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SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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

DAILY MASS

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| 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,

After what seems a long period of intense activity in our parish, summer comes as a welcome break. All Services will continue as usual, but there will be less social activities, and parishioners will be on vacation at various times. On the other hand, there will be a succession of visitors in church. Some of them, having moved to San Diego will be looking for a new church home. We are known for our friendly welcome to visitors and newcomers - so please keep it up!

Summer is also a time when some of our parishioners move. We are sorry to be losing Mike, Mary & Lacey Wilson in August. They are moving to Virginia Beach. Our good friend Fr Stephen Powers is looking forward to welcoming them to St Bride's Church!

CHOIR

Sunday June 29th is the final Sunday for our choir before their summer break. They have given us some wonderful music this year, and our parish has been blessed with their dedication, and that of our organist/choir master, Robert McLeod.

On Sunday June 29th at 5.00 pm they are singing Evensong & Benediction as the finale to their year. The Vestry has decided to honor them with a special reception afterwards. This will also be an opportunity to farewell Kimberly Milton, our lead Alto. Kimberly has been a member of the choir since she arrived at All Saints' in 2006, and we shall miss her! I hope everyone will make a special effort to attend this Service, and join in honoring and thanking our choir.

CHILDREN

One of the delights in the last two years has been the increase in young families attending both the 8.00 am & 10.00 am Masses. I don't have to tell you how important it is for us to welcome the children and make them feel they are part of our parish family. It was therefore a real delight that Terry organized 8 of the girls with Andrew & Matthew White to be a joyful part of our Corpus Christi procession on May 25th, honoring Our Lord with roses, in their inimitable way. The music was also excellent that day, making it the most enjoyable & beautiful Corpus Christi I have experienced.

NEW VESTMENTS

At the Annual Meeting last January the Director of our Altar Guild pointed out that our gold High Mass set is going to need replacing. I am delighted to announce that the Tsui family is giving a new gold set as a memorial to Mr Ying Hing Tsui. These have been commissioned from a company in Oxford, England. The gold vestments are used on the most important festivals and celebrations.

A new set of green High Mass vestments has also been given to the parish. These are a thank-offering for the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham last year. The vestments are made from a light silk fabric in the Latin style, and will be wonderful in the hot summer months. They were blessed and used for the first time on Sunday June 1st.

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners, which gives glory to God, and enhances the beauty of our worship at All Saints'.

THE VIRGIN MARY

One of the things that visitors notice about All Saints' is an unabashed honoring of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Very few Episcopal churches say the Angelus at the end of Sunday Mass. Only a handful of parishes have, like us, made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. People who were brought up in a Roman Catholic or an Anglocatholic parish find this familiar and comforting. Other Episcopalians are either bemused or taken aback.

The latest in my *Church Teaching Series* this time is about devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is on pages 9/12.

PAPAL VISIT TO THE USA.

In April Pope Benedict visited the East Coast, and this was a wonderful occasion for our Roman Catholic brethren. The Pope made a wonderful impression, spoke clearly in defence of the Christian faith, and surprised many people with his warmth and loving outreach. One of the most significant Services was an ecumenical prayer service in New York. He was quite open in his words, particularly with regard to the Anglican Communion (though without naming us!). I am reprinting a report on this from the Catholic News Service on pages 14/15.

SABBATICAL

My sabbatical seems to have suddenly crept up on me. It comes at the end of July, and I will be away from July 28th - September 3rd. For all of August I will be the chaplain at St George's Anglican Church, Taormina, Sicily. This church is part of the CofE diocese in Europe. I will spend a few days in Rome on either side of that month, and am planning to meet up with the new director of the Anglican Center in Rome, Fr David Richardson. Fr Richardson is an Australian, and an old friend, who as Dean of St Paul's cathedral in Melbourne, actually lived 10 doors down from me in my previous parish!

The Diocese in Europe contains over 300 churches from Moscow to Gibraltar. Some of them are full-time parishes & others are attached to the British embassy - but most of them exist with part-time priests, or a roster of retired clergy who spend a month or two as the chaplain.

The congregations contain diverse groups: expatriates who have married locals, foreigners working there, tourists, local students who want to improve their English, etc. Often the congregation contains a variety of protestants because it is the only English speaking church.

