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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

Just say

NO

to chocolate.

Lent has begun.

In the Beginning...

A man was fishing in a Scottish river. After a short time he noticed on the other bank a man sitting, watching him intently. The fisherman smiled at him and the onlooker smiled too. The man went back to his fishing, his every move watched by the man on the other bank. This went on for a couple of hours. When the fisherman stopped to enjoy a picnic lunch, the man did the same. When the fishing resumed, so too did the watching – for hours. Finally the fisherman waded over to the man. "If you're so interested in fishing," he said to him. "Why don't you take it up yourself?" "No," replied the man. "I haven't got the time."

The Church's Year is a way of organising time to allow Christians to enter into the great events of the New Testament – God's mighty acts of salvation. In the Lenten season we have now begun, we focus with gradually greater sharpness on sin and

God's great remedy for sin: the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a mark of penitence for sin and as a means of self discipline it is traditional to "give up something for Lent".

Giving up something for Lent is intended to be a sign of sorrow for sin and an exercise in discipleship. Sadly, the truth is that it is reduced merely to doing without a treat or curbing some bad habit, and many of us become simply onlookers. Watching carefully the devotion of others is no bad thing, of course, if it inspires us to join in; but Christian discipleship is no spectator activity. There's more that we could do – especially during Lent. We could use the time better.

Instead of just being an onlooker – like the man in the story – let's make good use of our time during Lent this year. Let's actually wade in and participate. Lent gives us an opportunity to use our time better. Let's all work a little harder at being better disciples of Jesus Christ by denying ourselves and embracing Him.

With every blessing
Fr. Clive



CANDLEMASS 2009

Despite dreadful weather and treacherous roads, our annual festival of Candlemass this year was only about a third down in terms of numbers. However, we were truly blessed with the help of both additional servers from four congregations and of Cantiones Sacrae for our choral music. We were very thankful indeed that our guest preacher made it through to us from Walsingham via Glasgow, along with two friends. There was a surprising number of other visitors who made it that wintry night, and we were very glad to see them as well. The hospitality afterwards was as good as ever. A BIG “thank you” to everyone who helped to make it so special!

A Note from Two Pilgrims from Walsingham to Dundee

As we left Walsingham on a freezing Sunday afternoon, we were all excited about our pilgrimage to St. Salvador’s for your Candlemass celebrations on the Monday evening. We weren’t quite so excited the next day as we left our hosts in Glasgow for the journey to Dundee – in fact, we were worried as the snow fell on already icy roads. We all knew we had to make this journey! We prayed that our Lord would get us through, and with Fr. Clive Wylie’s superb driving we made it.

We came to the entrance of your beautiful church and were completely bowled over by the stunning interior --- WOW!!!

[After the Procession,] Mass began with the Introit, and at that point we knew that we were going to be drawn into an act of worship very special and moving.

The Cantiones Sacrae choir sang the beautiful Mass setting superbly, and the serving team were so polished and well rehearsed that we were almost unaware of their movements as the service progressed (we watch these sorts of things in Walsingham!).

As for the Sermon – well, Fr. Clive [Wylie] is a close friend of ours, so we must be objective – it was excellent!!

Thank you for your hospitality after the service and thank you for a very special evening.

Barry Shipp & Sr. Jane Louise SSM

Cantiones at Candlemas

The members of *Cantiones Sacrae* were delighted to have the opportunity to sing at St Salvador’s Candlemas celebrations on the 2nd of February. Linda, Lisa, Jonathan, and Graeme often sing Renaissance mass settings but more often in the context of a concert rather than as part of a church service. It was particularly gratifying for them therefore to have the chance to sing the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei from Tomás Luis de Victoria’s wonderful *Missa Simile Est Regnum Coelorum*.

The melody on which this setting is based is not by Victoria but by one of his close friends, Francisco Guerrero. It was quite common in the 16th century for composers to “borrow” each other’s melodies and this was taken as a compliment...rather than plagiarism!

