all.

Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another!

With Every Blessing,

Fr David

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CANDLEMAS



A Prayer for Candlemas

O Lord Jesus Christ, who as a child was presented in the temple and received with joy by Simeon and Anna as the Redeemer of Israel: Mercifully grant that we, like them, may be guided by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge and love thee unto our lives' end; who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest God, world without end. Church of South India

Services in February/March

Wed 2	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 6	Candlemas (trans.)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 9	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 13	Septuagesima	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 16	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 20	Sexagesima	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 23	St Polycarp	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 27	Quinquagesima	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 2	Ash Wednesday	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

Tuesday, 1 February – Bride of Kildare, Abbess

Bride (also Brigid) was a contemporary of St Patrick who founded a religious community at Kildare in Ireland in the 5th century. Her influence on the Church and the lingering affection among the Gaels are testimonies to her leadership, holiness and spiritual power. Died in ~525, & regarded as a second patron saint of Ireland.

Wed., 2 February – The Presentation of the Lord

This day (transferred this year to Sunday, 6 February) marks the completion of 40 days since the birth of Jesus, when Mary and Joseph took the Infant to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving for the firstborn son and to meet the requirements of the Law for Mary's purification after childbirth. Simeon acclaimed The Holy Child as 'the light to lighten the Gentiles'.

**Sun., 6 Feb. – St Paul Miki & Martyrs of Japan**

Almost 50 years after St Francis Xavier had arrived in Japan as its first Christian apostle, the presence of Christians in the land became a subject of suspicion to its ruler, Hideyoshi. He initiated a persecution that continued for over 35 years, beginning with 26 men & women mutilated and crucified at Nagasaki in 1597 including a young Japanese Jesuit priest, Paul Miki.

Thu., 10 February – St Scholastica, Religious

Born at Nursia in Umbria in the late 5th century, the sister of St Benedict, she consecrated herself to God in early childhood. Lived near her brother's monastery at Monte Cassino, meeting annually nearby to praise God and discuss spiritual matters. She died in ~543.

Mon., 14 Feb. – Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Miss.

9th century brothers born in Thessalonika & educated at Constantinople. Speaking several languages, including Slavonic – not yet written down – Cyril invented an alphabet, and they translated the Bible and liturgical texts into the Slavonic language. Cyril died at Rome in 869. Methodius was made a bishop, continuing to preach the Gospel in central Europe, despite resistance & hostility. He died in 885.

Tue., 15 February – Thomas Bray, Pr. & Miss.

Born in Shropshire in 1656, educated at Oxford. He was chosen by the Bishop of London to help organise the church in Maryland. During a long delay in his departure, he organised a system of free parish

libraries for use in the Colonies, but later instituted in England. This led him to found the SPCK in 1698.

Finally setting sail for Maryland in 1699, he realised he could better promote his work from England, so returned and founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG). These two societies have been crucial to worldwide Anglican educational and missionary work for 300 years. He died in 1730.

Thu., 17 February – St Finan of Lindisfarne, Bp

An Irish monk of Iona, succeeding Aidan as bishop of Lindisfarne, carrying his missionary work south of the Humber. Built Whitby monastery and vigorously upheld Celtic ecclesiastical traditions against those who followed Roman usage. He died in 661.

Fri., 18 February – St Colman of Lindisfarne, Bp

An Iona monk, like Aidan & Finan, succeeding Finan as bishop of Lindisfarne. During the Celtic & Roman disagreement about the date of Easter, etc., leading to the Synod of Whitby, He led the Celtic party. When the Synod favoured Rome, he resigned his see and retired to Iona, then to Ireland, where he died in 676.

Sat., 19 Feb. – Martin Luther, Pr. & Reformer

Born in 1483 at Eisleben in Saxony. He joined the Augustinians, was ordained priest in 1507, and made lecturer in Wittenburg university. He was made vicar of his order in 1515, over 12 monasteries. Convinced that humanity is saved by faith and not by works, he found support in St Augustine's writings, calling the Letter of James 'an epistle of straw'. His 95 theses or propositions were posted on the Castle Church door in Wittenburg in 1517. The Church hierarchy saw it as a direct attack, forcing him into open rebellion. The Reformation spread throughout Europe, while the Catholic Church responded with reform. Luther died in 1546, having effected a Church renaissance.

Wed., 23 Feb. – St Polycarp of Smyrna, Bp & M.

A disciple of the Apostle John, Polycarp had been Bishop of Smyrna on the Aegean coast of Asia Minor for over 40 years when the persecution of Christians began. In the year 155 he was arrested and, refusing to renounce his faith, was burnt at the stake. His remains were buried outside the city.

