

# 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

## In the Beginning...

"Man proposes; God disposes" is an old saying. What it means is that whatever we plan, it is always God's will that prevails.

In life, things often don't turn out the way we plan or intend. Around every corner there seems to be either a bitter disappointment or a nice surprise, neither of them anticipated. God's ways are not our ways, and sometimes seem very mysterious indeed.

Recently the Rectory cat, our much-loved Pangur Ban, was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer and, when her health took a bad turn after an operation, she had to be put down - much to our distress. It was nothing we could have been prepared for. It wasn't our plan for her life or ours, but that's what happened.

Elsewhere in this magazine there is a report from Arthur Lynch about his trip to Lourdes. it wasn't the pilgrimage he thought it would be. Indeed, it sounds like it turned into something of a nightmare!

When catastrophes befall us, we may react at first with disbelief, anger, or despair. If we can move on from these initial reactions to the nasty surprise, we may reflect what it is that God is doing. An old priest friend of mine used to say: "I don't know what game God is playing, but it is definitely NOT CRICKET!"

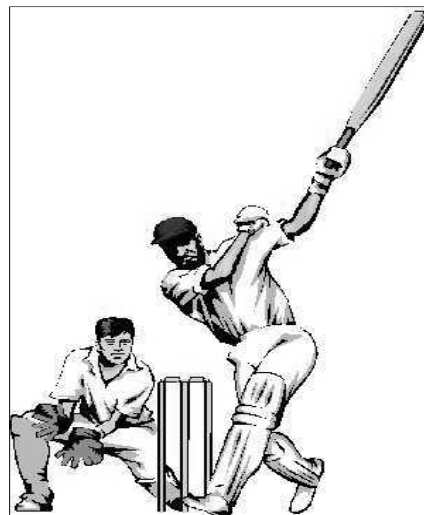
Further reflection may lead us to consider what our bad experience may mean, what

we have learned from it, and how we will move on.

The same is true of the unanticipated good surprises in life. After an initial reaction of disbelief and joy, we can (but unfortunately seldom do) ask ourselves what our good fortune may mean, what it teaches us, and how we will move on. Are we not more likely to blame God for the bad surprises and less likely to thank Him for the good ones? Both alike can work for our good as well as our detriment.

We may pray and plan for something to happen (or not happen). Our request may be granted immediately, if it accords with God's will. If it doesn't, then God is saying "no" or "not yet". He is in charge. In all developments in our lives - in both nasty and good surprises - we need to consider what God's will might be.

With every blessing,  
*Fr. Clive*



## VESTRY NEWS

At our recent Vestry Meeting the Vestry received and discussed reports from the Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and PVG Officer and heard from the Rector on a number of items including preparations for our Holy Cross service on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

They also planned our next parish lunch which is to be held after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Lower Hall.

The Vestry was delighted that the Organ Concert held on July 31<sup>st</sup> in the Church was so well attended and enjoyed by all present.

*Katie Clapson, Vestry Sec.*

## Points to Ponder

I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet. *Rodney Dangerfield*

A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company. *Charles Evans Hughes*

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else. *James M. Barrie*

I've had a wonderful evening, ... but this wasn't it. *Groucho Marx*

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months. *Oscar Wilde*

There are some sluggish men who are improved by drinking; as there are fruits that are not good until they are rotten. *Samuel Johnson*

To succeed in the world it is not enough to be stupid, you must also be well-mannered. *Voltaire*

## Salvador Sponsorship at St Salvador's through World Vision

As some of you may remember, this worthwhile project was started off by the late Jennifer McNally some years ago as a way of the church congregation being involved in Christian-based work overseas. I continued to manage it in memory of her, as I believed it to be a worthwhile way of supporting a good cause, particularly one which encouraged those it supported to become self-sufficient in a sustainable way, rather than simply relying on continued outside financial investment.

However, Salvador Alberto in Chico in Mozambique is now a grown man, and the village, through the support of World Vision, is becoming more self-sufficient in terms of health, education and agriculture. The project will therefore come to an end for them in September, and hopefully the people will be able to continue the good work in which they have been active participants while the support has been provided.

