



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

Editorial

Our special service on the 150th Anniversary of Consecration last month was a great success, and the Strathclyde University Chamber Choir excelled in their support of the Mass with their rendering of Herbert Howells' beautiful setting. It reminded me of some of the significant events that St Salvador's has hosted over its century and a half, serving its local (and eclectic) community of practising Christians, catechumens & seekers.

Times have changed greatly. The days when it was taken for granted that every child would attend Sunday School, and then grow up as a member of a tight-knit extended church family have now long passed. The 'freedoms' and entertainments for which that has been exchanged, to shop, play sports, and engage in innumerable other non-church-related activities on Sundays have sadly proved poor substitutes for the deeper benefits of pursuing a God-centred existence.

But we cannot turn back the clock. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus is quoted as saying 'change is the only constant in life', and the church has to work with the changes that it experiences. That doesn't mean absorbing and reflecting secular ideology – God forbid – but simply presenting the same unchanging Gospel in such a way that it can be understood today.

It has been said that if the message of the Gospel doesn't shock you, then you haven't understood it. 'Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). How many of us can do that? If we can't, then perhaps we need to spend *more* time in church being shocked by the Gospel and learning about our own faith.

On 6th October we give thanks for the Harvest. This is a traditional feast in this country, and, for several years there has actually *been* a harvest, that is, of fruit and vegetables, on our own church land, courtesy of the MAXwell Centre. All it took was



visionary thinking and faith, careful groundwork, some thoughtful planting, and nature did the rest.

How much more might God do in St Salvador's to reap a new harvest of souls, if we each considered how we might apply those same principles to our church community, and then put them into use?

Martin Andrews (Churchwarden)

Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving

O Lord of the harvest and giver of our daily bread, we rejoice in all thy fatherly goodness; and pray that thy loving-kindness may so prevail in the hearts of thy children everywhere, that the earth may be filled with gladness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Christian Year

Services in October

Wed	2	St Gregory (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	6	Harvest Thanksgiving	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	9	Alexander Penrose Forbes (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	13	Trinity XX	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	16	St Teresa of Avila (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	20	Trinity XXI	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	23	St James of Jerusalem	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.
Sun	27	Trinity XXII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed	30	Ss Simon and Jude (tr)	Low Mass	10.00 a.m.

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

Saints' and Special Days for October

Tue., 1st Oct. – St Gregory the Enlightener, Bp & Miss.

Gregory is called 'the Enlightener' because he brought the light of the Gospel to the people of Armenia towards the end of the third century. Of royal descent, he seems to have become a Christian while in exile in Cappadocia. Returning to Armenia, he eventually converted King Tiridates to the faith, which then became the official religion of the kingdom – making Armenia the first Christian country. Gregory was consecrated Bishop (Katholikos) in Caesarea in Cappadocia, and was succeeded by his son, who attended the Council of Nicaea.

Tue., 8th Oct. – Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bp

Alexander Penrose Forbes was born in Edinburgh, the son of Lord Medwyn, a judge of the Court of Session. He served with the East India Company for three years but returned to Britain on health grounds and studied at Brasenose College, Oxford. There he was strongly influenced by the Tractarian Pusey, who, after Forbes' ordination, appointed him to St Saviour's, a slum parish in Leeds, in 1847. A few months later, aged thirty, he was elected Bishop of Brechin, a diocese of eleven parishes, one of which – in Dundee – Forbes pastored himself. He exercised a notable ministry among the poor and among the victims of a cholera epidemic. He built the present cathedral for his own congregation, and founded several new congregations in the city, including St Salvador's. His doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the eucharist led to controversy and in 1860 to a trial before his fellow bishops, at which he was supported by John Keble. His Tractarian theology had a growing influence upon the Scottish Episcopal Church for the rest of the century. His writings include doctrinal and devotional works, as well as research into the lives of the saints of Scotland. He died in 1875.



Tuesday, 15th Oct. – St Teresa of Avila, Teacher

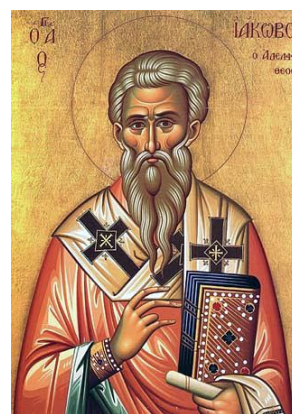
Teresa was born into an aristocratic Spanish family in 1515. Following her mother's death, she was educated by Augustinian nuns and then ran away from home to enter a Carmelite convent when she was twenty. After initial difficulties in prayer, her intense mystical experiences

S. TERESA
& her brother, who wanted to be martyrs, running away from home



attracted many disciples. She was inspired to reform the Carmelite rule and, assisted by St John of the Cross, she travelled throughout Spain founding many new religious houses for men as well as women. Her writings about her own spiritual life and progress in prayer towards union with God include 'The Way of Perfection' and 'The Interior Castle', which are still acclaimed. She knew great physical suffering and died of exhaustion on 4 October 1582. Her feast is on 15 October because the very day after her death the reformed calendar was adopted in Spain and elsewhere and eleven days were omitted from October that year.

Wed., 23rd Oct. – St James of Jerusalem, Martyr



James, 'the Lord's brother', was a leader of the Church in Jerusalem from a very early date, and is regarded as its first bishop. Though not one of the Twelve, St Paul includes James among those to whom the risen Lord appeared before the Ascension, and records that James received him cordially when he visited Jerusalem after

his conversion. James was regarded as the leader of the Jewish community when the Church expanded to embrace the Gentiles, and was successful in bringing many of his fellow Jews to faith in Christ. He presided at the Council of Jerusalem. He is thought to have been stoned to death around the year 62.

Monday, 28th October – Ss Simon and Jude, Aps

Simon and Jude were named among the twelve apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Simon is called 'the Zealot', probably because he belonged to a nationalist resistance movement opposing Roman rule. Luke describes Jude as the son of James, while the Letter of Jude has him as the brother of James, neither of which negates the other. It seems he is the same person as Thaddaeus, which may have been a last name. The two apostles are joined together on 28 October because a church which had recently acquired their relics was dedicated in Rome on this day in the seventh century.

150th Anniversary Service

If you were unable to join us for our special 150th anniversary Choral High Mass on 14th September, remember that you can now watch it on You Tube via the link on our website (address at the top of page 1).

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