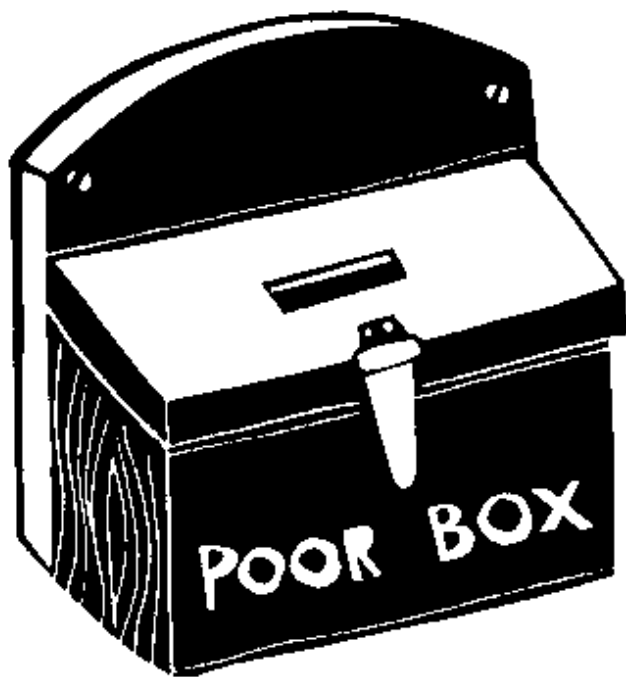


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SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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

DAILY MASS

Tuesdays	7:00am & 12 noon
Wednesdays	9:30am
Thursdays	7:00am & 6:00pm
Fridays	9.30am
Saturdays	9:00am

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FATHER TONY WRITES...

Dear friends,

On January 25th we had the annual parish meeting. It was the usual short and enjoyable meeting. As we reviewed the past year we could be pleased with the growth and activity. This growth was despite over a dozen active parishioners moving from San Diego. Looking ahead, we have some challenges, not least in our finances. Like most churches we expect our income to be less this year. In fact our 2009 pledging is down \$40,000.

My annual report is printed on pages 16/22. In referring to our tradition I said: "*The whole of our liturgy and its ritual at All Saints'; is there to emphasise things that words alone can not fully express*". That is what makes All Saints' so different and special. The liturgy of the Eucharist points us to Jesus and tells us that he is present here in the sacrament. We highlight the significant moments of his presence – the reading of the gospel, the consecration of the bread and wine, and the receiving of Holy Communion. Bells, candles, incense & processions give added emphasis, to remind us that here we see and find Jesus – in His Sacrament, in His Word, and in the community of His church.

GIFTS

As usual, parishioners continue to give generously to our church. We have recently received new communion kneelers for the High Altar – and what a comfort they are. The response has been so welcoming that more are being given for the sanctuary and for the Lady Chapel.

In January the outdoor shrine of the Virgin Mary was restored and repaired by Troy & Teresa Lindenmeier. It was starting to list like the Titanic, so I am delighted that Troy has repaired it and Teresa has beautified it with her artistic skills.

CHRISTMAS

Although it is a month ago, the beauty of our Christmas Services is still in my memory. The weather was unusually wet for San Diego, and this affected our attendances. Never-the-less, Midnight Mass was packed, and the music was superb. Afterwards an excellent reception was held in the parish hall. This was our third Christmas reception, and it must have been good, because we were still there at 2 am! On Sunday January 4th we concluded our Christmas celebrations with the traditional Christmas Service of 9 Lessons & Carols. This was a wonderful occasion, and again the choir excelled themselves. We should have had a bigger congregation. I hope that the remaining Sunday evening Services this year will be well supported.

WALSINGHAM

At the end of last year it was announced that the new Administrator of the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham would be Bishop Lindsay Urwin. Bishop Lindsay is Bishop of Horsham, in the diocese of Chichester in England. I was very pleased to hear this, as not only is he an old friend of mine, but he is also an Australian! In fact he has connections with my former parish, St Mark's, Fitzroy. I am hoping that he will visit us at All Saints' at some stage in the future. I thought you would be interested (and amused) at the comments about Bishop Lindsay by the Master of the Shrine Guardians in announcing the appointment:

*“Many pilgrims will already know Bishop Lindsay to be a charismatic and inspirational preacher and pastor. His passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ, direct approach (**he is Australian!**) to faith, infectious humour and enduring youthfulness.....”*

LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - February 25th. We will be having the usual Lenten program - but this year we will revert back to the Wednesday night Mass being followed by a Lenten supper and the weekly study group. Details of the program and the study groups will be distributed to parishioners soon after you receive this magazine. Please note the following extra Services:

WEDNESDAYS 6 pm Mass

FRIDAYS 6 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAYS 6 pm An hour of silent prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction at 7 pm.

