



Crucis



The Magazine of St Salvador's Scottish Episcopal Church

St Salvador Street, Dundee DD3 7EW E-mail: saintsalmadors@gmail.com Web: www.stsalvadors.com

February 2023

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,

Happy New Year! I am required by Canon Law to submit annual statistics to the Diocese around the time of Advent. The Annual statistical return to the Diocese for this last year shows that, since the year before, the number of people belonging to St Salvador's has grown. The number of communicants has also grown. The number of celebrations of Mass has almost tripled! The number of communicants in Eastertide more than doubled! The number of people attending church on the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday Next Before Advent) almost doubled! The number of communions made throughout the year more than doubled! Take heart, dear brothers and sisters. Thanks to you, we are a growing congregation!

On Thursday 2nd February at 7.00 p.m. we will celebrate, as the Prayer Book calls it, 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary', and in the Eastern Orthodox Churches, where the Feast began, it was called 'The Meeting'. Probably its most common name, though, is 'Candlemas'. The choir, Cantabile, from the High School of Dundee, will be with us and will sing William Byrd's *Ave Verum Corpus*.

Refreshments will be available in the Hall after Mass. All are welcome!

Bless you all!

Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another!

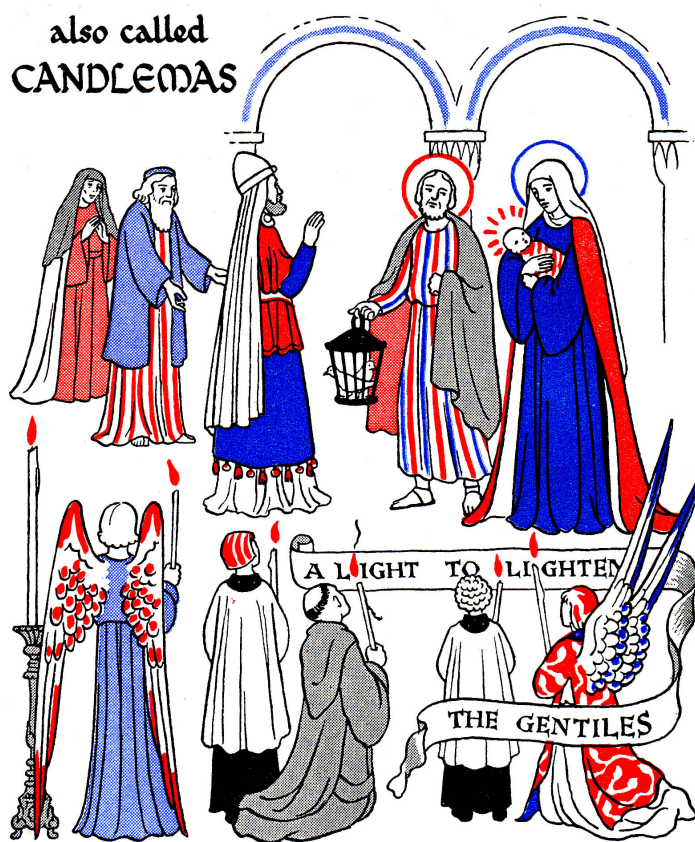
Fr David

Tel: 07311 070277 david.gordon@brechin.anglican.org

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
or the**

PURIFICATION B.V.M

also called
CANDLEMAS



Services in February

Wed	1	Bride of Kildare	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Thu	2	Candlemas	High Mass	7.00 p.m.
Sun	5	Epiphany V (Septuagesima)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	8	Martyrs of Japan (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	12	Epiphany VI (Sexagesima)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	15	Thomas Bray	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	19	Sunday before Lent (Quinquagesima)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	22	Ash Wednesday	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	26	Lent I	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst take upon thee the form of a servant, humbling thyself and accepting death for us, even the death of the cross: Grant that this mind may be also in us; so that we may gladly take upon ourselves the life of humility and service, and taking up our cross daily may follow thee in thy suffering and death, that with thee we may attain unto the power of thy endless life. Grant this, O Christ our Saviour and our King.

Harold Anson

Saints' and Special Days for February



Wednesday, 1 February – St Bride (Bridget or Bridie) of Kildare, Abbess

Bride (also known as Bridget) was a contemporary of St Patrick who founded a religious community at Kildare in Ireland in the fifth century. Although there is little historically accurate information about her life, her influence on the Church of her day and the lingering affection for her among the Gaels of Ireland and western Scotland are testimonies to her leadership, holiness and spiritual power. Bride is thought to have died at about the year 525, and is regarded as a second patron saint of Ireland.

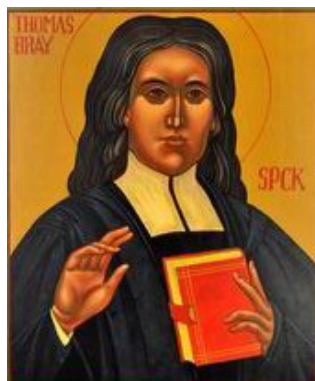
Thursday, 2 February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

This day marks the completion of forty days since the birth of Jesus, when Mary and Joseph took the Infant to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving for the firstborn son and to meet the requirements of the Law for Mary's purification after childbirth. The Holy Child is acclaimed by Simeon as 'the light to lighten the Gentiles'. The image of Christ as the Light has led to the celebration of light countering darkness, with candles often taking a central place in the observance of this festival.



Mon., 6 Feb. – St Paul Miki & Martyrs of Japan

Almost 50 years after St Francis Xavier had arrived in Japan as its first Christian apostle, the presence of several thousand baptised Christians in the land became a subject of suspicion to its ruler, Hideyoshi. He initiated a persecution that continued for over 35 years, beginning with 26 men and women, including ordained, religious and lay people, consisting of Europeans, Japanese and a Korean. They were mutilated then crucified at Nagasaki in 1597. Among these first Japanese martyrs was a young Jesuit priest, Paul Miki.



Wed., 15 Feb. – Thomas Bray, Priest & Missionary

Born Shropshire in 1656, educated at Oxford and ordained, Chosen by the Bishop of London to help organise the church in Maryland. Owing to an extended delay in his departure due to legal complications, he organised a system of free parish libraries, initially for use in the American colonies, but later in England. This led him to found the SPCK in 1698. Arriving in Maryland in 1699, he realised the work could be promoted better from England. On his return, he founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG). These two societies have been crucial to Anglican educational & missionary work worldwide for 300 years. Died this day in 1730.

Ash Wednesday, 22 February, the 1st day of Lent, occurring 6½ weeks before Easter (between 4th Feb. & 11th Mar., depending on the date of Easter). It is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God, marking the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.