You might be interested to know that the original Latin text of the motet on which Victoria based his Mass is:

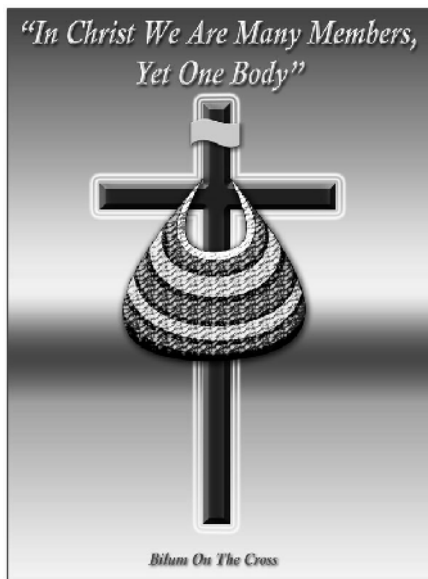
*Simile est regnum coelorum homini patri familias qui exiit primo mane conducere operarios in vineam suam
Conventione autem facta cum operariis ex denario diurno misit eos in vineam suam
Et egressus circa horam tertiam vidit alios stantes in foro otiosos
Et illis dixit ite et vos in vineam et quod iustum fuerit dabo vobis*

Which translates as:

“For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market place, And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.” *Matthew 20: 1-4*

As well as the Victoria, Cantiones also sang three pieces during Communion: Byrd’s exquisite *Lord, make me to know Thy ways*, Wilton’s *O Salutaris* and Gibbons’ *Almighty & everlasting God*.

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World Day of Prayer Service 2009

The first Friday in March gives people from the Christian communities in over 180 countries the annual opportunity to worship and pray on a common theme. In Scotland, services are held in locations as diverse as churches, universities and schools, Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, hospitals and eventide homes, hostels for the homeless, prisons and shopping centres.

Christian women of Papua New Guinea, who wrote the service to be used this year, invite men, women and young people from around the world to share with them in the World Day of Prayer Service. The chosen theme is "in Christ there are many members, yet one Body".

Locally, a service is being held at Fairmuir Church of Scotland on Friday, 6 March, 2009 at 7 PM.

Papua New Guinea is one of the most heterogeneous and indigenous populations in the world. There are several thousand separate communities and more than 800 languages are spoken. The diversity is described well in the folk saying "For each village, a different culture". The rugged terrain of Papua New Guinea, with its dense, impassable rain forests, its high mountains and its widely separated islands, adds a dimension of isolation as well. Within the context of so much diversity and few commonalities the Christian community draws deeply upon the New Testament assurance that "in Christ there are many members yet one Body".

Offerings from the services in Scotland will be given to Papua New Guinea through the Scottish Bible Society, Feed the Minds and other projects of an ecumenical nature.

KC

News of our Rector's Warden, Martin Andrews, on an extended holiday in Ponferrada, in northern Spain:

"Tried out the main church in Ponferrada yesterday. Typical modern Roman rite - well-attended but with minimal liturgy supported by a small unvested choir standing at a microphone at the front of the pews. There were two unvested boys serving, who also shared the intercessions between them. Half the congregation did not communicate, and no books of any type were distributed at the door. He seemed like a good priest but as everything was in Spanish I had to rely on some hurried translations whispered in my ear! We will probably try another one next week ...

Weather is getting very warm now as the sun is quite strong. In the afternoons it is more like high summer in Dundee. The air is initially very cold though because the city is surrounded by snow-covered hills. We are in Carnival season - with a children's parade round the city yesterday and the main one tomorrow. I will have to get some sunscreen! Apparently this is the first year for some time that it hasn't rained during the Carnival."

Excerpt from an e-mail received by the Rector on Mon. 23 February.

The boys are back!

You may have noticed that, after the lull in attendances over the holidays, the choir stalls are one again populated by our choristers on Sundays at 11am.

We're delighted that our Head Chorister, Callum, recently passed a challenging audition for the National Youth Choir of Scotland (NYCoS) Boys' Choir having given an excellent rendition of *Praise my soul the king of heaven*. Particular mention was made by the judging panel regarding the warmth of the tone of his voice and his excellent diction. Well done Callum!

Jordan continues to make excellent progress and is developing a lovely choirboy sound and John (when he can be tempted away from his cereal!) continues to sing very well – especially when singing Communion pieces he knows well. Brandon is doing well too and clearly enjoys his singing – especially his favourite hymn *How shall I sing that majesty!*

Steven was keen to join the choir as soon as he was eight and, now that he is, he has become a probationer and is beginning to learn about the service and how to conduct himself in choir. It's also been good to have Scott in the choir stalls over the last few Sundays. Although he's new to the music, he's very attentive and is making great efforts to learn the music and take part in the Mass.