I would like to thank those of you who have contributed at various times over the last eleven or so years and I hope that you too feel it has been worthwhile.

If you have any questions or comments then please do not hesitate to speak to me.

*Kirsty Noltie*





*The apparition of our Lady to  
Bernadette at Lourdes*

## **My Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Part 2**

Most of you will know by now that my pilgrimage did not happen as I expected it would go!

It started well, although for the first 3 days it was very hot and humid. The hotel was very nice. I managed to see my brother and his wife, and we went to Mass in the grotto, along with the international Mass. The music was heavenly. It reminded me of the singing back home by Graeme, bless him. There were so many wheelchair users (over 100), all at the front, that the organisers seemed to be in a bit of a panic!

The night procession was great, with the Rosary being said by different priests, along with the Blessing of the Sick. It started to rain, but that didn't affect anything.

On the Monday, I fell ill. The nurse made arrangements for me to be admitted to the hospital, but as I do not speak French, it was very difficult. On the afternoon, they

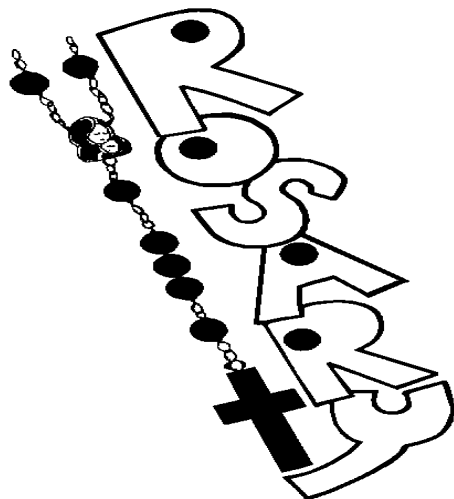
managed to get a translator, but she spoke only broken English. Anyway, the doctor that checked on me spoke English better, and it was then that he told me I was being kept in as my stomach was not working properly. I not only had a stomach upset, but they found a problem in my urine, and had to put a catheter put in, due to a blockage.

When Friday came along, there was much discussion about discharging me, as the bus was leaving to go home. They decided reluctantly to discharge me on the proviso that an ambulance would be waiting for me at Glasgow bus station which, on arrival, would take me to Ninewells. Alas, this did not happen.

What did happen was just as bad. It took over 2 hours before the bus driver got permission to order a taxi, but the nurse was not going to have that. She decided to dial 999, as my sugar level was at a dangerous point. I was then taken to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, put on a drip, and kept in overnight. To get home, I had to order a back loader from Dundee, but the taxi driver first had to go to my house to pick up my wheelchair. All this cost £200!

Well, that's all folks. Just to say, that I will not get back to Lourdes!

*Arthur Lynch*



### **Come Celebrate!**

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### **The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September)**

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.

### **Holy Cross Day (14 September)**

The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal sign of Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church. After the end of persecution early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at places associated with the earthly life of Jesus. St Helena, mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335.

### **St Ninian of Whithorn, Bishop and Missionary (16 September)**

Ninian was born in about the year 360, the son of a Cumbrian chieftain who himself had converted to Christianity. It seems that Ninian visited Rome in his youth, where he received training in the faith. He was consecrated bishop in the year 394 and returned to Britain, setting up a community of monks in Galloway at Whithorn, from where they went out on missionary journeys among the southern Picts, as far as Perth and Stirling. His monastic base was called 'Candida Casa' – the White House – a sign and a landmark for miles around. Ninian died in about the year 432.

### **St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21 September)**

Matthew was a tax collector, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus, for whom he left everything and turned to a new life. His Gospel was written in Hebrew originally, for Jewish Christians. Tradition tells that he preached in the East and was martyred there.

### **St Finnbar of Caithness, Bishop (25 September)**

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 sixth-century churchman Vinniau, who corresponded with the Welsh scholar Gildas and who is the probable author of a spiritual work called a 'Penitentiary'. As Gildas, who lived in the sixth century, originally came from one of the British kingdoms in the north, possibly Strathclyde, his correspondent may well have been this obscure Scottish Finnbar.