You can come to the hour of silent prayer at any time & stay as long as you like.!

Please note the details about Lent on pages 8, 9 & 10. A special feature of Lent will be the Service on Sunday March 8th at 5 pm. There will be no sermon – but a special anthem, the *Stabat Mater*, one of the most beautiful compositions.

CONFIRMATION

Our Lenten program will be interrupted on Wednesday March 25th. It is the Feast of the Annunciation, and at 7 pm our bishop will be with us to celebrate High Mass and the sacrament of Confirmation. There are several young people and adults being prepared for Confirmation, and it will be a joyous occasion. I am also preparing some children to make their first Holy Communion on Sunday March 30th. Last year's First Communion was a great occasion for several of our families, and we look forward to it again this year.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On December 27th I celebrated a special Mass for the 25th wedding anniversary of Sam & Bernadette Dreyer. This was a lovely Mass and a joyful celebration. At the Mass I gave a homily which we can all relate to. It is printed on pages 13/15, as part of my *Church Teaching Series*.

This comes with my prayers and blessings,

Your priest and friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Tony". The "Fr." is written in a smaller, more compact style, and "Tony" is written in a larger, more flowing cursive.

Sunday, March 29th, 2009
at 5:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Choir will lead this Service,
which will include a contralto solo of
"Fac me vere" (from Stabat Mater)
by Joseph Haydn
and conclude with Benediction

LENT

Lent, like many other practices and observances in the life of the Church, had a gradual development. Its beginnings grew out of the desire to prepare appropriately for the central Christian feast of Easter. Christians reflected on the 40 days of fasting undertaken by Moses (Exodus 34: 28), Elijah (1 Kings 19: 8), and Jesus (Mark 4: 2; Luke 4: 1-2) as times of preparation for momentous events. It was only natural that they wished to imitate the example of these great Scriptural figures as part of their preparation for celebrating the saving passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. The first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, in the year 325 A.D., already speaks of a 4-day period of preparation for Easter as something obvious and familiar to all.

The Christians of these early centuries saw fasting, with its rigours and disciplines, as a way of expressing their resolve to turn away from sin and focus the mind and heart on Jesus Christ. Also, fasting was seen as a source of fervor in prayer and as a way of preparing to receive with renewed intensity the grace of the paschal mystery and the conferring of the Spirit. Finally, fasting was regarded as a way of helping the poor with money that would otherwise have been spent on food.

Other important influences entered into the development of the Lenten Season. Among these were the reconciliation of penitents and the bringing of candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil. Both of these represented a response to the basic summons enunciated in the Gospel of Mark (1: 15): *"Repent, and believe in the Gospel"*. What the Church required of candidates and penitents by way of liturgical and ascetical effort came to be assumed by the faithful out of a sense of solidarity with those embracing life in Christ and out of a need for renewal of personal spiritual life. An overview of the history of Lent would not be complete without a word about the imposition of ashes on the first day of the season. The early Church required that those of its members who were guilty of public grave sin and wished to be reconciled to God and the Church should, at the start of Lent, be clothed in penitential garments and have ashes sprinkled on them.

Although the imposition of public ecclesiastical penance disappeared toward the end of the eleventh century, the rite of the imposition of ashes, whose dramatic and spiritual sense made a deep impression, was extended to all the faithful. The ashes symbolise the dust of the earth to which we, because of the sin of Adam and Eve, must all return. However, in the ashes we see not only our *"death with Christ to sin"*, but also our resurrection from the earth to glory with the New Adam, Christ our Redeemer. The disciplines of penance, embraced with contrite heart, and the Sacraments of the Church, fervently celebrated are the pledge of our final victory in Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of spiritual growth, of fasting, penitence, and preparation for the Easter feast. Beginning in the tenth century ashes were imposed on this day upon penitent sinners in preparation for their restoration to full communion with the Church. Since the eleventh century, ashes have been imposed upon all the faithful.

Traditionally, the ashes are of palms blessed and used on the preceding Palm Sunday. The blessing and imposition of ashes follows the homily.

Liturgical changes during this penitential season are as follows: the liturgical colour is purple; there are no flowers decorating the sanctuary; the Gloria is omitted; and the Alleluia verse is also omitted.

