



# 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

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## Message from Fr Gary

Dear Friends in Christ,

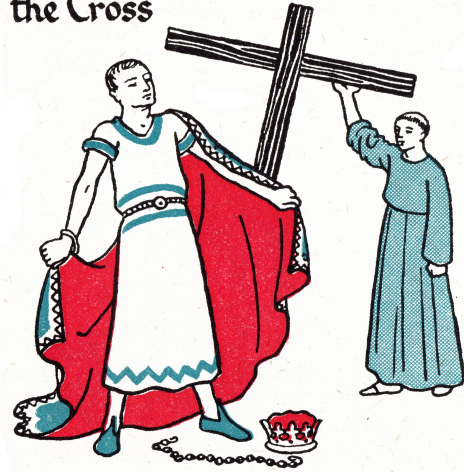
I write this on the Feast of St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, the great saint and theologian of the Western Church.

Augustine is a particular favourite of mine, no less for his 'confessions' describing his journey from 'worldliness' (he was quite 'the lad' when young ☺) to his search for life's meaning (flirting with Manicheism, not dissimilar to the philosophy of Star Wars, with its fight between light and dark forces), and finally finding his true purpose within the church.

St Augustine uses his faith journey to explain Christianity as a process in his outstanding literary work, 'The City of God' – an analogy that we too may use to make sense of our place in the universe.

I was in St Salvador's just yesterday, showing a young couple around our beautiful church, and used the symbolism of the church to take them on St Augustine's journey from the *civitas terrena* (the Earthly City) and moving towards the City of God. As we walked on our short pilgrimage, we stopped first at the font, where sins are forgiven and life is born anew, progressing to the 'nave' with its pews of oar-benches and boat-like rafters representing Noah's Ark and the salvific nature of our faith, saving people from the torrential rains and storms of the world. We continued Eastwards to the statue of Our Lady and the entrance of the choir with its ornate, though not pearly, gates – soaking in the depictions of Celtic and Scottish saints, pausing to reflect on their lives and witness, pointing the way so we, like them,

**HOLY CROSS Day**  
Emperor Heraclius taking off his robes before carrying the Cross



can be transformed into the likeness and nature of Christ himself. We arrived at the altar, surrounded by Apostles and biblical scenes, and the image of Christ crucified – in front of which we celebrate the Eucharist, through which we are sustained by Christ's Body and Blood truly present within the sacrament.

I encourage you, sisters and brothers, if you have time to read some of St Augustine's great works of literature, to contemplate your own journey and place within God's providential plan and be encouraged that you are on the most exciting adventure that this world of ours has to offer – the journey of faith, as we come to know and are transformed by Jesus and his church, and as we progress on our earthly pilgrimage toward the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem.

May God richly bless you.

Fr Gary

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## Prayer for our Patronal Festival (Holy Cross)

*God of our fathers, who of old didst move thy servants in this place to build an house of prayer for the offering of eternal praises to thy glorious majesty: Grant to us, and to all who herein call upon thy holy name from age to age, that, by the offering of our lives and the praises of our lips, we may ever seek the increase of thy glory and thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

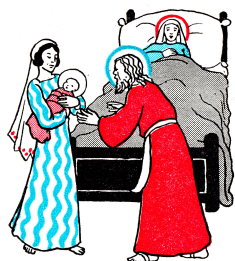
Winchester Cathedral

## Services in September

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| Sun 3  | Trinity XIII          | Sung Mass | 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 6  | Nativity of BVM (ant) | Low Mass  | 10.00 a.m. |
| Sun 10 | Trinity XIV           | Sung Mass | 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 13 | St Cyprian            | Low Mass  | 10.00 a.m. |
| Sun 17 | Holy Cross (tr)       | High Mass | 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 20 | St Matthew (ant)      | Low Mass  | 10.00 a.m. |
| Sun 24 | Trinity XVI           | Sung Mass | 11.00 a.m. |
| Wed 27 | St Michael (ant)      | Low Mass  | 10.00 a.m. |

## Saints' and Special Days for September

### NATIVITY B.V.M. Mary's Birthday



**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. – The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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.

### Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. – St Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr

Born in Carthage in about the year 200, Cyprian was a teacher of rhetoric and a lawyer in the city before his conversion to Christianity. He gave away his pagan library and set his mind to study the Scriptures and the commentaries that were beginning to proliferate. He became a priest and then, in the year 248, was elected Bishop of Carthage. As a bishop, and at a time of fierce persecution, he showed compassion to returning apostates and encouraged his people by word and example. During the persecution of Valerian, Cyprian was first exiled and then condemned to death in 258.



### Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September – Holy Cross Day

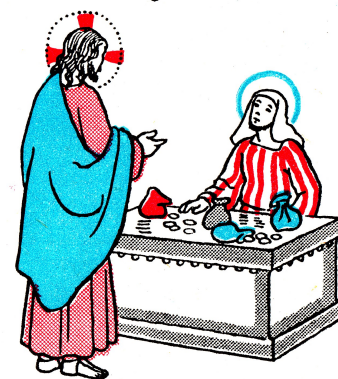
The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal sign of Christianity, replacing the fish

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.

### Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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.

### S. MATTHEW called by Our Lord



### 29<sup>th</sup> MICHAELMAS

Michael & his angels fought against the Dragon



### Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. – St Michael and All Angels

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.

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