



# 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 June 2023

## Message from Fr Gary

Dear Friends in Christ,

'The glory of God is man fully alive, but the life of man is the vision of God'

- St Irenaeus

Trinity Sunday is known as the preachers' nightmare, describing the triune nature of God using analogies of steam, liquid, and ice, or three-leafed shamrocks; or even the Sun creating heat and light – all of which can lead very quickly to heresy and error.

For those who haven't met me yet, I'm Fr Gary. The Curate here at St Salvador's. I've been on a vocational journey for over a decade, discerning my calling to the sacred priesthood, taking me from my familial Church of Scotland roots via conservative evangelicalism, to synagogue attendance, and finally to my home as a 'high church' Episcopalian. Through 15 interviews, a bishops' advisory panel, seminary, and curacy, it has been a fascinating journey of selfdiscovery and reflection. But the Christian journey isn't the possession of the Clergy alone, it is the calling of God to all his children - to be transformed gradually into the image and likeness of God himself as we emulate the incarnate Christ.

As Christians, we believe that God so loved the world that he chose to become one of us so that we can become like him (St Athanasius). It is through the



incarnation of Jesus that we see what it means to be a person 'fully alive' and to shine with the Glory of God. A person of peace, sacrifice, love, and strength.

This Trinity Sunday, I wish you all the blessings of heaven as you discover your own vocational journey – analogies of water, foliage, and sunlight have their place, but if you truly want to know God, look to the perfect exemplar – Jesus Christ – strive every day to be more like him. Be as John the Baptist and allow, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to let God increase in your life, for we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Bless you, all!

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

Fr Gary

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#### **Prayer for Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed thyself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and dost ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love: Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith, and, living in praise of thy divine majesty, may finally be one in thee; who art three persons in one God, world without end.

Church of South India

#### Services in June

Sun	4	Trinity Sunday	Pontifical High Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	7	Corpus Christi (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	11	Trinity I	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	14	St Columba (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	18	Trinity II	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	21	John the Baptist (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	25	Trinity III	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	28	SS Peter and Paul (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

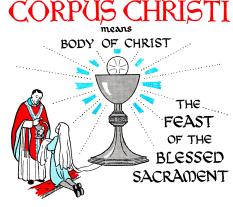
# Saints' and Special Days for June Sunday, 4th June – Trinity Sunday

In the early Church, no special Office or day was assigned for the Holy Trinity. When the Arian heresy was spreading, the Fathers prepared an Office with canticles, responses, a Preface, and hymns, to be recited on Sundays. In the Sacramentary of Gregory the Great there are prayers and the Preface of the Trinity. During the Middle Ages, especially during the Carolingian period, devotion to the Blessed Trinity was a highly important feature of private devotion and inspired several liturgical expressions. Sundays are traditionally dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

Wikipedia

### Thursday, 8th June - Corpus Christi

The Feast of
Corpus Christi
(Dies Sanctissimi
Corporis et
Sanguinis Domini
Iesu Christi,
lit. 'Day of the
Most Holy Body
and Blood of
Jesus Christ the
Lord'), also



known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Christian liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the elements of the Eucharist; it is observed by the Latin Church, in addition to certain Western Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches.

# Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June – St Columba of Iona, Abbot Born of the royal house of Ulster in Donegal in about building Iona Monastery

Ulster in Donegal in about the year 521, Colum, whose name means 'dove', had such a devotion to God as a child that he was nicknamed 'Columcille' – dove of the Church. He was trained as a monk and then founded several



monasteries himself, including probably that of Kells, before leaving Ireland to settle on Iona, off the coast of Scotland. He was accompanied by 12 companions and the number grew as the monastic life became more established and well-known. Columba seems to have been an austere and, at times, harsh man who reputedly mellowed with age. He was concerned with building up both the monastery and its life and of enabling them to be instruments of mission in a heathen land. He converted kings and built churches, Iona becoming a base for the expansion of Christianity throughout Scotland, and its influence endured for a number of centuries even into northern England. In the last four years of his life, Columba spent his time transcribing books of the gospels. He died in 597.

# Nativity (Birth) of S. JOHN the BAPTIST



Sat., 24<sup>th</sup> June – The Birth of St John the Baptist We celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist, the man specially chosen by God to be the herald of the Saviour and to prepare the people for His coming.



Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June – Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles St Peter and St Paul have been remembered jointly on this day since the very early days of the Church, it being regarded as the anniversary of their martyrdom in Rome in about the year 64.