LENT STUDY GROUP 2009

"In the Wilderness"

WEDNESDAYS at 7:15pm

and

FRIDAYS at 10:15am

This year our Lent study course comes from the Diocese of York, England. Originally prepared as an ecumenical study course, it has various speakers through the use of audiotape and booklets. The topics are: *The Wilderness of the world; The Church in the wilderness; Prayer and Scripture; Solitude and Friendship.*

SPECIAL SERVICES
during
LENT 2009

6:00pm on WEDNESDAYS

Mass
followed by soup and rolls supper, and Study Group

6:00pm on FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

SATURDAYS

6:00pm
Hour of Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm
Benediction

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION



7pm HIGH MASS & CONFIRMATIONS

Celebrant and Preacher:
Bishop James Mathes

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

*This month's SOM meeting will be on:
Saturday, February 14th, 2009*



11:00am

Recitation of the Rosary

11:30am

Mass

followed by potluck lunch

**Sam and Bernadette Dreyer's
25th Wedding Anniversary Mass
HOMILY GIVEN BY FR. TONY NOBLE
ON DECEMBER 27th, 2008**

Isaiah 6:10 "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God."

Today, so soon after Christmas, Sam and Bernadette come to celebrate that day when they pledged their love and lives to each other 25th years ago.

Today is a fitting day to do this. Christmas celebrates God showing his love for us through the birth of Jesus. Scripture tells us that Marriage does the same thing - the love of husband and wife is an image of God's love and especially Christ's love to the Church.

Sam and Bernadette, you have shown God's love through your marriage and through your faithful love. Now you come to give thanks in this Church of All Saints'. Your Church, where you come to worship and pray with your wider family of All Saints' Parish.

This celebration of Mass today is a special celebration of that wonderful sacrament which you share in Sunday by Sunday, the Eucharist.

The Altar is central to our celebration, and we can divide the celebration today into three parts, in relation to the Altar:

- To the altar
- At the altar
- From the altar

Firstly, to the altar. What a joyous moment it was when you entered the Church, accompanied by your children. The path to the altar today began when you first met. The relationship that developed set you on a path... no doubt you have been reflecting on it going back in your mind over 25 years to the excitement of youth and love...and all that has followed since. I'm sure it hasn't always been easy, but here you are now - and wiser I'm sure 😊

So you came **to the altar**.

Shortly **at the altar** you will renew your marriage vows and be blessed yet again. The altar is the central and most important part of a Church. Here Mass is celebrated and here we come to receive Holy Communion.

Marriage is also a Sacrament. When you first made your promises, God poured out his grace upon you. You are perhaps aware of that - how his grace has been with you for the journey. Sometimes when we least expect it, God startles us with a glimpse of his love or an awareness of his presence. Let God give you more glimpses, more joys, more graces, more of his love.

But the altar is a beginning, not an end. Having renewed your vows, you will receive Holy Communion and then walk **from the altar** in a joyful procession. Afterwards you will greet family and friends, and we will all be sharing your joy. And then a feast to celebrate!

You go out full of grace from the altar. It is grace given you to enable you to continue to live out your love as husband and wife - an image of Christ's love for his people, which was revealed on the first Christmas day!

Those three moments - to the altar, at the altar, from the altar - are not only the theme of this Mass, they are also the rhythm of life for all Christians - married or single.

For to the altar, at the altar, and from the altar, are also at the centre of life for the Christian. It is to the altar - that we readily go. It is our spiritual centre, the place of worship, and our focus as God's children.

We come here to the altar, to give of ourselves to God - just as you did 25 years ago, and as you do again today. Here at the altar we continually bring ourselves to make an offering of love, as you do, so that we may be filled with his love.

Here we come to the throne of grace, that we may receive grace from God for our lives. Here we meet God. Here Jesus gives himself to us in Holy Communion and pours upon us the Holy Spirit. We are then to leave the altar carrying that life we have received from the altar into our everyday lives.

As you have shared your love, Sam and Bernadette, so all of us are called to share God's love. We thank you for reminding us of this. We give thanks to God for you, and we do indeed share your joy - and we celebrate with you.



RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - Parish Annual Meeting 2009

I want to begin this year's report by quoting excerpts from a letter I received last year. It was from one of our parishioners who had moved from San Diego, and had been looking for a local Episcopal Church.

