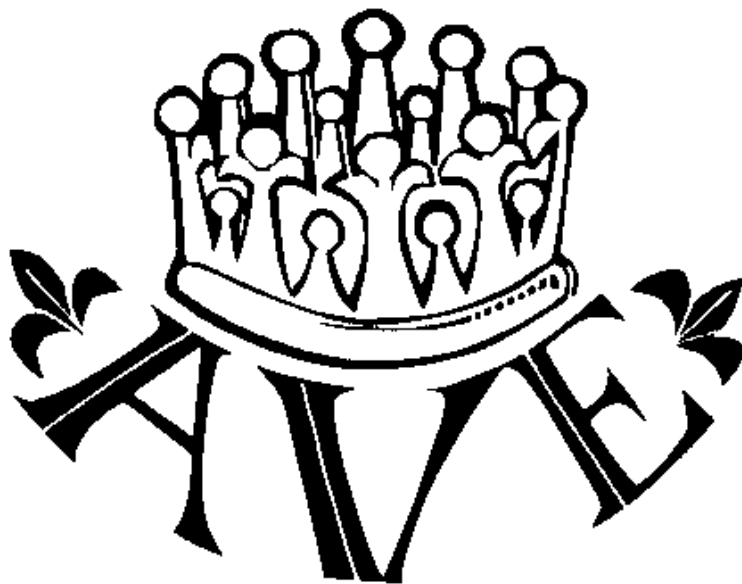


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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, San Diego*

# **ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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## **SERVICES**

### **SUNDAYS**

8:00am	LOW MASS
10:00am	HIGH MASS

### **DAILY MASS**

Tuesdays	7:00am & 12noon
Wednesdays	9:30am
Thursdays	7:00am & 6:00pm
Fridays	9:30am
Saturdays	9:00am

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## FATHER TONY WRITES...

Dear friends,

Summer may be a time for vacations and going away - but there is still a lot going on at All Saints', and many things to tell you! Since I last wrote we have had a marvellous concert from our choir. The concert was in the evening of June 7th and featured a superb and varied array of sacred music by some significant composers. The church was gratifyingly full, and at the end I stated that it should become an annual event!

### **2 SPECIAL SUNDAYS**

June 7th was Trinity Sunday and that morning we continued a long parish tradition of honouring our acolytes. 6 new servers were admitted during the Mass, and 20 of our acolytes were robed and walked in the procession. It was most impressive and inspiring, as many parishioners commented to me afterwards. I couldn't help admiring them, and thinking that most parishes would love to have so many acolytes. The following Sunday we celebrated Corpus Christi. As the congregation entered the church they found the aisles were strewn with herbs, which made a wonderful fragrance and an offering of all our

senses to God in worship. The High Mass concluded with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. This was a beautiful act of worship. As last year, the children escorted the Blessed Sacrament, honouring Our Lord with petals. What a delight it was to see them so happy and enthusiastic. It was a marvellous celebration on the day we honour the Holy Eucharist.

## **GENERAL CONVENTION**

In July the triennial General Convention of our church met. It was addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who pleaded that the Convention not take steps to further alienate ECUSA from the rest of the Anglican Communion. The Convention did not heed the Archbishop's request, and decided to support the ordination of gay men and women as bishops, and the blessing of gay marriages. All this was couched in pastoral terms, but unfortunately this will mean further division within the Anglican Communion.

Many people have asked for my opinion and comments. I have to state that I have never held much store in national synods and conventions of the Anglican Church. They are usually political bodies dominated by people who have an agenda to change the church and its teachings. The idea of a national church is a strange notion. We are members of the Holy Catholic Church, and it is administered locally through dioceses. How then, can you have a national church with authority to change the sacraments? I have written my response to General Convention, and it is printed on page 11.

## **AUGUST**

The month of August has 2 special Sundays, and they are noted on page 6. We also have 2 baptisms during the month. What a delight these will be for 2 of our families. August is also the month that military families come and go. Sadly we will be losing the White's. I say sadly with real meaning. We are really going to miss Rob, Christi, Andrew, Matthew, Abigail and Gracie. It is no coincidence that our ministry with children has mushroomed since the White's moved to All Saints' 3 years ago. Christi has been very much a part of that. The family brought joy and life with them, and our Sunday School grew in leaps and bounds. Andrew & Matthew became acolytes, along with Robert when he was in town. We shall miss them all!