### **St Michael and All Angels (29 September)**

A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael the Archangel on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. The 29<sup>th</sup> of September is now kept in honour of Michael and the two other named biblical angels, Gabriel and Raphael, as well as those whose names are unknown. Michael means 'who is like God?', and he has traditionally been regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly in the hour of death. Gabriel means 'strength of God' and he announced the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary. Raphael means 'the healing of God', and he is depicted in the apocryphal Book of Tobit as the one who restored sight to Tobit's eyes.

## A Sermon preached by the Rector on Sunday, 29 July, 2018

*"When [the crowd had finished eating, Jesus] told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.'" John 6: 12*

In John's Gospel, Our Lord's miracles are called "signs". They were indicators of what God was doing. What does this sign tell us? God came into the world in Christ to gather up the fragments. He calls His Church to do the same: to gather up the broken ones, those of no account to anyone but God, all the citizens of the heavenly City littered about in exile, yearning for their true home with God in His Kingdom.

The first Christians had a very strong sense of mankind's need to be gathered up into the heavenly City. They were a small community scattered widely, in real danger, very much aware of their need for God's salvation in Christ. Today in these evil and wicked times I fear that we are not as alert as we should be to the dangers we face and our very real need for God to come and gather us up. Not only do we need to be saved for God's kingdom, but we also need to be saved from the world. The Church is a community gathered up and saved by God. The first Christians knew that. Apparently, we don't. At least, our small part of the Church doesn't. I'm sure our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world are alive to the dangers that we don't see.

One of the earliest Christian texts that have come down to us from the first centuries of Christian history is called "The Didache". It includes a form of service for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Part of the Eucharistic prayer says: *"As this broken bread was scattered upon the hills, and was gathered together and made one, so let thy Church be gathered together into thy kingdom from the ends of the earth; for thine is the glory and power through Christ Jesus for ever."* In the prayer after Holy Communion, the

Christian community that used this service also prayed: *"Remember, Lord, thy Church, to deliver her from all evil and to make her perfect in thy love, and to gather from the four winds her that is sanctified into thy kingdom which thou didst prepare for her; for thine is the power and the glory for ever. Let grace come, and let this world pass away."*

God is the God who gathers up a fragmented world into one community and family in His Son Jesus Christ. This is evident not just in the Sacrament that is consumed, in the broken Bread and out-poured Cup that members of the Church share at the Eucharist. It is also evident in the gathering of the Christian Community itself. Our gathering is one of the ways in which the Church reveals itself as one of God's signs to the world, something sacramental, something outward that shows His presence and activity.

In fact, technically speaking, the first part of the Liturgy is called "The Synaxis", which means "the gathering". The very fact that we assemble, whether in large groups or in small ones, is a sign to God, to us and to the world that the People God has called are gathered together here to be with Him. It is a great privilege. Together we are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and members of Christ's Body on earth. It is also a great responsibility. We are here for all those who are not here, to exercise our common priesthood as Christians on their behalf, to bring their needs, their hopes, their pain, to the One who loves them as much as He loves us. And we go forth from this place spiritually refreshed and equipped to continue God's task of gathering up the rest of the fragments that remain, until none are left and all are gathered up into the Kingdom of Heaven.

## FOOD CUPBOARD MINISTRY

Our Sunday Afternoon Drop In is still seeing about 70 people each week who come for a small bag of groceries and a sharing in the available refreshments and fellowship.

Thanks to generous donations from local stores of fresh items nearing their “use by date” our visitors have been able to take away bread, rolls, fresh vegetables, and fruit among other things. These extra items are always well received and we are grateful to those who bring them in.

We are also grateful to the customers of Morrison’s and Asda, Myrekirk for their continuing donations in the trolleys provided in the respective supermarkets.

We rely on the generosity of those who give their time, talents, money or donations of foodstuffs to continue to run our Food Cupboard Ministry and are grateful for each one who supports us in any way.

We still need plastic carrier bags if you have any spare ones at home.

*Katie Clapson, Vestry Sec.*

### MAXWELL CENTRE DOORS

A few months ago the Maxwell Centre approached the Rector and Vestry asking whether they might support a local arts project by allowing the Lower Hall doors to be painted with a mural. But what design?