"I always knew All Saints' was special.... I didn't realize, however, just how unusual the parish is. Here we are still looking for a church home. We spent the past couple of months attending one church.....and we realized that while the people of that church were incredibly friendly, and the parish programs were numerous and active, we felt nothing during the service. There was no holy heart of worship - rather, the church seemed like simply a place for like-minded people to gather in order to participate in social programs and carry out good works.

Please know that you, Fr Krulak, all the church staff and Vestry, and the congregation, have created an amazing, blessed church. After hearing so many seemingly casual and/or ill-educated preachers here, and seeing almost no one who seems to have a deep reverence and worshipful regard for the Eucharist, I appreciate you all more than ever before."

Those of you who have attended other Episcopal churches will understand the sentiments expressed in this letter. I do not share these words with you to boast, but to highlight why our parish is happy and growing, in contrast with many other churches. The contrast is even more evident when compared with the atmosphere of division, decline and unpleasantness that seems to be the mark of our Episcopal Church nationally.

Many think we are just old-fashioned – but from the Bishop down it is acknowledged that, yes, there is something special and unique about All Saints’.

It is not just the fact that we use Rite 1 – for that could be celebrated in just as careless or irreverent a way as Rite 2. The secret is really the anglo-catholic tradition which this parish is based on and celebrates. In our faithfulness to catholic tradition and worship, emphasis on the sacraments, and the centrality of the Eucharist, we are proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Incarnate Son of God who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. At All Saints’ every Eucharist is another Christmas and the altar is another Bethlehem.

The letter I received also highlights what contributes to the atmosphere that gives All Saints’ a “holy heart of worship”. It is the combination of clergy, staff and congregation which creates this “amazing, blessed church”. And it is not just about a beautiful building, vestments and ceremonial.

The whole of our liturgy and its ritual at All Saints’ is there to emphasise things that words alone can not fully express. Also, our former parishioner said that good preaching is part of it, too. And although it was not said, at the heart is the feeling of community.

As I said, many of you know this to be true. However, we often forget how special and unique All Saints’ is. So it is good to be reminded of this. To use trendy jargon – I want to affirm our tradition. It is also good to note that the things All Saints’ stands for are a concern for no less a person than Pope Benedict. He may not be successful in calling the Roman Catholic Church to a new awareness of traditional liturgy and devotion – but how nice that he shares our priorities!

ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH

A reading of the annual reports shows that once again our parish has grown. Financially it has been a significant year. The generosity of parishioners, both in regular giving and in special and memorial donations, has been most generous. In addition the income from rentals, etc into the Property Account has given us a fund that we can use for projects and maintenance in our facilities. In former years we could only do simple maintenance or appeal for donations. Now we can actually plan ahead, and do things that were just on a “wish list”.

However, it is the worship and life of the parish, not our facilities where growth continues to happen. The growth in new members, particularly families, has continued. Last year we also lost 18 parishioners through moving. This was quite a loss – especially as most of them were involved in every aspect of parish life and ministry. Fortunately we had almost as many join the parish.

A glance at the statistics shows a sharp increase in taking Holy Communion to people at home or in hospital. This is a quiet ministry, and I share it with Fr Krulak, Norma Dreyer & Priscilla Fleishans. Some of the people are parishioners unable to attend Mass, others long term shut-ins, and there is a small group of ladies I visit every month at Atria Nursing Home. I can not adequately describe the appreciation and joy the visits with the Sacrament bring. I am always happy to take the Blessed Sacrament to people in such circumstances, as well as other ministry to the sick, such as Holy Unction. However, I was not given a crystal ball at my ordination, and do need to be kept me in touch when parishioners are sick.

PROBLEMS

It is in my nature to be positive – but I would like to highlight 2 problems we face.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Sunday School continues to grow, and we need new accommodation. Mrs Locke also needs assistance.

PARKING: Parking on Sundays has been a problem for some time. It has also become a problem during the week. Both of these are good problems to have! The Facilities Committee is finding a solution for the Sunday school. New rooms are being provided for the music director and choir, thus allowing the Sunday school to use the Fireside Room. Plans are also in hand for extra parking spaces.

The children's ministry is a delightful growing problem. The Vestry solved part of the problem by employing a staff member of the Pre-school to provide professional nursery care at both Sunday Services, and this has been well received.

Last year I prepared a group of children for First Communion – the first such class here in many years. It was a great test of my ability and patience, but what a delight for us all! This year I have another Communion class, and also a youth Confirmation class. The Bishop will be here to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation.