You might be interested to know that as well as their singing, the boys are also becoming quite accomplished ice skaters. As a treat (only if they sing and behave well!) they have had the opportunity to go to Ice World in Forfar for some recreational skating. Their last trip was for a special Saturday evening session which was arranged by a group of Angus churches and Christian fellowship groups. The music played over the sound system was modern gospel music – an interesting change from the usual pop music and the rink was so busy that the boots available for hire ran out in certain sizes!

GA

W5: Who, What, When, Where, Why

We can ask for God's forgiveness directly in prayer. We trust that, through the Cross of Christ, our prayer for forgiveness will be heard. However, most of us require reassurance, which is why Christ gave to His Church the power to declare to the penitent the absolution of their sin. The Church's bishops and priests exercise that ministry in two ways. The congregation may together confess their sins, and the celebrant may impart a general absolution. Or individuals may from time to time confess their sins privately to a bishop or priest and receive advice and absolution.

Private Confession and Absolution has had a long and interesting history of development. Originally, sin after Baptism was unthinkable – which is why the early Church had so many adherents that remained unbaptised for so long! However, a system of confession to the community with penance and absolution was instituted by the second century to restore those whose sin had placed them outside the fellowship of the Church. Only one such lapse and return was allowed. Even after the fourth century and the adoption of Christianity by the Empire, with its flood of converts, the understanding of the process remained the same, even though the rigour was relaxed: Confession was for restoration to the Church, and, as a disciplinary procedure, was necessarily juridical, not pastoral.

The fourth century also saw the beginning of monasticism, with groups of hermits coming together under the guidance of a master in spiritual things. It was from the first a lay movement and, for a time, believed to be incompatible with the calling of the ordained. As part of their spiritual formation, the monks opened their hearts and lives to their (lay) spiritual guides, who would advise them. Obviously, as no-one was ordained in these communities, no absolution was given.

At some point in Christian history, these two aspects came together to give us the way sins are confessed privately today. It is both a restoration to the fellowship of the Church, while also being an opportunity for spiritual advice and growth.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, Wednesday, 25 March, Fr. Clive will celebrate his 29th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood. Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM. All are welcome to join him on that happy day.

Restoration Appeal Update

Several members of the Vestry continue to work hard to raise funds to begin a programme of restoration of St Salvador's which will, initially, be of the exterior of our nationally significant church building. Letters and colour leaflets have been sent to almost one hundred private individuals, organisations, institutions, and trusts and an application was also made to the Province for a grant. By the time this edition of *Cru-cis* reaches you, our conservation architect, John Sanders, will have submitted our Heritage Lottery application in an attempt to attract major funding.

Perhaps it would be a good time to review our progress to date in the hope that we all have a clear picture of what has been achieved so far and what still needs to be accomplished. Of particular note is the fund raising which has been achieved by a number of dedicated members of the congregation who have organised interesting and original events to generate funds and also the generosity of a number of friends of St Salvador's.

When the campaign began, the following events and donations got us off to a good start: Cantiones Sacrae's Christmas 2007 concert and raffle; the Strathspey and Reel Society concert and raffle; Pam Callaghan's lunch party; a donation from the Luscombe Foundation; Cantiones Sacrae's Holy Cross concert and raffle, and Ann Noltie's lunch party giving a total of £4,200. This money went towards the essential re-pointing of the east gable wall to protect our beautiful reredos.

More recently, we have received a good number of donations from various friends of the church (both individuals and businesses) which have helped to boost the Restoration Fund. In addition, we have generated funds from a diverse number of sources including a visiting group of art students who were given one of their lectures in the nave of St

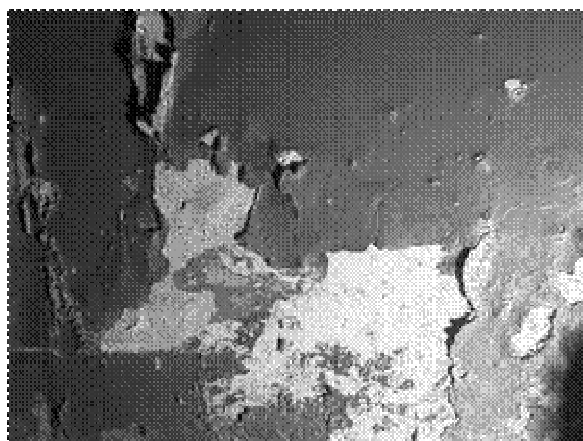
Salvador's, a further donation from Cantiones Sacrae from funds generated by *A Renaissance Christmas by Candlelight* and the raffle which was run in conjunction with it, and even the sale of an antique sideboard! The total from these sources is over £6,000.

