



# 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 Andrew Murphy

*The times they are a-changin'.*

Those of us who were alert last weekend will have realised British Summertime has ended and the clocks have gone back an hour.

This year more than ever, we are asking, "where has the time gone?" even more poignantly. So much of what we had planned for this year, both at church and otherwise seems to have disappeared from the calendar, and suddenly we find ourselves fast approaching the end of the church year in late November. On the positive side, we have been able to open the church for Sunday services, albeit with a few changes here and there, and the number of you coming in the past five Sundays has remained fairly constant. The food-bag queues after Sunday Mass are steadily increasing each week. If you have been following the Gospel readings for this year, mainly from Matthew, you will have 'clocked' that it is all about changing ourselves to come closer to God.

Perhaps here we could reflect on the words of St John Henry Newman whose feast day was a fortnight ago: "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." So let us continue on our journey throughout all the changes outside and within, to perfection and holiness.

With changes so frequent and dramatic as they are at the moment, and even as I write Dundee has been upped to level 3



restrictions, things can be very uncertain, and so easy it is to lose confidence in our mission, however the Psalmist reminds us that amongst those of us with faith, no matter what changes occur, one thing remains a constant – God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Christ is present always amongst us in the blessed Sacrament we reserve in the tabernacle in the church sanctuary. "I love you Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my Saviour. My God is my rock where I take my refuge, my shield, my stronghold." Let us remember always to seek refuge and strength in the Lord so we can move forward with confidence and hope in the mighty victory that lies ahead.

May God bless us, keep you safe, until the times we can all worship Him together.

Fr Andrew

## Keeping safe

Churches are currently set to remain open regardless of the local protection level we are put in, as the precautions we are taking mean we are not seen as spreaders of infection. It is probably a lot safer to come to church than to go shopping! Nevertheless do not feel that you have to come if you feel uncertain about it. We

will be here when you are ready to return. If you do come and subsequently experience any Covid-19 symptoms please follow the government advice about getting a test. If you are getting worried, feel lonely, or have other concerns and would like to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to ring any of the numbers at the end of this newsletter.

Martin Andrews

## Saints' and special days this month



*We thank thee, O God, for the saints of all ages; for those who in times of darkness kept the lamp of faith burning; for the great souls who saw visions of larger truths and dared to declare them; for the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified the world; and for those known and loved by us, who have passed from this earthly fellowship into the fuller life with thee. Accept this our thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer, to whom be praise and dominion for ever.*

*Fellowship Litanies*

**Sunday, 1 November, All Saints**

**Monday, 2 November, All Souls**

Tuesday, 3 November, Richard Hooker, Pr. & T.

Saturday, 7 November, St Willibrord, Bp & Miss.

Monday, 9 November, George Hay Forbes, Priest

Tuesday, 10 November, St Leo the Great, Bp & T.

Wednesday, 11 Nov., St Martin of Tours, Bp

Thursday, 12 November, St Machar, Bishop

Monday, 16 Nov., St Margaret of Scotland, Queen

Tuesday, 17 November, St Hugh of Lincoln, Bp

Wednesday, 18 November, St Fergus, Bishop

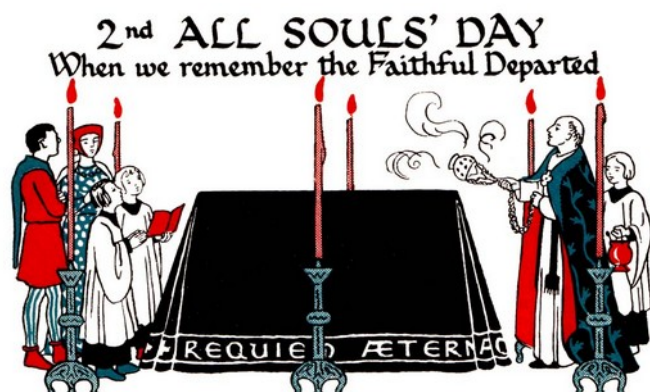
Saturday, 21 November, St Columban, Bishop

Sunday, 22 November, St Cecilia, Martyr

Monday, 23 Nov., St Clement of Rome, Bp & M

Tuesday, 24 November, Lucy Menzies, Writer

Monday, 30 Nov., St Andrew, Ap., Patron of Scot.



## Vestry

The Bishop will be consulting with the Vestry chairman this week about the vacancy and the congregational and Rector's profiles.

## Church kitchen

The kitchen, which we share with the Maxwell Centre, has been completely refitted at their expense, and includes a dishwasher and a new electric cooker. We have sold the gas range to the Portcullis restaurant in Arbroath.

## Wedding at St Salvador's

James Cheney and Fiona Clague will be married by Fr Andrew Murphy at St Salvador's on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at a service under governmental and Diocesan Covid-19 restrictions. Despite the necessary limitations, it should be a joyous event and we wish them well for their future life together. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## Interim Priest

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