



# 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.*

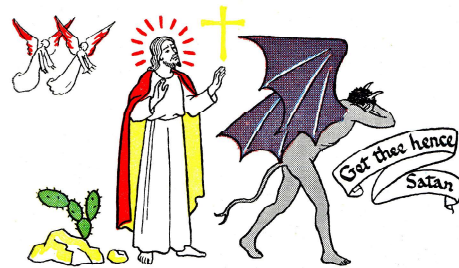
Galatians 6:14

### Message from Fr David

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our celebration of High Mass for Candlemas on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February was a solemn, yet joyful, occasion, and it was lovely to have the *Cantabile* choir from the High School of Dundee (and their families) join us. Their singing of *Ave Verum Corpus* by William Byrd was a lovely accompaniment to the reception of Holy Communion, and their singing of the Merbecke setting of the Mass just lifted the whole Liturgy.

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### Services in March

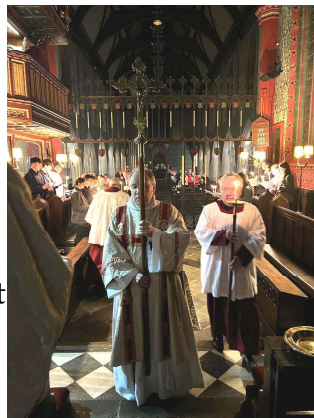
Wed 1	St David	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 5	Lent II	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 8	Feria	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 12	Lent III	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 15	St Patrick (ant)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 19	Lent IV (Mothering Sunday)	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 22	Feria	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 26	Passion Sunday	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 29	Patrick Forbes & the Aberdeen Doctors (tr)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.

### Prayer for the First Sunday in Lent

*Blessed Lord, who wast tempted in all things like as we are, have mercy upon our frailty. Out of weakness give us strength; grant to us thy fear, that we may fear thee only; support us in time of temptation; embolden us in time of danger; help us to do thy work with good courage, and to continue thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end.*

B. F. Westcott

*This is the moment just before the procession with blessed candles began.*



With the Seasons of Christmas, Epiphanytide, and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas), behind us, we have now begun our Lenten journey.

Now, we accompany, spiritually, Our Lord in his temptation in the wilderness, and in his journey to Calvary, through prayer, penitence, and self-denial.

Jesus, after his baptism, goes into the desert to prepare for his mission and is tempted there. Now we, who are baptised, enter into Lent on our journey to the Cross, and we are also tempted.

There is discipline involved in keeping a good Lent. Yes, disciplining our desires and appetites; keeping faithful in prayer. But, like Christ in his temptations in the desert, above all, we are also called to choose the path of humility, love, and persuasion, rather than the path of power, control, and manipulation.

Bless you all!

*Oremus pro invicem* – let us pray for one another!

Fr David

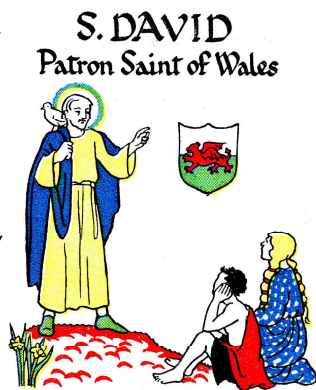
### Spring forward

Remember clocks go forward one hour at 1.00 a.m. on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, beginning British Summer Time.

## Saints' and Special Days for March

**Wed., 1 March – St David, Bp, Patron of Wales**

David, or Dewi, was a monk and a bishop in the sixth century. He was reputed to be an exemplar of the ascetic, spiritual life but was also highly regarded for his kindness and compassion to others, particularly the poor and the sick. He is believed to have founded the monastery at Menevia, now St David's, and also at least a dozen other monasteries. He is said to have based his Rule for his monasteries on the austere regime of the Egyptian desert monks. He died in about the year 601 and has been regarded as the patron saint of Wales since at least the twelfth century.



Two princesses ask him about Christianity



17<sup>th</sup>  
**S. PATRICK**  
Patron Saint  
of  
Ireland

**Fri., 17 March – St Patrick, Bp, Patron of Ireland**

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.



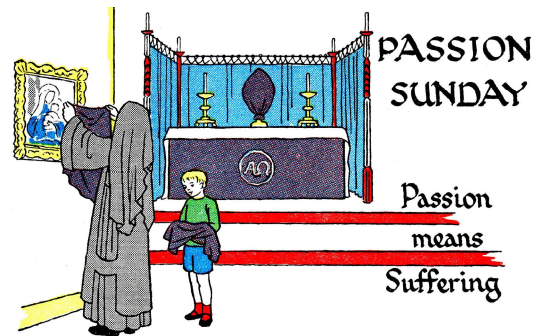
**Mothering  
or Refreshment  
Sunday**

**19 March – Mothering Sunday (Lætare Sunday)**

Mothering Sunday is a day honouring mother churches, the church where one is baptised and becomes 'a child of the church', celebrated since the Middle Ages in the United Kingdom, Ireland and some Commonwealth countries on the fourth Sunday in Lent. On Mothering Sunday, Christians have

historically visited their mother church – the church in which they received the sacrament of baptism. Lætare Sunday gets its name from the first few words (*incipit*) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. *Lætare Jerusalem* ('Rejoice, O Jerusalem') is Latin from Isaiah 66:10. This Sunday is currently also known as Refreshment Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday (in French *mi-carême*) and Rose Sunday (either because the golden rose sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns used to be blessed at this time, or because the use of rose-coloured rather than violet vestments was permitted on this day).

Wikipedia



**26 March – Passion Sunday**

Passion Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent, marking the beginning of Passiontide. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed Passiontide from the liturgical year of the Novus Ordo, but it is still observed in the Extraordinary Form, the Personal Ordinariates, the Anglican Communion, and by Lutherans. In Scotland, the day is known as Care Sunday.

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**Tue., 28 Mar. – Patrick Forbes & the Aberdeen Doctors**

Patrick Forbes was Bishop of Aberdeen from 1618 to his death in 1635, a time of upheaval for the Church in Scotland, with Presbyterians and Episcopalians, radicals

and conservatives, contending

to set the future course of the national Church. Bishop Forbes was noted for his kindness and godliness. As Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen, and through his work there, his name is associated with several colleagues who have come to be called 'the Aberdeen Doctors', and included among them John Forbes, Professor of Divinity in King's College and second son of the Bishop. They encouraged sound learning and personal holiness, and in those partisan times advocated harmony, tolerance and mutual understanding. They opposed the National Covenant, which abolished episcopacy in Scotland. For refusing to subscribe to it, John Forbes was deprived of his professorship in 1639 and went into exile.