



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



Hello, and greetings, in Christ's name to you, brothers and sisters at St. Salvador's, I am writing this just to say hello and to introduce myself to you as I shall be assisting with other priests in the coming weeks and months to celebrate Mass and other Holy Sacraments until you get a new Rector. Some of you may remember

me and my sermons (forgive me?) from the times over the years when I have assisted from the late Fr Paul's time and more recently. It will be a great and humbling privilege to be back with you. I have fond memories of earlier times with you especially at Candlemas. I am originally a native of Glasgow and of Irish heritage, but a Church of England priest. That's a long story – but for another time. Like Fr Clive and the late Fr Trevor before him, I am a member of SSC (Societas Sanctae Crucis) which is a fraternity of Catholic Anglican Priests who are focused on traditional Catholic values and liturgy. St Salvador's has always stood out very much in the Catholic tradition of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and although we may be at variance from time to time with some views held, we remain very much part of it and carry the banner from within for our own brand of Anglicanism.

With the Covid 19 pandemic these are very much strange and difficult times for us all, including the church. As regular worshippers we have

been kept away from church buildings, but although we have been kept apart from one another, we have the assurance that Christ is always present among and amidst us. St Salvador's plans to re-open with its first Mass on Sunday 20th September 2020 when it is hoped to commemorate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Holy Cross Day, when we especially remember our Lord's Passion at His Crucifixion and that the Cross is not just a symbol but is something which is marked indelibly upon our lives and very being.

The churches in England which I attend have been functioning for the past four or five weeks and are coping fine enough with the new strategies of making sure everyone is safe from the pandemic. So too at St Salvador's there will be detailed protections and procedures in place to keep us all protected.

Things will seem strange at first, like no hymns and everyone wearing a mask and so it might be rather intimidating at first, but it is a small burden to bear in comparison to many other things. Some of you may feel for good reasons that right now isn't the time for you to come out of your 'bubble' or lockdown and everyone understands. So don't feel compelled that coming to Mass is a must for you right now. Be assured that you will be included in our intentions and prayers at Mass and we will look forward to seeing you whenever you feel it is the right time.

I look forward to being amongst you again. 'Serviam' is my prayer, that I may serve you in His name.

Blessings, Rev. Andrew Murphy

Saints' and special days this month

Almighty and everlasting God, behold us thy servants gathered once again to give praise and thanks for the dedication of this holy house to thy service; mercifully grant, that recalling our own dedication as living temples of thy Holy Spirit, we may be enabled to rule and govern our souls and bodies according to thy commandment, and to the glory of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Unfolding Year

Wednesday, 2 Sep. – The Martyrs of New Guinea

Thursday, 3 Sep. – St Gregory the Great, Bp and T.

Tuesday, 8 Sep. – Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, 13 Sep. – St Cyprian of Carthage, Bp & M.*

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



Sunday, 20 Sep. – Holy Cross Day – Mass at 11.00

(transferred from 14 September for 2020 only)

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

Thursday, 17 Sep. – St Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess

Sunday, 20 Sep. – John Coleridge Patteson, Bp & M.*

Monday, 21 Sep. – St Matthew, Apostle & Evang.

Wednesday, 23 Sep. – St Adamnan of Iona, Abbot

Friday, 25 Sep. – St Finnbar of Caithness, Bishop

Sunday, 27 Sep. – St Vincent de Paul, Priest*

Tuesday, 29 Sep. – St Michael and All Angels

Wednesday, 30 Sep. – St Jerome, Priest and Teacher

(*Sunday celebrations will supersede minor saints' days.)

Gladys Conlan (11 May 1927 – 19 August 2020)

We are very sorry to announce the death of Gladys Conlan on 19th August 2020. The funeral was held by Canon Kenneth Gibson on Friday, 28th August at St Mary Magdalene's Church, with burial at Barnhill Cemetery. *Requiescat in pace.*



Vestry

The Vestry met on Wednesday 26th August, partly on Zoom, to discuss, amongst other things, when to begin opening up to services. We decided that we would, subject to agreement from the Bishop, begin services from 20th September as this was the closest Sunday to Holy Cross. As you now know, Fr Andrew Murphy is ready to join us, and we will be working with him and others to plan services and make the church compliant with the Covid-19 precautions. The exact times and types of services have yet to be decided at time of printing so please check our website (or contact us) for details. Other matters raised included the cleaning of the Rectory and the production of Congregational and Rector Profiles, which we need to do in preparation for seeking a new incumbent. This latter issue will be revisited in greater detail at our next meeting.

M. Andrews

New rug

Our thanks to William for donating a new rug to the narthex entrance to replace the one that was stolen earlier this year.

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