



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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Editorial

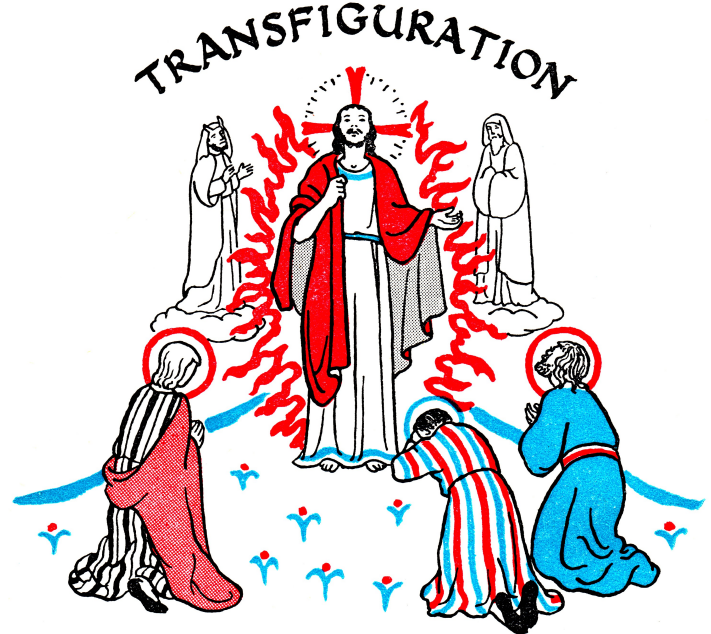
The feast of the Transfiguration (6th August) is celebrated by the church rather out of sequence from the life of Jesus as we have followed it during the first half of the year. The account in the bible happens roughly in the middle of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke), but we keep the Transfiguration some time *after* the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

There are symbolic reasons for this. Mount Tabor, which is believed to be the location of the Transfiguration had basilicas built on top of it and one of these was dedicated on 6th August. The date is also 40 days before the date of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on 14th September. A 40-day period is significant in theology, as it is also the duration of Lent. The period of time between the Transfiguration and the Exaltation is therefore a kind of summertime mirror of Lent.

During the Transfiguration Jesus conversed with Moses and Elijah. Moses, had initiated the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt and, according to Luke 9:31, the two of them spoke to Jesus about his own 'exodus', which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem; Elijah had previously been taken up bodily into heaven, which presaged Jesus' Ascension. Their reappearance was perhaps therefore to have a kind of spiritual committee meeting with Jesus to prepare for the challenging events yet to come.

How did the disciples know who they were? Perhaps they inferred the identities from what was being discussed, or maybe this was a case of direct divine revelation. Given the miraculous nature of the Transfiguration itself, this is perhaps not such a stretch of the imagination.

So, what does the Transfiguration tell us about our lives today? Is it possible that our mundane, boring, everyday, 'daily round the common task'



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existence could be suddenly transformed by a divine revelation of the same magnitude? If we can get into the mindset of expecting it to happen, not so much at a particular time or place, but at any time, and in any place – and open our hearts to the possibility – then perhaps, one day, we will indeed be amazed.

Jesus' disciples were amazed – so amazed that they were dumbfounded and didn't know what to say. But Jesus had by then prepared them for it, enough that they were at least able to accept the truth of what they saw.

If we are prepared for it, who is to say we could not receive a spiritual revelation when we least expect it. Sometimes, when people discover the truth of the Gospel for the first time, it is like when the disciples witnessed Jesus on Mt Tabor. Spiritual truth becomes as real as anything they might touch, taste, hear, smell or see. But those of us who already believe, can also find our faith transfigured into something even more profound and life-affirming than anything we previously experienced. I wonder, how soon could that be?

Martin Andrews (Churchwarden)

Services in July

Wed 2	St Thomas (ant)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 6	Trinity III	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 9	Feria	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 13	Trinity IV	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 16	Feria	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 20	Trinity V	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 23	St Mary Magdalene (tr)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 27	Trinity VI	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 30	St Silas	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.

A lay-led service replaces Mass when no priest is available.

Services in August

Sun 3	Trinity VII	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 6	Transfiguration	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 10	Trinity VIII	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 13	Jeremy Taylor	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 17	Trinity IX	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 20	Bernard of Clairvaux	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 24	Trinity X	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 27	St Monica	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 31	Trinity XI	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.

