



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,

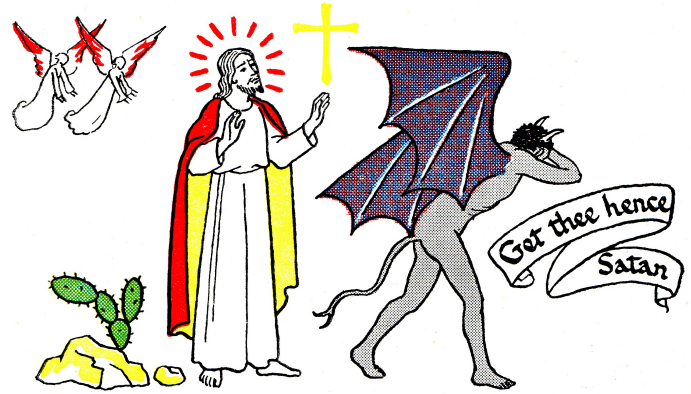
As I was driving back through the snow from St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, on the morning of Thursday, 24th February, I was shocked to hear on Radio 4 that, quote, 'there is war in Europe'.

It seems unbelievable, despite all the evidence to the contrary in the build-up, that it has come to this, that Russia has invaded a democratic, sovereign nation and that innocent civilians are dying and fleeing the conflict.

When we were in the depths of lockdown, the Anglican Bishop and New Testament scholar, Tom Wright, reminded us that we need to recover the place of 'lament' in our spiritual lives. Lament seems even more necessary now as we see the suffering of the innocent and pray for the re-establishment of peace and the protection of those most vulnerable.

We humans lament our sins *worthily* when we forsake them for what they are, an affront against God's holiness, and not merely because of the trouble they may give us afterwards. The Prayer Book Collect for Ash Wednesday invites us to acknowledge our 'wretchedness'. Wretchedness means the unhappiness of the exile, which is a result of sin. The Collect goes on to offer us 'perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ Our Lord'. Remission is from a debt we owe because of our stubbornness but it also, etymologically, has the sense of 'letting go'.

In the midst of the challenges of our day, and our lives, we can be faithful and active in responding to need (our own and that of others) with compassion and generosity. But we can also be trusting in 'letting go and letting God'.



As we enter the season of Lent, we could do worse than to offer up the changes and sacrifices we make, in union with the Passion of Our Lord, for the redemption of our broken world and then to let the Divine Potter re-fashion the clay, the work of his hands. Bless you all.

Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another!

With Every Blessing,

Fr David

A Prayer for Lent

O Lord our God, long-suffering and full of compassion: Be present with us, we beseech thee, as we enter upon this season in which we make ready to recall our Saviour's sufferings and to celebrate his triumph. Grant us the aid of thy Holy Spirit, that as we acknowledge our sins, and implore thy pardon, we may also be enabled to deny ourselves, and be upheld in the hour of temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Adapted from 'Prayers for the Christian Year'

Services in March

Wed 2	Ash Wednesday	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 6	Lent 1	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 9	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 13	Lent 2	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 16	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 20	Lent 3	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 23	Annunciation (ant.)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 27	Mothering Sunday	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 30	John Keble (trans.)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

Saints' and Special Days in March

Tuesday, 1 March – St David, 7th century Bishop and Patron of Wales.

Wednesday, 2 March – St Chad of Lichfield, 7th century Bishop of Northumbria.

Wednesday, 2 March – Ash Wednesday

Thurs., 3 March – John & Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodists but remained Anglican priests.

Friday, 4 March – St Adrian, Abbot & Martyr, built an abbey on the Isle of May in the Forth, murdered by marauding Vikings, and was original patron saint of Scotland before St Andrew.

Sun., 6 Mar. – St Baldred, Bp & Miss., 8th c. 'Apostle of the Lothians' built a chapel on the Bass Rock.

Monday, 7 March – Perpetua and Felicity, 4th c. saints martyred in the Forum of Carthage (Tunisia).

Tues., 8 March – Edward King, Bp of Lincoln, tutor at Cuddesdon where the new chapel is named after him.

