



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,

High Mass and procession on the feast of Corpus Christi was lovely. Having pupils from Glenalmond College, and their Chaplain, Fr Stephen, was a great blessing. Dean James Nicolson, our founder and first Rector, trained at Glenalmond when it was still the Scottish Episcopal Church Seminary. Fr Stephen's sermon gave an inspiring insight into the feast of Corpus Christi and pupils carried the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament very well. It was interesting to see the bystanders' reactions outside while we sang hymns and processed with the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. It was also lovely to have Alison Goodfellow, Project Manager of the MAXwell Centre, with us to read a lesson. The Centre also provided catering, which was a lovely part of our working together more closely, welcoming visitors and regulars. Well done everyone! We hope to build on this in future. My eyes are fixed on Holy Cross Day (14th September) already.

I write this on the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (29th June). Both were martyred in Rome just thirty years after Jesus' death. Peter was crucified upside down in the courtyard to the left of the present St Peter's Basilica, and Paul was beheaded between Rome and the sea, in a place now called *Tre Fontane* ('Three Fountains' after the legend that the three springs mark each place where Paul's head bounced!). Peter was buried in the cemetery on Vatican Hill, where the Emperor Constantine later built St Peter's Basilica, the main altar directly over his tomb. Paul was buried in the cemetery where the Basilica of St Paul's Without-the-Walls was later built, with the main altar directly over *his* tomb, relatively recently rediscovered. It's a marble sarcophagus inscribed *Paulo Apostolo Mart.* (meaning 'Paul Apostle, Martyr') carved into it. I find the simplicity of that inscription quite moving.



Jewish people first accepted Jesus as the Saviour and so the early Church was a Jewish Church. But even during Jesus' ministry there were 'Greeks' (Gentiles) who 'wished to see Jesus' (John 12: 21). As time went on, Paul preached also to the Gentiles (non-Jews). His preaching was successful, bringing large numbers of Gentiles into the Church, so many that they greatly outnumbered the Jews. It is because of Paul that we are now in the Church. So, both men had vital tasks: Peter striving for unity within a Church that during his lifetime had spread through the Middle East and Europe, and Paul who taught the Jewish people that Jesus is the fulfilment of their Scriptures, as well as teaching Gentiles that Jesus is *their* Saviour too. Statues usually depict Peter with a key, symbolizing Christ's promise to receive the keys of the Kingdom, and Paul holding either a Bible symbolizing his preaching, or a sword symbolizing his martyrdom.

Peter was a simple fisherman and Paul a highly educated Pharisee. Yet Jesus called both to crucial ministries because a variety of temperaments and gifts is always needed within the divine mission.

God called both personalities to spread the Gospel – Peter, with his impetuous love, to look after the flock, and Paul, with his education and strength of character to ensure Gentiles were welcomed into the Church. It reminds us that our talents, even our weaknesses, can become God's means of helping others, if we allow it. We need not be perfect for God to work through us too.

Oremus pro invicem! Let us pray for one another!

Fr David

A Prayer in the Trinity Season

O Lord Jesus Christ, in all the fullness of thy power so gentle, in thine exceeding greatness so humble: Bestow thy mind and spirit upon us, who have nothing whereof to boast; that clothed in true humility, we may be exalted to true greatness. Grant this, O Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for evermore.

Daily Prayer

Services in July

Sun 3	Trinity 3	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 6	St Thomas (tr.)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 10	Trinity 4	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 13	St Benedict (tr.)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 17	Trinity 5	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 20	Mary Magdalene (ant.)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 24	Trinity 6	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 27	St James (tr.)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 31	Trinity 7	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.

Saints' and Special Days for July

Friday, 1 July – St Serf, Bishop, a 6th century hero of the Celtic Church thought to have been a disciple of Palladius and to have fostered Kentigern.

Sunday, 3 July – St Thomas, Apostle, Nothing is known for certain about his life, apart from the Gospel account. Tradition holds he preached & died in India.

Wednesday, 6 July – St Palladius, Bishop, sent to Ireland in 431 to combat the Pelagian heresy, but expelled after a short time. Worked in Scotland, and associated with Stirling and Fordoun in the Mearns.



Mon., 11 July – St Benedict of Nursia, Abb., born at Nursia in Umbria in 480. Studied in Rome, then lived in solitude in Subiaco. Disciples came to him, and he went to Monte Cassino, where he founded a monastery. He wrote his 'Rule', establishing the spirituality & monastic way of life ever since. He died in 547.

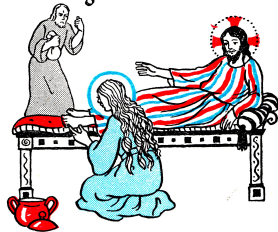
Tuesday, 12 July – St Drostan of Deer, Abbot, nephew or companion of Columba. Put in charge of the new monastic foundation at Deer.

Friday, 15 July – St Swithun, Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester and patron saint of Winchester Cathedral. Traditionally, if it rains on Saint Swithun's bridge on his feast day it continues for 40 days. Died AD 863.

Thursday, 21 July – William Wilberforce, born 1759 in Hull. Helped found the Bible Society. Remembered for his crusade against slavery. Saw abolition in the Empire just before death in 1833.

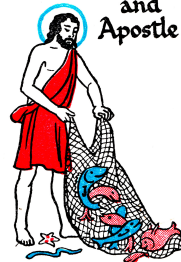
Friday, 22 July – St Mary Magdalene

S. MARY MAGDALENE
anointing Our Lord's feet



Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' followers, accompanying Him on His journeys through the villages preaching (Luke 8:3), and she stood by the Cross. Mark 16:9 tells us that Mary was the first to whom the Risen Christ appeared.

S. JAMES
a fisherman and Apostle



Monday, 25 July – St James, Ap.

James was the brother of St John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. He was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and at the Transfiguration of the Lord. He was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about the year 42 – the first of the apostolic band to be martyred.

Tuesday, 26 July – Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM, names traditionally given to the parents of the Blessed Virgin, dating back to 2nd century.

Wed., 27 July – John Comper, Priest, born in 1823 in Sussex and came to Scotland in 1848 as a teacher. Died in Duthie Park, Aberdeen, on this day in 1903.

Friday, 29 July – Ss Mary & Martha of Bethany, gave Jesus hospitality in their home. Mary is taken to be an example of the contemplative spiritual life and Martha an example of the active spiritual life.

Saturday, 30 July – St Silas, Companion and fellow-worker of St Paul. Accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Antioch with the decision on the admission of Gentiles. Allegedly died in Macedonia.

Sunday, 31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr. and Rel., born in 1491 of an aristocratic family, he became a soldier, but converted to a deep love of Christ. Formed the Society of Jesus. Died at Rome in 1556.

Fr David Gordon

Congratulations and profound thanks to Fr David, who, on 11th July, will have been our Priest-in-charge for a whole year already. How time flies! When he arrived, Fr David quickly endeared himself to the congregation and we greatly value his teaching, pastoral care, and efforts to bring the community together – including strengthening ties with our tenants and neighbours at the Maxwell Centre.