## **CHURCH CENTENARY**

The Vestry had its annual consultation in June, and fixed some key events to celebrate the centenary of the church in 2012. Details are on page 10. We decided that this significant event should be marked by a significant project. Details of this *centenary project* are on page 9. In due course the vision will be brought to everyone's attention. I look forward to a generous response from our parishioners and friends. Stay tuned!

## **STAFF REVIEW**

Since the Vestry reviewed me last year the Personnel Review Committee has been reviewing the other staff. One of the results is that from July Homero's hours have changed. Homero will now be coming in to work as our sexton Monday - Friday from 12 noon - 8.00 pm, as well as a few hours on Saturdays.

## **WALSINGHAM**

In mid-August I will be going on my annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in England. This is an important part of my spiritual life as a priest, and also personally. It is not like a vacation or my Lent retreat - a pilgrimage is quite different, usually involving a significant journey. In 2007 I took 10 parishioners on pilgrimage with me, and they can testify to the renewing power and joy of this great Anglican shrine of the Virgin Mary.

Because of my sabbatical last year I did not go to Walsingham - the 1st year I have missed since 1996. I am really looking forward to my pilgrimage this year, and particularly seeing the new buildings and welcome center to which our parish gave donations. I am also looking forward to seeing the sisters at the Priory again, and Bishop Lindsay Urwin, the new administrator - an old friend who happens to be an Aussie!

Those who have joined our parish in recent years may not be aware of the history of Walsingham, and its significance. The *Church Teaching Series* on pages 13/17 is about this subject.

## **2010 CONFIRMATION**

I have arranged for our bishop to visit All Saints' on Sunday May 2nd next year. This is an occasion when the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated. Last year's Confirmation was a wonderful experience for the teenagers and adults who were confirmed. It is my intention to start confirmation classes in September. Please let me know if you are interested.

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

In August we will be adding a facility to the parish website which will enable people to make online donations to All Saints' Church. The website is a wonderful tool for promoting our parish, and we get many visitors looking at it. My sermons usually appear on the website the week after (when Terry has transcribed them from the tape & I have edited them) in both printed form & in audio (MP3). I am still maintaining a regular Blog on my own personal website, if that is of interest to anyone.

So we continue with "those hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer". San Diego is a wonderful place to live - and All Saints' a wonderful church to worship in!

Your priest and friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Tony". The "Fr." is written in a cursive style, and "Tony" is written in a more stylized, cursive font with a long horizontal line above the "y".

**SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN AUGUST**

SUNDAY AUGUST 16th  
ASSUMPTION OF MARY

8.00 am Low Mass  
10.00 am High Mass with procession



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SUNDAY AUGUST 30th

Guest Preacher at both Masses:  
The Ven David Lowman  
Archdeacon of Chelmsford in the Church of England

Fr David Lowman visited our parish for All Saints' Day, 2006. He subsequently celebrated Mass in Chelmsford cathedral for the parish pilgrims when we were on our way to Norwich in August 2007, and then treated us to lunch in his lovely deanery.

## **ALL SAINTS' CENTENARY APPEAL**

In planning for the centenary of our church, the Vestry decided that there should be a major appeal to mark this significant event. After meeting with our Organist/Choirmaster, Mr Robert MacLeod, it was decided that a major overhaul & improvement of the organ would be an appropriate and exciting project to celebrate the centenary.

This decision was made having in mind that hardly any maintenance has been done on the organ since it was built in 1973. Music has assumed even greater importance in the worship and outreach of our parish in recent years, and our choir is one of the best liturgical choirs in San Diego. Such a project will have great benefits for the parish in the future, and is something we will all appreciate.

The organ project centers on 4 needs:

- After 35 years there is much deferred maintenance that is necessary.
- The organ has only 4 pre-set combinations. 20 is usual these days plus memory systems. Our organ is old – it is also antiquated!
- We need more tonal resources to produce the sort of music appropriate to our liturgy. EG: There is only 1 small trumpet.
- Many of the pipes need to be re-situated to assist the choir.

A small committee will be formed to plan & promote this appeal. It will be launched in 2010, giving us 2 years to raise the money needed.

*ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS*

SUNDAY JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Centenary of the laying of the foundation of All Saints' Church

This day will be celebrated  
with the usual Services at 8 am & 10 am.  
The High Mass at 10 am will feature special music  
and will be an unforgettable Service.

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Other events planned for the centenary

May 28 - June 2 FLOWER FESTIVAL in the church

Sat June 23 PARISH DINNER on the harbor

Come & bring your friends to our centenary celebrations!

