

Crucis



The Magazine of St Salvador's Scottish Episcopal Church

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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 St Salvador's Parish Family,

I am delighted and deeply honoured to write to you as the new Interim Rector of St Salvador's, a parish with a rich history and vibrant community in the heart of the Hilltown in Dundee. My heart overflows with excitement and gratitude as I step into this role, and I am eager to journey with you all in faith, fellowship, and service.

St Salvador's has long been a beacon of Scottish Episcopalian tradition and spiritual depth, and I am profoundly humbled to be entrusted with its care during this interim period. This church, with its commitment to worship, outreach, and the nurturing of a loving community, stands as a testament to the enduring power of faith in action.

One of the aspects of our parish life that particularly excites me is our very busy and important Sunday Food Cupboard drop-in. In these challenging times, marked by the current cost of living crisis, the need for such a ministry has never been more critical. Our drop-in is not just a place where people receive essential supplies; it is a haven of hope and compassion for those facing hardship. The dedication and hard work of our volunteers in supporting this vital service is truly inspiring.

As we embark on this journey together, I am filled with hope and anticipation for what lies ahead. The strength of St Salvador's lies not only in our beautiful liturgy and sacred space but also in the warmth, dedication, and resilience of its people. I look forward to getting to know each one of you, hearing your stories, and learning from your experiences – please don't hesitate to call me.

I would also like to express how much of a joy it has been working with Fr David. First, as his curate, then as his assistant priest, I have learned and grown under his guidance and mentorship

and am extremely grateful for his kindness and brotherly love. As he moves on to his new parish in Fife, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for his leadership and service to our community. It is an honour to be entrusted as your Interim Rector, and I will strive to build upon the strong foundation that Fr David has laid.

In addition to our ongoing ministries, I am pleased to share that we are currently undertaking renovations of the current rectory. This project is crucial in our plans to find a more suitable residence that will help us attract a more permanent house-for-duty Rector. Ensuring that we have appropriate accommodation is essential for the long-term stability and growth of our parish. Your prayers and support during this renovation process are greatly appreciated, and I will keep you updated on the progress.

Our shared faith will be the cornerstone of our time together. I am committed to upholding the rich traditions of our Episcopal heritage while also embracing new opportunities for growth and renewal. Together, we will explore the depths of our faith through worship, deepen our spirituality through prayer, and extend our love and care to the broader community through service.

Please know that my door is always open, and I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and prayers as we navigate this interim period. Your insights and contributions will be invaluable as we work together to maintain and build upon the strong foundation of St Salvador's.

I am thrilled that the Vestry and Bishop Andrew have invited me to be your Interim Rector and to continue our walk together; I look forward to the many blessings and opportunities that await us along the way.

With every blessing,

Fr Gary Clink SSC, Interim Rector

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Prayer for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord God Almighty, who dost by thy Holy Spirit endow thy servants with manifold gifts of knowledge and skill: Grant us grace to use them always for thine honour, and for the service of men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services in August

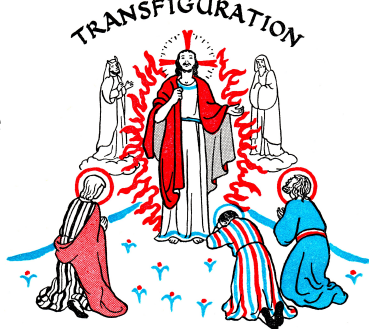
Sun 4	Trinity X	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 7	Transfiguration (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 11	Trinity XI	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 14	St Mary the Virgin (ant)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 18	Trinity XII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 21	St Bernard (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun 25	Trinity XIII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 28	St Augustine of Hippo	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

If a priest is not available, a lay-led service may replace Mass.

Saints' and Special Days for August

Tue., 6th August – Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration of Jesus reveals that salvation is for all, and that the Son of God is the One who brings that salvation. The testimony of the Law and the Prophets to Jesus are given by the presence of Moses and Elijah, and the event also pre-figures the Resurrection, giving a foretaste of the life of glory.



Thursday, 15th August – St Mary the Virgin

15th FALLING ASLEEP of the B.V.M. when Mary joined her Divine Son in Heaven



The Church customarily commemorates saints on the day of their death, and although the date and place of

the Blessed Virgin's death are unknown, for centuries today has been celebrated as her principal feast. In the East, today's feast is entitled 'The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Virgin'; in the Roman Catholic Church, reflecting its distinctive doctrinal emphasis, it is called 'The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary'. Both are equally ancient titles for this festival, when the Church celebrates the reunion of Christ with His Mother.

S. BERNARD



*dreaming on
Christmas
Eve*



Tue., 20th Aug. – St Bernard of Clairvaux, Abb. & Teacher

Bernard was born at Fontaines, near Dijon, in France in the year 1090. He entered the Benedictine abbey at Citeaux in 1112, taking with him many of his young companions, some of them his own brothers. He was a leader of the reform within

Benedictinism at this time and in 1115 was sent to establish a new monastery at a place he named 'the valley of light' – Clairvaux. Though times were hard, he built up the community with his remarkable qualities of leadership. Bernard preached widely and powerfully and proved himself a theologian of renown. Literally hundreds of houses were founded on the Citeaux or Cistercian system and Bernard's influence on his own generation and beyond was immense. He died on this day in 1153.

Wed., 28th Aug. – St Augustine of Hippo, Bp & T.

Augustine was born in North Africa in 354. His career as an orator and rhetorician led him from Carthage to Rome, and from there to Milan where the Imperial court at that time resided. By temperament, he was passionate and sensual, and as a young man he rejected Christianity. Gradually, however, under the influence of Monnica his mother, and of St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Augustine began to look afresh at the Scriptures. He was baptised by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. Not long after returning to North Africa he was ordained priest, and then became Bishop of Hippo. It is difficult to overestimate the influence of Augustine on the subsequent development of Western European thought. A huge body of his sermons and writings has been preserved, through all of which run the theme of the sovereignty of the grace of God. He died in the year 430.

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Correction: Our special 150th Anniversary of Consecration service on Saturday, 14th September will be a choral High Mass at 2.00 p.m. (Not an Evensong).