



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.

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Galatians 6:14

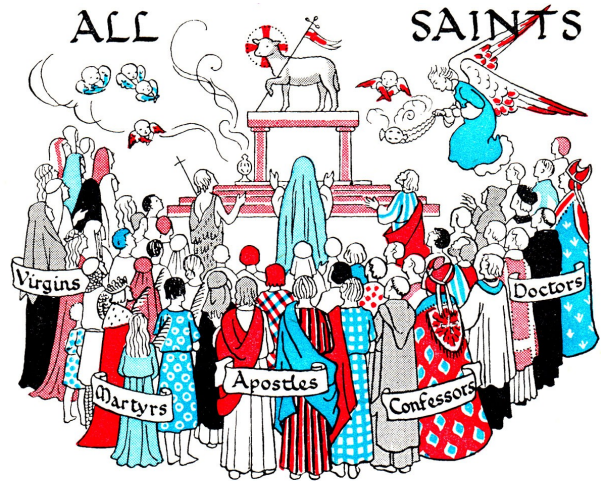
Message from Fr David

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write this on the Feast of St James of Jerusalem who served as the first bishop of Jerusalem. He has been known by many epithets: James the Just, James the Righteous, James Adelphotheos (brother of God), and the Brother of Our Lord. We do not know his precise relationship to Jesus, only that he was a kinsman. St Paul tells us that Jesus appeared specially to James after the Resurrection and that he was one of the three pillars of the Church in Jerusalem, along with Peter and John.

In Acts chapter 15 we are told that the apostles gathered at the Council of Jerusalem to decide on the divisive issue of whether Gentile converts to Christianity had to become Jews first. Having listened to Peter and Paul's evidence, James said: 'My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favourably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. Therefore, I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood.'

In other words, Gentiles who want to be baptised need not become Jews and be circumcised (as all male Jews were), but they should refrain from sexual immorality, avoid food sacrificed to idols, and eat Kosher meat (drained of blood). Notice that James says (after hearing all petitions), 'I have reached the decision.' He's clearly the boss, even over Peter and Paul. And what he suggests allows Jewish and Gentile Christians to share table fellowship – to eat together. This is a huge advancement in the Church's mission and the development of what communion and fellowship means. So, it is very strange that St James of Jerusalem has become 'James, the Less', a kind of footnote in Church history.



One of the oldest complete forms of the Eastern liturgy is attributed to him and is known as The Liturgy of Saint James. It draws from the ancient rites of the Church in Jerusalem. One of its Cherubic Hymns, chanted during the Eucharist, made its way into the Western Church as the great Eucharistic hymn, *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* – an awesome meditation on what is happening in the Eucharistic celebration.

The Liturgy of St James influenced the Scottish Liturgy of 1764, which Samuel Seabury took back to America after he was consecrated in Aberdeen in 1784 by three Scottish Bishops as the first Bishop of America. It is, mostly, the Liturgy we use each Sunday in St Salvador's. So, as a Christian community, we have a most ancient heritage. Therefore, with pride, we give thanks for the life, work, and witness of St James. We pray that we may be inspired by his faith and courage.

May he, who brought Jew and Gentile together at table, intercede before God to bring peace to both Israeli and Palestinian.

Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another!
With Every Blessing,

Fr David

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Prayer for All Saints Day

O Almighty God, who hast called us to faith in thee, and hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good examples of thy Saints, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length through thy mercy we, with them, attain to thine eternal joy; through him who is the author and finisher of our faith, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. American Prayer Book

Services in November

Wed 1	All Saints Day	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Thu 2	All Souls	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 5	Trinity XXII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 8	George Hay Forbes (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 12	Remembrance Sunday (Trinity XXIII)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 15	St Margaret of Scotland (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 19	Trinity XXIV	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 22	St Cecilia	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 26	Christ the King	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 29	St Andrew (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

Saints' and Special Days for November

Wednesday, 1 November – All Saints Day

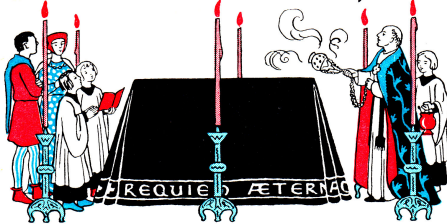
Celebrating the feast of All Saints began in the 4th c. First observed on the day after the feast of Pentecost, the foundation of the Church, commemorating those who had given their lives as witnesses to the Faith. In the 8th century, a chapel was dedicated to All Saints in Rome on this day, and, within a century, 1 November had become the generally used date for this festival.

Thursday, 2 Nov. – All Souls

The thinking underlying today's commemoration is explained by the Anglican-RC

International Commission 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 and departed, are bound together in a communion of prayer.'

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



Thursday, 9 Nov. – George Hay Forbes, Priest

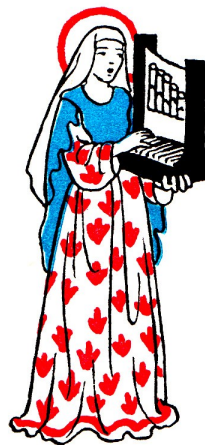
Brother of Alexander Penrose Forbes, and crippled throughout his life, George Hay Forbes developed an early interest in liturgy and championed the cause of the Scottish Liturgy against those of a generally more Protestant perspective who wished to foster conformity with England by the use of the English 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.

Thu., 16 Nov. – St Margaret of Scotland, Queen

Born in 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.

S. CECILIA Wednesday 22 Nov. – St Cecilia, Martyr Patroness of music



St Cecilia was one of the most revered martyrs of the Roman Church, but the only thing known for certain is that, at some point in the 2nd or 3rd century, when Christians were being persecuted, a woman called Cecilia bravely allowed the Church to meet in her house in Trastevere in the city. Subsequently, the church erected on that site bore her

name. Said to have been martyred on this day in about 230. St Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians.

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

It is in St John's gospel that most is learned about him. He was a Galilean fisherman, a follower of John the Baptist, when Jesus called him. He then brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. St Andrew became one of the inner circle of disciples that included his brother and the other brothers, James and John. Together they witnessed all the major events of our Lord's ministry. After Pentecost, tradition has him travelling on missionary journeys and eventually martyred on an X-shaped cross. He became patron saint of Scotland because of a legend that his relics were brought here in the 8th century.