FINANCE

One “problem” I have not mentioned is our finances. That is because I regard parish finances as an opportunity, not a problem! When you look at our 2009 budget you will see we are facing a challenge. This is no different to every other church or organization in the nation. America is in a difficult financial situation, and many parishioners are affected by this. This year our income from pledges and investments will decrease, and we are looking at a deficit budget. I am, as always, grateful to everyone for their financial commitment to our parish. In faith the Vestry presents this budget, knowing that the people of All Saints’ will respond with joy to the work that demands our commitment.

WORSHIP

The worship offered at All Saints’ continues to be inspiring. We are all thrilled with the standard of music at High Mass, and delighted with our 4 soloists. Sometimes after the offertory anthem I am quite overwhelmed. Thank you to Robert McLeod – what a treasure he is!

The music has improved because of the commitment of parishioners to the music fund. This fund allows us to employ the 4 section leaders, and I encourage everyone to donate to this fund.

The excellence of our music is matched by the dedication of our acolytes. They perform a dedicated and necessary service, and it is great to have more young people in their ranks. I would like to pay a special tribute to Ralph Gordon. Apart from his many other jobs, Ralph serves at 8 am every Sunday. Thank you for your example of commitment and service, Ralph.

Another wonderful servant of our parish is Norma Dreyer. Assisted by a happy team of altar guild members, Norma ensures that everything for worship and the sacraments is ready, and the best we can offer. On many occasions I have said to Norma that maybe we should get a bed for her at the church – thank you, Norma!

I would also like to thank one special group who make our worship so beautiful - the flower guild. This year I have been struck by the beautiful creations Sunday by Sunday. I encourage more people to donate gifts to the flower fund as a memorial or thanksgiving offering.

PARISH LIFE

So many people are involved in organising or helping with the various activities that happen at All Saints'. It would be foolish for me to name them, as I am bound to miss out some. The annual reports contain a good overview of parish life and the people who make things happen. Please note the names listed in each report, and give thanks to God, with me, for them.

I would like to make mention of the Vestry. Once again we have had a Vestry and office-bearers ready and willing to ensure that the parish is administered in a responsible and professional way. It is a joy to work with a team who are able to share vision and enthusiasm for our parish. There are 2 things I particularly thank the Vestry for. Firstly, their support of my sabbatical. This was a wonderful experience for me, and also confirmed to me that All Saints' is the best parish in the whole world! Secondly, as a result of my review I was given a bonus to honour my 5 years as your Rector. I was truly grateful for that acknowledgement.

PERSONAL THANKS

I am blessed to be supported by a wonderful group of “so-called” retired priests. Fr Krulak is my ever-reliable assistant. The parish ministry – to say nothing of your Rector - would suffer without him. We all hold him with great affection, and this was shown at the Requiem Mass he celebrated for his father, General Krulak. The All Saints’ family was there, both in the liturgy and in the congregation. To Fathers Edwards, Thrumston & Barta, I extend my thanks also for your assistance and friendship.

We are blessed with fine lay staff. Jim Mickelson keeps our finances, property & business in good order, and Homero is our ever-willing sexton. We are grateful to both of them for what they do, and always being prepared to assist.

My final thanks are to our Parish Administrator, Terry. This time last year he was still fairly new. Now we can appreciate what a difference he has made in so many areas of parish life. He is an excellent and talented administrator, who has brought youthful enthusiasm and professionalism to our parish office – and laughter! No task seems beyond him, and in addition he has a wonderful relationship with young people.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

I conclude by paying tribute to 4 parishioners who died during the year, all of whom are greatly missed by their families, and by the parish: Ying Hing Tsui, Eric Borchert Jr, Russell Litchfield and Eleanor Herzman.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

NEWCOMERS' DINNER

This will take place in the Parish Hall at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 21st, 2009.

This is a get-together for those who have become new parishioners within the last year from our 8am and 10am services. Come meet, and get to know other newcomers, the Rector, and members of the Outreach Committee.

To reserve your place, please contact Kim Evans at (619) 459 7067 or anyone else on the Outreach Committee, or by calling the Parish Office at (619) 298 7729.



ALL SAINTS' VESTRY MEMBERS 2009

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George Dreyer
Clare Gates
Ruby Littler
John Ireland
Lucretia Locke
Judy Borchert
Otis Robertson
Michelle Banta
Kim Evans
Shelia Hilliard
Marty Fisher*

Praying for our Military

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

On active duty

Robert White

At Home

Fr Bill Cantrell
Fr David Thames
Ian Kelley
Mark Llewellyn
Nua Moa
Mike Wilson
Amy Garrett
Warren Klam

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