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Special projects planned for the centenary

A history of All Saints' parish

An All Saints' cook book

## **A STATEMENT FROM THE RECTOR** **CONCERNING GENERAL CONVENTION**

I am writing this just after General Convention. Decisions made concerning gay bishops & gay marriage have created a stir throughout the Anglican Communion and beyond. Many of our parishioners are not happy, and the Episcopal Church will continue to be divided over these issues. However controversial these decisions are, in a way they are the logical result of the direction of our church since women were first ordained 40 years ago. In 1987 I attended a conference of the Evangelical & Catholic Mission in Denver. A speaker made the point that in ordaining women ECUSA was falling in line with what the world was doing & changes in attitudes to sexuality would logically follow. For what had really been changed was catholic tradition and the theology of ordination.

Most Episcopalians are happy to have women priests, and probably accept the latest decisions of General Convention. What is the position of All Saints', then? We are a parish which holds & teaches traditional catholic teaching and practice. Some of our people accept women priests, and some will agree with these decisions by General Convention. However most of us are traditional on all these issues, and as a parish we still witness to traditional catholic teaching. We express that in our worship and preaching. This is what unites us, and it is what attracts people. To date we have been allowed to continue as an honoured parish in the diocese, and I do not expect that to change.

People question our integrity, and wonder what the future is for a parish like ours. Some of our friends have left ECUSA, taking their parishes with them. I do not agree with that, nor legal action against such parishes. I have always stated that as a parish we would remain in ECUSA. Indeed, I believe we have a prophetic role to remind our church of the catholic faith. It is not easy - but to be an Anglocatholic has always meant being in a minority & counter-cultural.

The gradual liberalism of our church has made this more difficult - for there is nothing more illiberal than a church liberal! One of those bishops who has completely abandoned the Faith is Richard Holloway. His belief is that the church should be so doctrinally indifferent that it can include people of every theological opinion and none. He is not alone amongst Episcopal bishops.

Let me conclude by saying that All Saints' will continue to be a church that welcomes and embraces everyone, and will be an integral part of the community. We may not agree with decisions of General Convention - but we will continue our life as an Episcopal parish unimpeded. The Catholic Faith can never be changed by those who have political control - for that is all they have. If at some stage ECUSA leaves the Anglican Communion we will still have our vocation and mission as an Anglocatholic parish - but, of course, I hope that wiser heads will prevail!

Fr. Tony

***CHURCH TEACHING SERIES***  
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***OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM***

The quiet English village of Walsingham, near the North Norfolk coast, has been part of Britain's religious heritage for over nine hundred years. It even boasts the proud title, "England's Nazareth"!

In the year 1061, the lady of the manor, a certain Richeldis, had a vision in which the Blessed Virgin Mary asked her to build a replica of the house at Nazareth where Jesus spent his formative years. This was to be a simple wooden structure to which the people of England could come to reflect on the Incarnation and experience the strengthening of their faith.

In the centuries that followed, Walsingham became a pilgrimage centre of great fame. The village today shows the signs of the eminence it once had in the ruins of a great Augustinian priory and a Franciscan friary.

Because of the popularity of Walsingham as a place of pilgrimage and prayer in medieval times, the title "Our Lady of Walsingham" was given to the Mother of Jesus. She has of course, lots of titles, many of them relating to holy places where she has appeared in apparitions or visions.

To Walsingham came nobles and beggars, saints and sinners. Almost every king in England visited the shrine at least once during his reign. So famous was Walsingham in medieval times that it was commonly asserted that the Milky Way pointed to it! It was the most frequented shrine in the whole of England, not to be rivaled even by that of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, which drew pilgrims from all over Europe.

Remarkable miracles and healings were associated with Walsingham, giving credence to the conviction that Walsingham was indeed chosen by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself as the place in England where she wished the Mystery of the Incarnation to be especially honoured.

Unfortunately for Walsingham, however, in the words of “The Pilgrim Hymn”:

*...at last came a king who had greed in his eyes, and he lusted for treasure with fraud and with lies.*

*The order went forth; and with horror 'twas learned that the Shrine was destroyed and the Image was burned.*

*And this Realm which had once been Our Lady's own Dower had it's Church now enslaved by the secular power.*

*And so dark night fell on this glorious place where of all former glories there hardly was trace.*

From the time of the vandalism perpetrated by King Henry VIII until the early part of last century, Walsingham remained a charming backwater, however in 1921 a new Parish Priest came to Walsingham. His name was Fr. Alfred Hope Patten. He began to research the medieval history of his parish. With the help of his people, he set about to restore the Shrine of Our Lady. He had a statue carved, a replica of the one that had been burned in Henry VIII's time. In 1922 this was placed in the Parish Church, and organised devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham was restored. In the early years a trickle of people came to join the villagers in their prayers and praises; but Walsingham seems to touch an emotive note in the religious consciousness of the English people, and soon the trickle became a river and then a flood!

