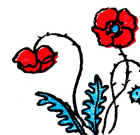




Crucis



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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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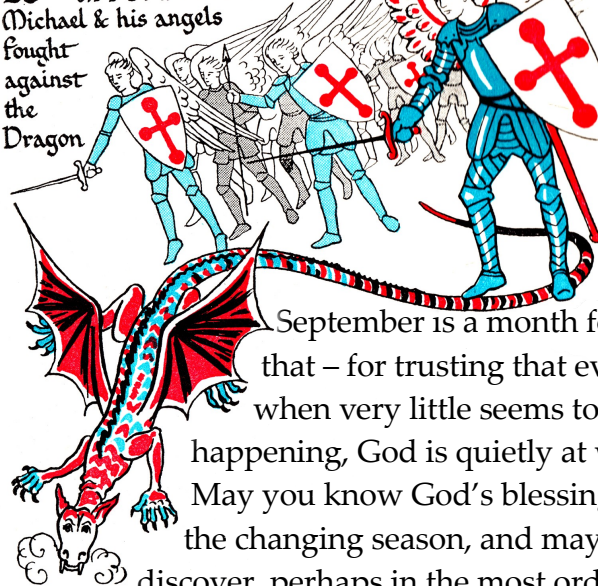
Message from Fr Michael Turner

There is something beginning to change in the countryside. It isn't dramatic, yet if you look carefully, September is quietly arriving. The swallows gather before their long journey south. There may be a little dew on the ground in the mornings. The light softens. The blackberries ripen and then begin to disappear from the hedgerows, gathered by foragers and birds alike. Nature seems to know that one season is gently making way for another. Perhaps that's one of the gifts September offers us. It happens quietly, almost unnoticed, until one day we realise that something has become different. There's an old Celtic saying: *'May you recognise in your life the presence, power and light of your soul.'* I like that word *recognise*. It suggests that God is often not doing something completely new, but inviting us to notice what He has been doing there all along. Perhaps faith is less about trying harder to find God, and more about learning to see differently. I sometimes wonder whether that's true of people as well. We can become good at deciding who is 'in' and who is 'out'; who belongs, who doesn't ... yet the Jesus we meet in the Gospels seems to spend much of His time helping people see differently. He looks beyond labels and appearances to the image of God already present in *every* person. Whoever you are, and wherever life finds you this September, there is always space to wonder, to belong and to discover that God is already closer than you imagined. As summer gives way to autumn, many of us will be returning to familiar routines: schools have begun again, holidays become memories, and the rhythm of everyday life resumes. Yet perhaps during this month we might simply slow down enough to notice ... to notice the quiet moments where God so often seems to whisper rather than shout.

Reflecting on a verse from Ecclesiastes John O'Donohue wrote, *'May you have wisdom to read time clearly and know the seed of change will flourish.'* the poet the when the

29th MICHAELMAS

Michael & his angels fought against the Dragon



September is a month for just that – for trusting that even when very little seems to be happening, God is quietly at work. May you know God's blessing in the changing season, and may you discover, perhaps in the most ordinary of places, that the holy has been there all along.

Fr Michael

Services in September

Wed 2	Martyrs of New Guinea	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 6	Trinity XIV	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 9	Nativity of BVM (tr)	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 13	Trinity XV	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 16	St Ninian	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 20	Holy Cross (tr)	Lay-led	11.00 a.m.
Wed 23	St Matthew (tr)	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 27	Trinity XVII	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 30	Michaelmas (tr)	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.

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Prayer for St Michael and All Angels

We give thee thanks, Almighty Father, for the angelic hosts around thy throne who offer thee their tireless service and unending praise; and we pray that we on earth, like them, may readily fulfil thy commandments and render thee the glory that is thy due; for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

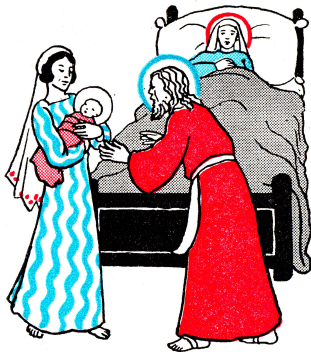
Frank Colquhoun

Saints' and Special Days in September

The Martyrs of New Guinea (2 September)

The Church in Papua New Guinea was enriched by martyrdom twice in the twentieth century. James Chalmers, Oliver Tomkins and some others were sent to New Guinea by the London Missionary Society and were martyred in 1901. During the Second World War, when New Guinea was occupied by the Japanese, 333 Christians of all denominations died for their faith. Among them were priests Henry Holland, John Duffill and Vivian Redlich, who remained with their people after the invasion in 1942; evangelists Leslie Ariadi, Lucian Tapiedi and John Barge; May Hayman, a nurse; and teachers Margaret Brenchley, Lilla Lashman and Mavis Parkinson. Also remembered is Bernard Moore, shot while presiding at the Eucharist in New Britain.

NATIVITY B.V.M. The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 Sept.)



This festival in honour of the birth of the Mother of God the Son is of long standing, and is celebrated on this day in both the eastern and western Churches.

St Ninian of Whithorn, Bp and Miss. (16 Sept.)

Ninian was born in about the year 360, the son of a Cumbrian chieftain who himself had converted to Christianity. It seems that Ninian visited Rome in his youth, where he received training in the faith. He was consecrated bishop in the year 394 and returned to Britain, setting up a community of monks in Galloway at Whithorn, from where they went out on missionary journeys among the southern Picts, as far as Perth and Stirling. His monastic base was called 'Candida Casa' – the White House – a sign and a landmark for miles around. Ninian died in about the year 432.

Holy Cross Day (14 September)

The cross on which our Lord was crucified has become the universal sign of Christianity, replacing the fish symbol of the early church. After the end of persecution early in the 4th century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at places associated with the earthly life of Jesus. St Helena, mother of the emperor, was a Christian and, whilst overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in 335.

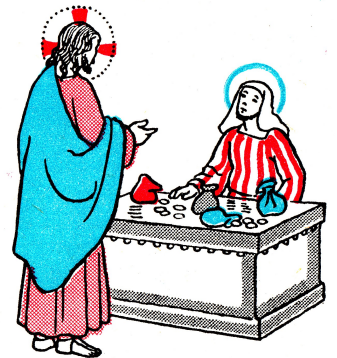
HOLY CROSS Day Emperor Heraclius taking off his robes before carrying the Cross



St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21 Sept.)

Matthew was a tax collector, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus, for whom he left everything and turned to a new life. His Gospel was written in Hebrew originally, for Jewish Christians. Tradition tells that he preached in the East and was martyred there.

S. MATTHEW called by Our Lord



St Michael and All Angels (29 September)

A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael the Archangel on the 30th of September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. The 29th of September is now kept in honour of Michael and the two other named biblical angels, Gabriel and Raphael, as well as those whose names are unknown. Michael means 'who is like God?', and he has traditionally been regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly in the hour of death. Gabriel means 'strength of God' and he announced the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary. Raphael means 'the healing of God', and he is depicted in the apocryphal Book of Tobit as the one who restored sight to Tobit's eyes.