



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

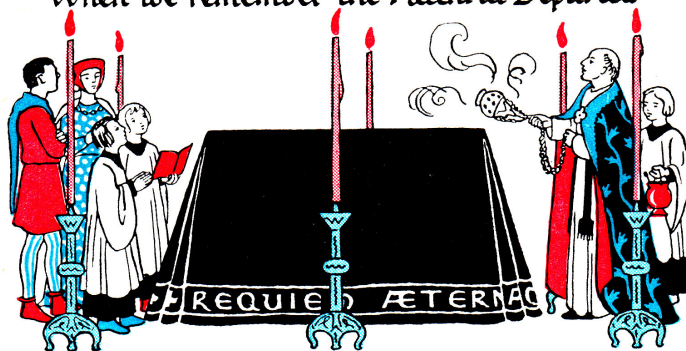
Message from Fr David

It almost seems too soon to be arriving at this turning of the year as we approach the clocks going back, All Saints, All Souls, and Remembrance. This season seems, perhaps more than any other, a season for reflection.

All Saints' Day has been marked in the Church's calendar since at least the sixth century. In the New Testament the term *saints*, or the *elect*, includes all who believe in Jesus Christ, whether departed or living on earth. The later Church reserved the word 'saints' for those whose lives on earth had been marked by a special degree of holiness, and whose prayers could therefore be asked for by the faithful on earth, given that these saints were fully in the presence of God and in a good place to intercede for us. Another day, All Souls, was appointed for the commemoration of those who had not, as it were, qualified for immediate entry to the heavenly places and who were, therefore, still in need of *our* intercession.

The Prayer Book, following the New Testament, makes no such distinction. All who 'depart hence in the Lord ... are in joy and felicity', as a prayer from the Service for the Burial of the Dead puts it. Their sins are covered by Christ's atonement. God himself has wiped away all tears from their eyes (Revelation 21:4). So, we rejoice with them. Across the great divide of death, we greet them in Christ's name. The nearer we draw to him, the nearer we draw to them, and we shall all be in good keeping. We look back at all that was noble in their lives and pray that we may follow their good example. We also look forward to that day of 'unspeakable joys' (Collect for All Saints' Day) when our fellowship and communion with them, now hindered by the limitations of body, time

2nd ALL SOULS' DAY When we remember the Faithful Departed



and space, will be perfected and we are all fully united in the presence of God.

And so, we grieve for those whom we have loved and lost as well as giving thanks for all that they gave to us and to the world. We also rest, assured of our shared eternal destiny. As our late Queen said in her address given in the time of pandemic, echoing the poignant wartime words of Dame Vera Lynn, 'We will meet again.'

Oremus pro invicem! Let us pray for one another!

Fr David

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Services in November

Wed 2	All Souls	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 6	Trinity 21	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 9	George Hay Forbes	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 13	Remembrance Sunday (Trinity 22)	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 16	St Margaret	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 20	Christ the King	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 23	St Clement	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 27	Advent Sunday	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 30	St Andrew	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.

Live music at St Salvador's

Many thanks to Sarah Nail who played the cello beautifully at Mass on Sunday, 9th October. We look forward to her joining us again in future.

Prayer for All Souls

O Eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: We beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that we, following the good example of those who have served thee here and are at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John Wordsworth

Saints' and Special Days for November

Wednesday, 2 November – All Souls

The Anglican–Roman Catholic International Commission explains the thinking underlying today's commemoration as: 'The believer's pilgrimage of faith is lived out with the mutual support of all the people of God. In Christ all the faithful, both living & departed, are bound together in a communion of prayer.'

Wed., 9 Nov. – George

Hay Forbes, Priest

Brother of Alexander Penrose Forbes, and crippled throughout his life, George Hay Forbes developed an early interest in liturgy and championed the cause of the Scottish Liturgy against those of a generally more Protestant perspective who wished to foster conformity with England by the use of the English Book of Common Prayer. He was ordained in 1848 and in that year began a mission in Burntisland, where he worked as a devoted priest for the rest of his life. He set up his own printing press, on which he issued a new Prayer Book in 1850, which met with vigorous opposition. He edited many patristic and liturgical works with meticulous accuracy. A man of deep piety, he died in 1875.

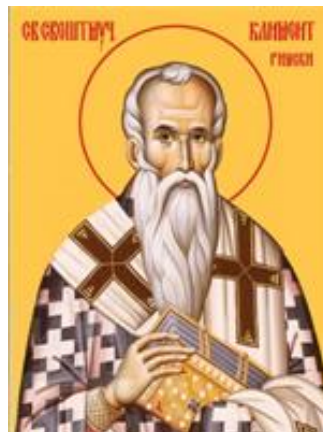


Wednesday, 16 November – Saint Margaret of Scotland, Queen

Born in the year 1046, St Margaret was the daughter of the Anglo-Saxon royal house of England but educated in Hungary, where her family lived in exile during the reign of the Danish kings in England. After the Norman invasion

in 1066, when her royal person was still a threat to the new regime, she was welcomed in the royal court of Malcolm III of Scotland and soon afterwards married him in 1069. Theirs was a happy and fruitful union and Margaret proved to be both a civilising and a holy presence. She instituted many church reforms and founded many monasteries, churches and pilgrim hostels. She was a woman of prayer as well as good works who seemed to influence for good all with whom she came into contact. She died on this day in the year 1093.

Wed., 23 Nov. – St Clement of Rome, Bp & M.



St Clement was active as a presbyter in the Church in Rome towards the end of the first century and was reputed to have been a disciple of the apostles. He wrote an epistle to the Corinthians that witnessed to ministry in the Church. He was put to death by being thrown into the sea with an anchor tied to his neck.

S. ANDREW

Patron of Scotland



Wed., 30 Nov. – St Andrew, Ap., Patron of Scotland

Although St Andrew is named among the apostles in the synoptic gospels, it is in St John's gospel that most is learned about him. St Andrew was a Galilean fisherman, a follower of John the Baptist when Jesus called him to follow Him. He then went to find his brother Simon Peter and brought him to Jesus. St Andrew became one of the inner circle of disciples that included his brother and the other pair of brothers, James and John. Together they witnessed all the major events of our Lord's ministry. After Pentecost, tradition has St Andrew travelling on several missionary journeys and eventually being martyred by being crucified on an X-shaped cross. He became patron saint of Scotland because of a legend that his relics had been miraculously brought here in the eighth century.