In the 1930's, new shrine buildings were erected, housing sixteen altars in various chapels, as well as a replica of the Holy House based on the pattern and dimensions of the one set up by Richeldis in 1061.

While the ground was being prepared for the foundations, the ancient well was discovered. It had been packed with several feet of clay and a good deal of rubbish. When this was removed, clear water gushed up, and a supply has continued to be given ever since. During a pilgrimage, people drink of the water, and are sprinkled with it by a priest. Many fill bottles with it and take it away for their own use or to give it to sick friends. The waters of Walsingham's well have long been acknowledged as a powerful source of grace for the sick and handicapped, just like Lourdes.

The Anglican Church has always given the Blessed Virgin Mary a special place of honour amongst the saints who surround us in that great "cloud of witness" (Hebrews 12:1). "Lady Chapels" abound in cathedrals and larger churches. It may be truly said that there is something incomplete in our Christian Faith if we do not love and honour the Mother of Jesus. Mary said "Yes" to God, and gave birth to Jesus the eternal Son of God; she stood near him as he died on the cross; she is now the Mother of his body, the Church. She is our Mother! She is our model of faith and love. Mary always kept the Word of God, she was always open to the Holy Spirit. She supports us with her love and prayers.

There are some folk, however, who feel that only Roman Catholics or Orthodox may give Mary a place in their devotions. It needs to be pointed out that within Anglicanism since the sixteenth century, there has been a consistent testimony to devotion to the Lord's Mother. In 1635 Anthony Stafford published "The Female Glory: or the Life and Death of our Blessed Lady, the Holy Virgin Mary, God's own Immaculate Mother".

In this book, approved by the Bishop of London, and officially defended at the insistence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the mystical titles of Our Lady are used, the rosary is recommended as an aid to prayer, and the Assumption is taught: *“What honour could to this great Queen be done more than to be taken up to heaven high, and there have God for Father, Spouse for Son, the Angels wait, the world stand wondering by?”*

One of the greatest Anglican hymn writers of the seventeenth century was Bishop Thomas Ken. In “The English Hymnal” we find his hymn for festivals of Our Lady, which demonstrates a belief in the Immaculate Conception, and the glory of Our Lady in heaven.

*“Her virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,  
When she to Bethlehem came that happy morn;  
How high her raptures then began to swell,  
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.*

*As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,  
Wept for herself and all she should include,  
Blest Mary with man’s Saviour in embrace  
Joyed for herself and for all human race.*

*All Saints are by her Son’s dear influence blast,  
She kept the very Fountain at her brest;  
The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid  
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.*

*Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,  
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;  
And here below, now she’s of heaven possest,  
All generations are to call her blest”.*

Mary's place in the worship of heaven is wonderfully summed up in the second verse of Athelstan Riley's well-known hymn, "Ye watchers and ye holy ones...":

*"O higher than the Cherubim,  
More glorious than the Seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"*

### **The Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham**

The Statue is in the direct tradition of the great theological icons of Our Lord's Mother. She is enthroned and crowned, drawing attention to the Holy Child sitting on her knee. Her right hand holds a lily sceptre, emblem of her virginal purity. Her feet rest upon a "toadstone" symbolising the uncleanness of evil. The throne is adorned with two pillars, encircled by bands, three on one side and four on the other, representing the Seven Sacraments and the top of the back piece is rounded like a rainbow. Her divine Son, with a cruciform halo, clasps in his left hand the Book of the Gospels, signifying that the Word was made Flesh and dwelt amongst us. His right hand is stretched out in protection and blessing.

Walsingham is now the largest and most popular Anglican Shrine of Our Lady. Many replicas of the statue have been set up in cathedrals and churches throughout the Anglican Communion.



# *THE SOCIETY OF MARY*

*The society meeting dates  
for the next few months are:*



*Saturday, August 8th*

*Saturday, September 12th*

*Saturday, October 10th*

*The meetings consist of:*

*11:00am Recitation of the Rosary*

*11:30am Mass*

*12noon Potluck Lunch*

*Praying for our Military*

Please keep in your prayers  
the following members of our Parish  
and their families

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Ian Kelley  
Mark Llewellyn  
Nua Moa  
Robert White  
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Amy Garrett  
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