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Prayer for the Transfiguration

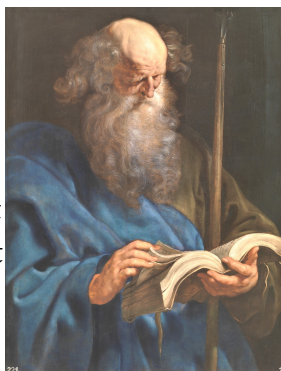
O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son wonderfully transfigured: Mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine Majesty that we, being purified and strengthened by thy grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Canadian Prayer Book

Saints' and Special Days for July

Thursday, 3rd July – St Thomas, Apostle

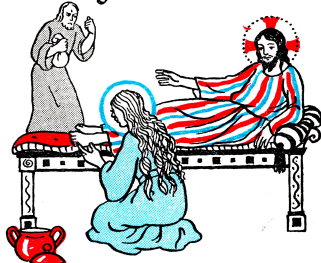
Apart from the Gospel account, nothing is known for certain about the life of St Thomas. Tradition holds that he preached the gospel in India and died there.



Tuesday, 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' followers, accompanying Him on His journeys through the villages preaching (Luke 8:3), and she stood by the

S. MARY MAGDALENE
anointing Our Lord's feet



Cross. Mark 16:9 tells us that Mary was the first to whom the Risen Christ appeared.

Wed., 30th July – St Silas, Companion of St Paul

Silas (or Silvanus)

appears in the Acts of the Apostles and the New Testament epistles as a companion and fellow-worker with Paul. He was chosen by the Council of Jerusalem to accompany Paul and Barnabas to Antioch with the Council's decision on the admission of Gentiles. He was freed from jail in Philippi with Paul, and at Rome he worked with both Paul and Peter. By tradition he died in Macedonia.



Saints' and Special Days for August

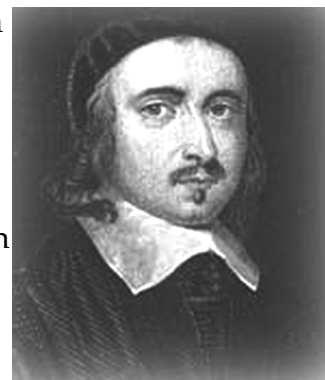


Wed., 6th Aug. – The Transfiguration of the Lord

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.

Wednesday, 13th August – Jeremy Taylor, Bp

Jeremy Taylor was born in Cambridge in 1613 and educated there. He was ordained in 1633 and, as the Civil War got under way, he became a chaplain with the Royalist army. He was captured and imprisoned briefly, but



after his release he went to Wales, where the Earl of Carbery gave him refuge. He wrote prolifically whilst there, notably 'The Rule and Exercise of Holy Living' in 1650 and 'Of Holy Dying' the

following year. In 1658 he went to Ireland to lecture and two years later was made Bishop of Down and Connor. He found many of his clergy there held to Presbyterianism and ignored him; and the Roman Catholics rejected him as a Protestant. In turn, he treated both harshly. His health was eventually worn out by the protracted conflicts and he died on this day in 1667.

Wed., 20th Aug. – St Bernard of Clairvaux, Abb. & T.

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. Although 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. 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.

S. BERNARD



dreaming on
Christmas
Eve



Wednesday, 27th August – St Monica, Mother of St Augustine of Hippo

Monica was born in North Africa in 332 of Christian parents, and she was married to a pagan named Patricius, whom she converted to Christianity. They had three children of whom the most famous was the eldest, the future St Augustine. Indeed, Augustine ascribed his conversion to the example and devotion of his mother: "She never let me out of her prayers that you, O God, might say to the widow's son 'Young man, I say to you, rise!'" This is why the gospel of the widow of Nain is traditionally read today as her memorial. Monica died in Italy, at Ostia, in 387 on her way home to North Africa with her two sons.

S. MONICA pleading with her son



Vestry news

Rectory

The Rectory has been refurbished and has been put on the market to sell, so that we can purchase another smaller property that complies with the diocesan requirement for an EPC rating of C or better. We are currently looking at flats with the objective of obtaining one we can use to house a retired or NSM priest to serve this church.

Maxwell Centre

The Maxwell Centre has been based in our lower halls for some years now, developed a beautiful garden for the local community, and now a new lease has recently been agreed to allow them to rent the upper hall, kitchen and toilets. This should enable their plans for expansion and also improve our rental income. We will still have access to the kitchen and hall at the weekends.

Musical event – Saturday 5th July, 2.00 p.m.

DRUMDEE AFRICAN DRUMMING GROUP



**ST SALVADOR'S CHURCH
SATURDAY 5TH JULY
2:00 PM**

Free entry – Donations gratefully received

Come and enjoy a more unusual musical event at St Salvador's. The 'Drumdee' African style drumming recital at 2.00 p.m. in the church. Refreshments served. Retiring collection.

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