



# 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,

A special day for St Salvador's falls in September: Holy Cross Day. Bishop Ted writes, "The chancel and sanctuary [of St Salvador's] were finished in time for Holy Cross Day, 1874. Bishop Forbes came to preach and made two special pleadings before addressing the importance of Holy Cross Day."

One of my favourite pieces of sacred music is the Introit for Maundy Thursday:

Latin text: *Nos autem gloriari oportet in cruce Domini nostri Jesu Christi: in quo est salus, vita et resurrectio nostra: per quem salvati et liberati sumus. Deus misereatur nostri, et benedicat nobis: illuminet vultum suum super nos, et misereatur nostri.*

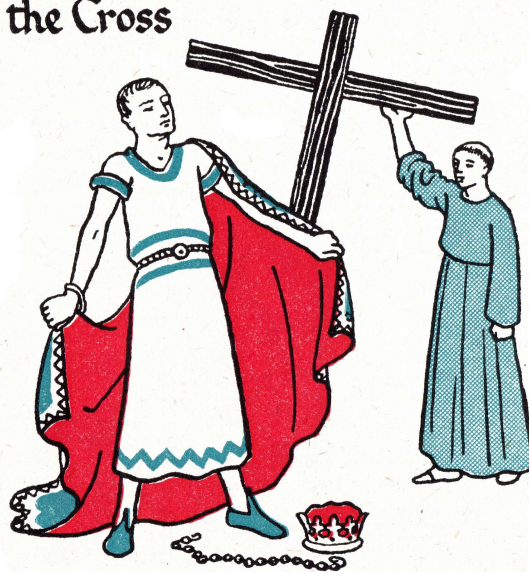
English translation: *It is right for us to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; by whom we are saved and delivered. May God have mercy on us and bless us; may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us; and may He have mercy on us.*

Please listen to it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBS94wMene0>

The chant is derived from St Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 6, verse 14: "May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." This year, we will keep Holy Cross Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This is in order to

## HOLY CROSS Day Emperor Heraclius taking off his robes before carrying the Cross



simplify things in Covid times and keep everyone safe. We can "push the boat out" next year!

As St Paul says, "We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." (1 Corinthians, 1:23-25).

The Cross of Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's love for the created order, and we rejoice in God's love for us this month.

*Oremus pro invicem* – let us pray for one another!

With Every Blessing,

Fr David

## Saints' and special days this month

*Grant, O Lord, unto us, and to all thy servants, the grace of perseverance unto the end; in the power of him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.* George Timms

### Thursday, 2 Sep. – The Martyrs of New Guinea

James Chalmers, Oliver Tomkins and others were sent to New Guinea by the London Missionary Society and martyred in 1901. During WWII, 333 Christians of all denominations died there for their faith.

### Friday, 3 Sep. – St Gregory the Great, Bp & T.

Born about 540, Gregory was Prefect of Rome when he entered a monastery about 575. Ordained deacon, and sent on a papal mission to Constantinople from 580 to 585. Became Pope in 590. With his interests, knowledge and skills, and many achievements, he is considered one of the greatest of Popes. Died in 604.

### Sunday, 8 September – The Birth of the BVM

This festival in honour of the birth of the Mother of God the Son is of long standing, and is celebrated on this day in both the eastern and western Churches.

### Mon., 13 Sep. – St Cyprian of Carthage, Bp & M.

Born in Carthage in about 200, a teacher of rhetoric and a city lawyer before conversion to Christianity. He became a priest and then, in the year 248, Bishop of Carthage. During the persecution of Valerian, he was exiled and then condemned to death in 258.

### Tuesday, 14 September – Holy Cross Day

St Helena, the emperor's mother, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in Jerusalem, is said to have uncovered what many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica on the site of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on this day in 335.

### Thu., 16 Sep. – St Ninian of Whithorn, Bp & Miss

Ninian was born in about 360. He was consecrated bishop in 394 and returned to Britain, setting up a community of monks in Galloway, from where they took missionary journeys among the southern Picts, as far as Perth & Stirling. Ninian died in about 432.