It was suggested by the Rector that something recalling the original use of the Hall as the first neighbourhood school might be appropriate. Agreement was reached, permission was given, and a start has been made.

A photo of two schoolgirls is being reproduced, standing at the doors waiting to go in. The painting is not yet finished.

## W5: Who, What, When, Where, Why

A recent counting up of the change in our “Coke bottles” revealed that we had raised £47.00! Thank you for your contributions. “Many a mickle makes a muckle”.

Or does it?

The words “mickle” and “muckle” are actually the same word used in days of yore in Scotland and northern England. The Old English “micel” is Germanic in origin, from the same root word as the Greek “megalos”, meaning “big”, “many”, or “much”.

In addition to the proverb, you may have come across the word “mickle” in the Old English lullaby often sung at Christmas time: “There was mickle melody at that Childes Birth./ Though the Songsters were Heavenly,/ They made a mickle mirthe”. If the word “mickle” really meant “a small amount”, this wouldn’t make sense!

In fact, the Old Scots word “pickle” meant “a little”. Rabbie Burns used it. The authentic Scots quotation is therefore thought to have been “many a pickle makes a muckle (mickle)”.

The original proverb meaning that many a little adds up to a large amount was misquoted (and recorded by George Washington in 1793) as “many a mickle makes a muckle”. While mickle and muckle are, by origin, merely variants of the same (now dialect) word meaning “a large amount”, the misquotation reflects a misunderstanding that was already widespread in the eighteenth century: that mickle means “a small amount”, and muckle means the opposite, “a large amount”. And so it has come down to us.

But don’t dare to correct your Granny when she next uses the old misquoted proverb!

## Kalendar

Sun., 2 Sept.: Trinity 14: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 4 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 5 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sat., 8 Sept.: Birth of Our Lady:

Mass at 11 AM

Sun., 9 Sept.: Trinity 15: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 11 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 12 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Fri., 14 Sept.: HOLY CROSS:

Mass at 7 PM

Sun., 16 Sept.: St. Ninian of Whithorn:

Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 18 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 19 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Fri., 21 Sept.: St. Matthew: Mass at 7 PM

Sun., 23 Sept.: Trinity 17: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 25 Sept.: St. Finnbar of Caithness:

Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 26 Sept.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sat., 29 Sept.: MICHAELMAS:

Mass at 11 AM

Sun., 30 Sept.: Trinity 18: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 2 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 3 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 7 Oct.: Trinity 19: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 9 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 10 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 14 Oct.: Trinity 20: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 16 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 17 Oct.: St. Ignatius of Antioch:

Mass at 10 AM

Thurs., 18 Oct.: St. Luke: Mass at 7 PM

Sun., 21 Oct.: Trinity 21: Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 23 Oct.: St. James of Jerusalem:

Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 24 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

Sun., 28 Oct.: SS. Simon & Jude (Trinity 22): Masses at 9AM & 11AM; EP at 5 PM

Tues., 30 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 7 PM

Wed., 31 Oct.: Feria: Mass at 10 AM

## THANKS

A word of thanks should be extended to all those who take part in our services week by week.

To our MC, Cantor, Organist, Servers, Thurifers, and Readers: we appreciate your ministry among us and are grateful for your contribution to our worship.

We must also thank those who provide a ministry of welcome and hospitality for our church family as well as those who work unseen to keep our church as clean as possible.

If there is anyone who would like to join the welcoming, hospitality or cleaning teams please let The Rector or Katie know.

Parish Lunch: Sunday, 23 September after the 11 AM Mass in the Lower Hall. Everyone invited!

At the Family Fun Day in the park on Saturday, 30 June, our stall raised nearly £200. Many thanks to our helpers—not least Katie, who propped up our tent roof after the pegs failed and nearly blew across the park!

**HOLY CROSS DAY:  
FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER.  
PROCESSION AND SUNG  
MASS AT 7 PM.**

Many thanks to Andrew Caie, who continues to refresh the church interior with painting and decoration. What a difference!

The deadline for the next issue of 'Crucis' is Sunday, 23 September. Please send any material to the Editor (the Rector) by that day. Thank you!

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