Within the last few weeks, we have also received news from the General Synod Office that we have been granted £7,000 from the Maintenance and Development Fund. Finally, the Leng Foundation has just pledged to donate £12,000 over a three-year period on condition that we reach our £250,000 target.

Taking all the sources of funding into account, we have so far raised approximately £25,000 – half-way to our own fund raising target of £50,000. These funds then go to support our major application to Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund who award their larger amounts of funding based on what we have raised by our own efforts.

Please consider ways in which you can help. If you know of any individuals or businesses that might be amenable to an approach, please let either Kirsty Noltie or Graeme Adamson know, as they have produced an attractive full colour leaflet containing lots of information about St Salvador's with pictures of the church: both of its beauty – and its decay!

GA



God's Word: Unchanging, and changing lives

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Heb 13:8

God's word from time immemorial has always been under attack by those who pay lip service to it, twisting and misinterpreting it to their own advantage and those who completely reject it believing it does not apply to them but to a particular set of people. The authority and infallibility of God's word is thrown out of the window by many who advocate the ideologies of men. We think that we can dictate the terms by which we will relate to God. Therefore, since God's word is seen not as relevant or authoritative, the need for commitment to God's word in all aspect of life through obedience is not applicable. Based on this, the sinner accepting Christ is not required to change his sinful lifestyle because the word of God challenging him to do so does not apply to him. I'm going to be trailing back to the time Moses led the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt to bring up a few events that showed how people have reacted to the word of God.

At the time the people of Israel were in the wilderness, Korah, Dathan and Abiram and 250 people from the tribe of the Levites rose up against Moses and questioned his authority over them. They despised the word of God and rejected the leadership of Moses and the priesthood of Aaron and his descendant as ordained by God. They questioned God's word through Moses that He was taking them to a land flowing with milk and honey and would not believe it. At the end of it all, God vindicated Moses and Aaron and released His fierce judgement on their accusers (Numbers 16:1-35). Just as Moses' accusers, we have a lot of people down in history till today who still continue to challenge the ordinances, wisdom and judgement God. They reject the word of God while gathering followers around themselves who will listen to them as they advocate their ideologies because they think they can pocket God and tell Him what he can do and not do and probably negotiate with Him on how man can relate with Him. Their effort attempts to bring God who is uncreated, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth down to our own level of

being. It is a fatal error to think we know better than our Creator and go about despising His words. God is unchanging and His word to us is unchanging, He will not change or compromise His standard because of anyone!

In another event (Numbers 22:1-39) during the time of Ahab, the king of Israel wanted to go to war against the king of Aram and he requested Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah to come along with Him. Now, the king of Judah being a godly man advised that the counsel of God should be sought first of all about this matter. Ahab therefore gathered about 400 prophets around to inquire from them if he should go to the war or not. In reply, they told him to go that he would be victorious. Jehoshaphat perceiving that these prophets were not of God asked Ahab "Is there not a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?" This was Ahab's answer: "There is still one man through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad"

When this prophet of the Lord was consulted, He declared to Ahab that the war he was about to fight will end up to his death. However, the king despised the word of God and went into the battle against the king of Aram where he died according to the word of God through His prophet. Naturally we may tend to sympathize with Ahab because he never hears anything positive from this prophet. However, the truth is that if he was doing right in God's sight, He would have been commended by God. The word of God coming from this prophet must have been exposing his evil deeds and he was not ready to repent or walk according to the decrees and ordinances of God. Instead, he gathers up a bunch of prophets who will approve whatever he is doing and tell him what he wants to hear. The Apostle Paul, commenting on similar situation, said in his letter to Timothy: "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." 2 Tim 4:3-4.