### Friday, 17 Sep. – St Hildegard of Bingen, Abb.

Born in 1098 in Bockelheim, Germany. She became a nun at 18. Succeeded her foster mother, Jutta, as abbess in 1136. 20 years later, moved her sisters to a new abbey at Bingen. Wrote three visionary works, a natural history and a medical compendium. Died in 1179.

### Mon., 20 Sep. – John Coleridge Patteson, Bp & M.

Born in London in 1827, ordained and, in 1855, left Britain to begin his work among the South Pacific Is-

landers, becoming their first bishop. Landing on the island of Nukapu on this day in 1871, he was killed, probably in revenge for the kidnapping of 5 young men by the 'blackbirders', European pirates.

### Tuesday, 21 Sep. – St Matthew, Ap. & Ev.

Matthew was a tax collector, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus, for whom he turned to a new life. His Gospel was originally written in Hebrew. By tradition he preached and was martyred in the East.

### Thursday, 23 Sep. – St Adamnan of Iona, Abbot

9<sup>th</sup> Abbot of Iona, was born in County Donegal in about 624, a relation of St Columba. Travelled widely on evangelistic and political missions. Tried to bridge the gap between Roman & Celtic traditions. Went back to Ireland, returning to Iona just before his death in 704.

### Saturday, 25 Sep. – St Finnbar of Caithness, Bp

Several saints are commemorated under the names Finnbar and Finian. They include two Irish abbots, Finian of Clonard and Finian of Movilla, Fin Barre of Cork, and the early 6<sup>th</sup>-century churchman Vinniau.

### Monday, 27 September – St Vincent de Paul, Pr.

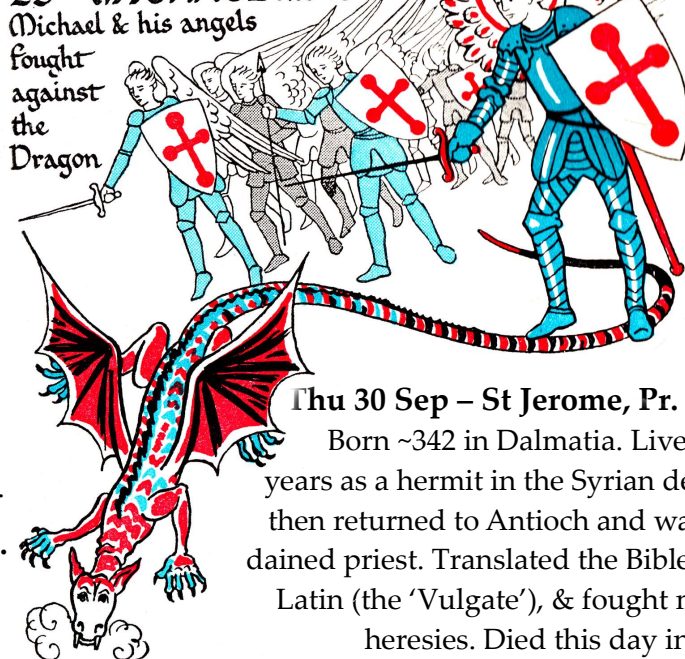
Born about 1580 in southwestern France, Vincent was ordained in 1600. Did much to relieve the sufferings of galley prisoners, war victims and others. Keenly interested in mission work, especially in the countryside, & training of the clergy. Vincent died this day in 1660.

### Wednesday, 29 Sep. – St Michael & All Angels

Michael ('who is like God'). Regarded as protector of Christians from the devil, particularly in the hour of death. Gabriel ('strength of God') announced Christ's birth to the BVM. Raphael ('the healing of God'), in the Book of Tobit, restored Tobit's sight.

### 29<sup>th</sup> MICHAELMAS

Michael & his angels fought against the Dragon



### Thu 30 Sep – St Jerome, Pr. & T.

Born ~342 in Dalmatia. Lived for years as a hermit in the Syrian desert, then returned to Antioch and was ordained priest. Translated the Bible into Latin (the 'Vulgate'), & fought many heresies. Died this day in 420.