Tuesday, 8 March – St Duthac, the most popular saint in medieval Scotland, more venerated than Ninian or Kentigern. The shrine to this 11th century saint in Tain was through Royal Patronage.

Wednesday, 9 March – Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Military chaplain in WW1, modern priest and poet (aka Woodbine Willie) who gave Woodbine cigarettes to the wounded and dying soldiers.

Thursday, 10 March – Kessog, Martyr & Bishop in Rosshire. Kessog Bridge is named after him.

Wednesday, 16 March – Boniface of Ross, Bishop, ministered in the same area as above.



Thursday, 17 March – St Patrick, Bishop.

Friday, 18 March – Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp, taught catechumens in the 4th c., not to be confused with later namesakes Alexandria and Methodius' brother.

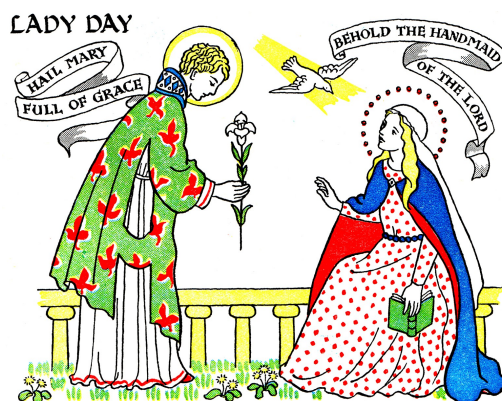
Saturday, 19 March – St Joseph of Nazareth, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sunday, 20 March – St Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, with shrine in Durham Cathedral.

Monday, 21 March – Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and martyr, responsible for the BCP.

Tuesday, 22 March – Thomas Ken, Bishop.

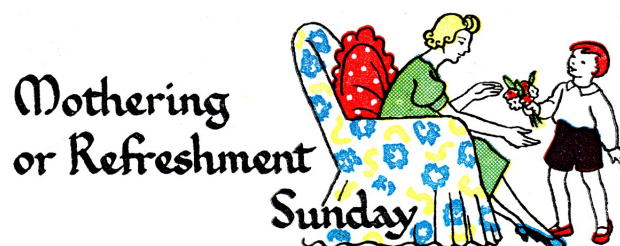
Thursday, 24 March – Paul Couturier, 20th c. French ecumenist priest who began week of Christian Unity.



Friday, 25 March – The Annunciation, Our Lady is told by Archangel Gabriel that she will bear Jesus.

Our north aisle statue represents Mary at the time.

Saturday, 26 March – Harriet Monsell, founded an order of Anglican nuns.

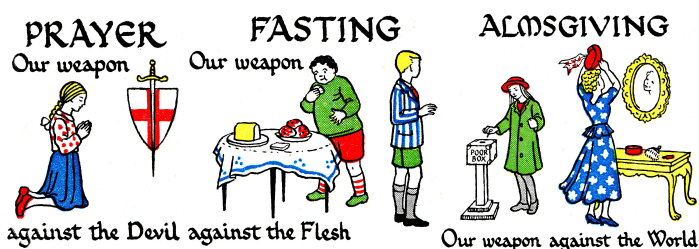


Sunday, 27 March – Mothering Sunday, originally when young people in service returned home to visit their mother churches.

Monday, 28 March – Patrick Forbes and the Aberdeen doctors. Forbes was a 17th century bishop in Aberdeen, not to be confused with Bishop Alexander Forbes in 19th century Dundee.

Tues., 29 Mar. – John Keble, 19th c. Divine and High Churchman. An Oxford College is named after him.

Thursday, 31 March – John Donne, 17th century Dean of St Paul's (in London) and also a poet.



Event at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

The Great Holy Work – Why build a church on the Castle Hill, Dundee? Saturday 12th March 2022

3.00–5.00 p.m. (with tea and cake) All welcome.

Dr Aileen Black, historian and cathedral member, will help us explore the cathedral, its artworks and memorials to tell its story. RSVP to: friends@saintpaulscathedral.net / alice.simpson27@gmail.com / 07946 303308

Advance notice – St Salvador's is planning a High Mass with choir for Palm Sunday (streamed online with new equipment). Please join us if you can.