Indeed, we may now be in the time Paul was talking about. Some people cannot put up with what God is saying through His words and have gathered around themselves those who will tell them what they want to hear. They want to claim that they are Christians and yet do not want to listen to the voice of the Shepherd. They want their sinful and wayward lifestyles which they have found difficult to let go to be accommodated by God's word. And since God will not go back on His words, they have altogether rejected His words challenging them to change and have put up with fine sounding arguments.

Let me make it clear here, that when we read the scriptures and stand condemned, what is expected of us is to repent and change our evil ways and try not to explain it away or think God will soft pedal because we do not like what He has said through the scriptures. The unchanging word of God to us is meant to change and transform our lives for good and not the other way round. The scripture says in Colossians 2:8: "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."

If we want to follow Christ, then we must be ready to accept his unchanging words, we must be ready to change our ways and must be ready to forsake our sinful lifestyles. The church is inclusive of all kinds of sinners. Christ Himself confirms that He has come to save sinners and not those who consider themselves clean. There are many people today under heavy burden of guilt who do not accept this fact because of unbelief and their hearts continue to condemn them. However, for those of us who have accepted the gift of God's forgiveness through Christ, we must take a further step of forsaking our evil ways. We cannot import our old lifestyle into Christianity and think God will be delighted about it. Hear what the scriptures say: "But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil." 2 Timothy 2:19

God's word remains unchanging, it will not change because of our waywardness or sinful lifestyles, and finding ways to twist or misinterpret it to our own advantage will not get us far. For there can be only be one truth, there can never be different shades of truth; fabrication of God's truth leads us away from Christ, no matter the fine sounding arguments used. God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone... it simply cannot change! Under the camouflage of the movement of the Spirit, those advocating the ideologies and philosophy of men over and above the scripture often say that we should be open to what the Spirit is telling the Church. However, we must understand that the Spirit says nothing to the church that is not in His Word. If it is true, it isn't new, and if it is new, it isn't true.

As we begin our journey through Lent, let us open our hearts fully to our Lord without any restriction and allow Him to transform our lives through His words. We must understand that God sees our hearts, our intentions and motives. The scripture says: "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:13-14

God knows our weakness; He knows where we are struggling and only He can help us to overcome so long as we are ready receive His unchanging word to us fully. Here is an encouragement from the scripture: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:15-16

Fr. Tunji



Lenten Opportunities

Traditionally, Lent is marked by extra time spent by Christians in PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING. What might we do this Lent?

PRAYER

- Attend Mass EVERY Sunday during Lent
- Attend a midweek Mass regularly.
- Attend Stations of the Cross.
- Attend Mattins on Sundays in Lent.
- Attend Evensong & Benediction in March and April.
- Come to the Bible Study Group in Lent.
- Pray daily for the needs of this congregation and its individual members.

FASTING

- Try to live more simply in matters of clothing, food and drink.
- Avoid making large or expensive purchases.
- Pay back a debt.
- Save up to make a larger-than-usual donation to your favourite good cause.
- Do without pampering and treats.

ALMSGIVING

- Support "Gifts in Kind".
- Support Salvador, our child in Mozambique.
- Give to our Restoration Fund.
- Contribute to our Food Cupboard.

Links Lunch

The Links lunch held on 12 February at St. Mary Magdalene's had a "quality" attendance – few and select. Due to the inclement weather some members had been unable to come, but those who did enjoyed a delicious three course meal, after which an interesting talk was given by the Rev. Paul Watson. Paul, who had recently returned from Sri Lanka (formerly "Ceylon") with his wife and family, spoke about the work going on in his former parish in Kandy, which is the ancient hill capital of the country, about 3,000 feet above sea level and with a lovely climate.

There had been a project to transform a privately owned house, sold at a very reasonable price, into a residence for the elderly. There was still some work needing to be done but funds were low. So it was with great joy that they received a generous donation from SECMA- Links and it had been enough to finish the work and have the place up and running in time to welcome the first residents. At present there are 12 residential places. Colourful slides were shown of the rooms, lounges and comfortable seating areas on the wide veranda and around the garden, where many blossomed trees gave some shade to those sitting there. The eldest resident was 95 years old.

We also saw some slides of Paul's wife, who was involved in training local people to be counsellors, and of his two daughters with their school friends, who attended the local school where English is the preferred language.

Now back in Aberdeenshire the Watsons have settled in well, although they had been sad at leaving the island known as the "Pearl of the East".

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Come to Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7 PM during Lent.

