

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,

Bishop Andrew has asked that the following message be read out to the congregation:

From Bishop Andrew:

With the departure of Fr David, you will be entering a time of vacancy. I have met with the vestry to discuss this and reassure them that the diocese will provide support.

In the short term, Fr Gary Clink has been asked to act as an Interim Rector: not a new priest in charge, but someone to support the vestry, ensure that worship is covered Sunday by Sunday and that pastoral needs can be met.

In the longer term, over the next few months, we will start a process to find a new priest to serve as your incumbent. This will involve reviewing where you are as a congregation, options for accommodation and the possible finances towards a priest and expenses of ministry. I and others in the diocese will be working with the vestry on this review and plan.

Please be assured of prayers as well as practical support in the time ahead of us: your past few years have been challenging with the pandemic, the cost of living crisis and the ongoing pressures on church, but be reassured that you are a valued Christian community with your call to be a sign of God's grace in the Hilltown.

I can only echo those words of Bishop Andrew: 'be reassured that you are a valued Christian community with your call to be a sign of God's grace in the Hilltown'.

St Salvador's is a community which 'punches above its weight' in terms of our resources versus our impact. Thank you so much for everything you offer in the service of the kingdom and for everything you have offered me over the past three years in terms of support,



friendship, and fun. I really do hope, if you can, that you will come to my Licensing Service on Thursday 1st August in St Michael and All Angels, Elie, at 7.00 p.m. If you can't manage that, then please do come and visit me in the East Neuk some time. You will be so welcome.

This Wednesday (26th June) marks the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood and the 31st of my ordination as deacon. Please may I ask for your prayers that I be faithful in my vocation as I pass this milestone.

Oremus pro invicem – let us pray for one another!

With Every Blessing,

Fr David

Prayer for Sixth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord Jesus Christ, into whose death we have been baptized: Grant, we beseech thee, that like as thou wast raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we may walk in newness of life; that having been planted in the likeness of thy death, we may be also in the likeness of thy resurrection; for the glory of thy holy name.

Henry Alford

Services in July

Wed 3	St Thomas	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 7	Trinity VI	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 10	St Benedict (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 14	Trinity VII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 17	Feria	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 21	Trinity VIII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 24	St James (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 28	Trinity IX	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 31	St Ignatius of Loyola	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

Saints' and Special Days for July

Wednesday, 3rd July – St Thomas, Apostle

Thomas the Apostle, also known as Didymus (Greek: Δίδυμος, romanized: Dídymos, meaning 'twin'), was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Thomas is commonly known as 'Doubting Thomas' because he initially doubted the resurrection of



Jesus Christ when he was told of it (as is related in the Gospel of John); he later confessed his faith ('My lord and my God') on seeing the places where the wounds had healed on the holy body of Jesus after the Crucifixion of Jesus. While it is often assumed he touched the wounds in art and poetry, the scriptures do not say that he touched the wounds, merely that Jesus invited him to do so, with it being unclear if he actually felt them.

(Wikipedia)

Thu., 11th July – St Benedict of Nursia, Abbot

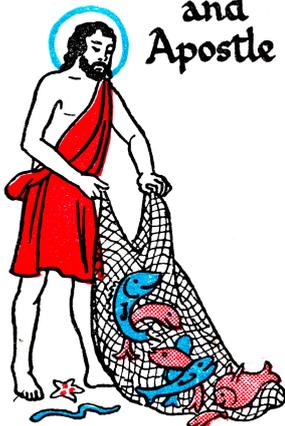


Benedict was born at Nursia in Umbria in 480. He studied in Rome, and then he turned his back on the world and lived in solitude in Subiaco. Disciples came to him, and he went to Monte Cassino, where he founded a monastery. He wrote his 'Rule', which established the spirituality and way of life of monastic communities ever since. He died in 547.

Thursday, 25th July – St James, Apostle

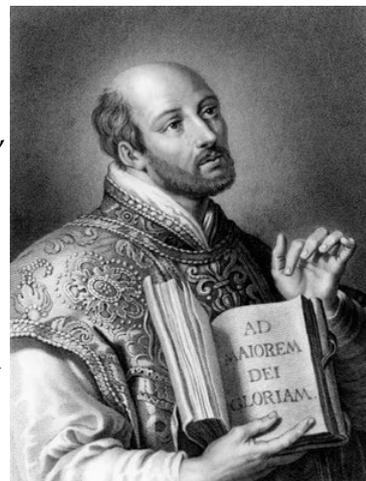
James was the brother of St John the Apostle, son of Zebedee, the fisherman. He was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and at the Transfiguration of the Lord. He was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in about the year 42 – the first of the apostolic band to be martyred. Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and, according to legend, his remains are held in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia.

S. JAMES
a fisherman
and
Apostle



Wed., 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr. & Rel.

Born in 1491 at Loyola in the north of Spain of an aristocratic family, Ignatius became a soldier, but during convalescence from a wound was converted to a deep love of Christ. He desired to become a missionary, so Ignatius studied theology in Paris. With companions, Ignatius formed the Society of Jesus, to resist the Protestant Reformation, to reform the Church from within, and to educate the young in religion. He died at Rome in 1556.



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Vestry notes

A few changes will be happening as a result of Fr David's move to East Neuk at the end of next month.

As our interim priest, Fr Gary, will still have a full-time secular job, he will not be able to celebrate Mass on Wednesdays. Therefore we shall revert mostly to a lay-led mid-week service, except when we can arrange a visiting priest to cover it.

We shall be seeking a replacement for Fr David, but as the number of active congregants has dropped dramatically since Covid, we will only be able to offer a house-for-duty arrangement, at least until we can build up the numbers again. The Bishop has advised us to sell the Rectory and buy a smaller property for that purpose, as the Rectory no longer fulfils the energy efficiency standards required.

In the meantime we are negotiating new leases with our tenants, the Maxwell Centre and Club 83, and plan to make more use of our beautiful church's excellent acoustic properties by holding musical events here on a more regular basis.

The Food Cupboard drop-in remains popular as ever, and is one of only two support services available on Sundays. We are increasing the number of volunteers, to help keep this important service going.

Plans have been made for a special 150th Anniversary of Consecration Choral Evensong service at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 14th September. The Bishop has agreed to preach, and Alan Tavener is bringing his choir.

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