Kalendar

Sun. 1 Mar.: Lent 1: Masses at 9 AM & 11 AM
Evensong & Benediction at 5 PM

Tues. 3 Mar.: John & Charles Wesley: Mass at
7 PM

Wed. 4 Mar.: St. Adrian & Companions: Mass
at 10 AM

Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Sat. 7 Mar.: Monthly Requiem Mass cancelled
due to Synod

Sun. 8 Mar.: Lent 2: Masses at 9 AM & 11 AM

Tues. 10 Mar.: St. Kessog: Mass at 7 PM

Wed. 11 Mar.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Sat. 14 Mar.: Monthly Requiem Mass at 11 AM

Sun. 15 Mar.: Lent 3: Masses: 9 AM & 11 AM

Tues. 17 Mar.: St. Patrick: Mass at 7 PM

Wed. 18 Mar.: St. Cyril: Mass at 10 AM

Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Thurs. 19 Mar.: St. Joseph: Mass at 7 PM

Sun. 22 Mar.: Lent 4: Masses: 9 AM & 11 AM

Tues. 24 Mar.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed. 25 Mar.: Lady Day: Mass at 10 AM

Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Sun. 29 Mar.: Lent 5: Masses: 9 AM & 11 AM

Tues. 31 Mar.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed. 1 April: St. Gilbert of Caithness: Mass at
10 AM

Sat. 4 April: Feria: Monthly Requiem at 11 AM

Sun. 5 April: Palm Sunday: Blessing of palms
and Mass at 9 AM; Procession and Mass at 11
AM; Evensong & Benediction at 5 PM

Mon. 6 April: Mon. in Holy Week: Mass at 7 PM

Tues. 7 April: Tues. in Holy Week: Mass: 7 PM

Wed. 8 April: Wednesday in Holy Week: Mass
at 10 AM; Tenebrae at 7 PM

Thurs. 9 April: Maundy Thursday: Solemn
Mass & Stripping of Altar at 7 PM; Watch until
midnight

Fri.: 10 April: Good Friday: Mattins and the
Litany at 9 AM; Solemn Liturgy at 3 PM; Sta-
tions at 7 PM

Sat. 11 April: Holy Saturday: Mattins and Ante
Communion at 9 AM; Solemn Vigil and First
Mass of Easter at 9 PM

Sun. 12 April: Easter Day: Masses at 9 AM and
11 AM

Mon. 13 April: Easter Mon.: Mass at 7 PM

Tues. 14 April: Easter Tues.: Mass at 7 PM

Wed. 15 April: Easter Wed.: Mass at 10 AM

Sun. 19 April: Second Sun. of Easter: Masses at
9 AM and 11 AM

Tues. 21 April: St. Anselm of Canterbury: Mass
at 7 PM

Wed. 22 April: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sun. 26 April: Third Sun. of Easter: Masses at
9 AM and 11 AM

Tues. 28 April: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed. 29 April: St. Catherine of Siena: Mass at
10 AM

Welcome to St. Salvador's

St. Salvador's is helping with the training of another Diocesan Lay Reader. Mr. Bob Hamilton of St. Mary Magdalene's Dundee is with us on a placement from Lent to Easter. Bob will be leading Mattins on Sundays, taking a place on the Reader's Rota, assisting in the Sanctuary, preaching (at least once) and helping us in a number of other ways. We welcome his involvement with us and are pleased to have been chosen to assist him and his congregation with his training.



We continue to collect used postage stamps (domestic and foreign) and post cards, as well as old spectacles and (clean) tin foil to raise money for a variety of good causes. Please bring any contributions to church and leave them in the basket at the back. Thank you!

The Bible Study and Prayer group meets at 5 PM at the Rectory on every Sunday of the month except the first Sunday (when there is Evensong at the Church). All are welcome.

Come Celebrate!

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John and Charles Wesley, Priests (3 March)

The Wesley brothers were sons of an Anglican clergyman and a Puritan mother. Both of them were noted as students for the seriousness of their spirituality and, after ordination, they served briefly and unsuccessfully as missionaries in the American colony of Georgia.

Upon his return to England, John Wesley had a profound religious experience in 1738 that prompted him to begin an itinerant preaching ministry, which recognised no parish boundaries. Such was the power of his sermons, his organisational ability, and his concern for the uneducated and the poor that he initiated real Christian growth and mission in England.

Charles shared with his brother John the building-up of early Methodist societies, as they travelled the country. His special concern was that early Methodists should remain loyal to Anglicanism. He married and settled in Bristol, later in London, concentrating his work on the local Christian communities. His thousands of hymns established a resource of lyrical piety which has enabled generations of Christians to rediscover the refining power of God's love. They celebrate God's work of grace from birth to death, the great events of God's work of salvation and the rich themes of Eucharistic worship, anticipating the taking up of humanity into the divine life.

John Wesley died on 2 March 1791 and Charles on 29 March 1788.

St. Adrian and his Companions, Martyrs (4 March)

Adrian, who is said to have been of Hungarian descent, settled with many companions in Fife to evangelise the Picts. This was at the time of fierce Viking raids. An attack by Vikings in the year 875 obliged Adrian and his community to withdraw to the island of May in the Firth of Forth. It was there that the raiders overtook them and slaughtered them all. The island, with a monastery founded later by King David I, became an important centre of pilgrimage in medieval Scotland.

St Kessog, Bishop and Martyr (10 March)

Kessog or Kessock was a missionary bishop who laboured among the Picts in the lands of Lennox towards the end of the seventh century. He lived in a hermit's cell on Monk's Island, Loch Lomond, and is thought to have been martyred near there around the year 700.

St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (17 March)

The son of a clerical family, Patrick was born among the British peoples living in northwestern England and southwestern Scotland in about 385. He was taken captive by raiders and sold as a slave in Ireland when a young boy. There, he worked as a herdsman and his faith was quickened in adversity. Finally escaping, he went to continental Europe, where he became a priest, and, eventually a bishop for missionary work

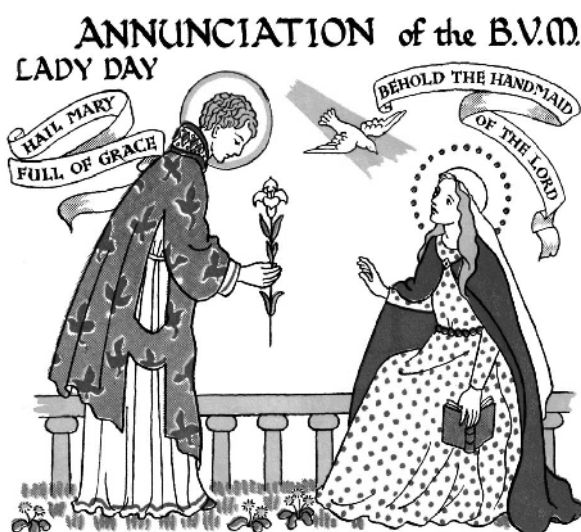
in Ireland. Indefatigable in preaching the faith throughout the country and in organising the Church there, despite opposition, Patrick died in about 461, and was buried at Downpatrick.

St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher (18 March)

Cyril, born in 315, became Bishop of Jerusalem in 348; the Arian controversy was at its height, and he was exiled several times. In his 'Catecheses' he set out the true teaching of Christianity and scripture and the tradition of the Church. He died in the year 386.

St Joseph of Nazareth (19 March)

A simple village carpenter, Joseph, of the lineage of King David, was the husband of the blessed Virgin Mary and guardian of the child Jesus. According to tradition, he was older than Mary, and is often depicted as such in art. It is therefore possible that Joseph may have already had children in a previous marriage, which may account for the brothers and sisters of Jesus mentioned in the New Testament.



There has been a marked increase in calls for assistance by the church from our neighbours and others who are finding it more difficult than ever to make ends meet in these tough economic times. Because of the increase in demand, we are making the bags of contributions smaller and more focussed.

Your help is urgently required.

We particularly need tins of soup, meat, pasta and baked beans. Variety packs of cereal are useful for breaking up into individual portions, as are boxes of tea bags. We could also do with boxes of UHT milk.

Thank you!

S. JOSEPH Foster Father of Our Lord



The Annunciation of the Lord, commonly called "Lady Day" (25 March)

Since at least the fourth century, the Church has celebrated on this festival the great day of decision, when the blessed Virgin Mary accepted the role that God had chosen for her in His plan of redemption. From that moment the Holy Child was conceived within her, and the Virgin became the bearer of God the Son, known as 'Theotokos' in the East and translated as 'Mother of

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