I have worshipped in such Anglican churches in Europe on many of my vacations. The opportunity to act as a chaplain is an appealing challenge, and I am looking forward to it. I am hoping to have my own personal website, so that I can do a regular web-blog. St George's has its own website: www.anglicanchurchtaormina.it

During my absence Fr Krulak and Fr Edwards will be responsible for the Services and pastoral ministry. If you wish to see them, or need a priest in an emergency, please contact Terry at the Parish Office. After hours there will be a number you can contact, which will be noted in the Sunday bulletins.

Your priest and friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr Tony". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.



DATE FOR THE CALENDAR

**The Solemnity of
Saints Peter & Paul**



**Sunday, June 29th, 2008
5:00pm**

**Evensong and Benediction
*featuring music from
our organist and choir***

CHURCH TEACHING SERIES

NUMBER 11

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Before the Reformation, the Church of England had been notable for the devotion with which Our Lady was regarded, as evidenced by the widely held belief that she was one of those who accompanied Joseph of Arimathea to Britain and finished her earthly life at Glastonbury. The great mediaeval shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Fen country is another instance of this devotion, for it was a well known and important place of devotion.

The Reformation era was a great time of simplification and return to what was believed to be “Primitive” faith and practice. It was also a great period of re-emphasis in faith. We may now, looking back, regret that the exigencies of the situation, caused mistakes to be made. One of these, was an over-simplification of the Doctrine of the Body of Christ - or perhaps better, an almost complete ignoring of that doctrine. This was almost inevitable in the state of theology, with its “Pigeon Hole” mentality on all sides. (This remains one of the great deficiencies in Anglicanism.)

A positive aspect of the Reformation in England was a renewal and re-emphasis of what was undoubtedly a primitive and biblical doctrine - the doctrine of salvation through Our Lord, the only Mediator and Advocate. When this doctrine is emphasized and the doctrine of the Body of Christ ignored, there is little room for any concept of the “Communion of Saints” as the early Church seems to have understood it and as the Orthodox Churches have so remarkably preserved it in the “Iconostasis” in the buildings.

The Church of England, therefore, in the post-Reformation period, officially and liturgically made little devotion to the saints and therefore to Our Lady. It is not true, however, to say that there was none - the great devotion of Charles I, King and Martyr, in the Reformation period and after (until Queen Victoria illegally removed the Feast) is an example of natural devotion being combined with national fervour.

What then shall we say is the official position of the Anglican Church today regarding Our Lady? It would be best stated as being parallel to the position, as we understand it, of the Churches of the Orthodox Communion with regard to the Blessed Sacrament. They believe fully and completely in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Sacrament, but have no cultus of the Blessed Sacrament because they feel no need of it. Likewise, the Anglican Church believes and accepts the traditional position of Our Lady, but has no official cultus because it feels no need of it.

First the Anglican Church accepts the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and with them the title of Virgin Mary. It undoubtedly accepts the General Councils of the undivided Church and the ancient Fathers and hence, it is undoubted that it accepts the words of Gregory Nazianzen: "If anyone does not believe that Holy Mary is the Mother of God, he (or she) is severed from the Godhead." (Epistle ci); of Cyril of Alexandria: "The Holy Fathers did not make bold to call the Holy Virgin 'Mother of God' (Epistle ii and iii to Nestorius). Or to put it beyond doubt, it accepts the Calcedonian definition which says, inter alia, of Our Lord that he was 'in these last days, for us and for our salvation, born of Mary, the Mother of God...'"

Secondly, let us look at the Book of Common Prayer. There are more feasts of Our Lady than any other person, except Our Lord: Purification (February 2), Annunciation (March 25), Visitation (May 31), Nativity (September 8), and Conception (December 8). The one feast that is missing is that of the Assumption (August 15) but this has recently been restored to many modern Anglican lectionaries.

In this regard in a calendar of the University of Oxford dated 1724 the Feast of the Assumption is listed as one of the Feasts to be kept in that University. In the Oxford Calendar it is still a feast day in that University.

Next, the Prayer Book retains the title of Our Lady as well as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her song "The Magnificat" is the daily song of all her clergy and of the faithful who join them in the divine office. Moreover, the Prayer Book makes it incumbent upon every Anglican to believe in the sinlessness of Mary. The collect for Christmas Day states..."And as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin...". The very use of the word "Virgin" tells us that Mary was sexually pure. Why then did Cranmer use the adjective "pure" before the proper noun "Virgin"? The answer is simple: the 16th century meaning of that word is "without spot or blemish". In other words, Our Lady was without sin.

Thirdly, the popular devotion given to Our Lady throughout the Anglican World is indicative of the position in which she is held. I stress the word popular as opposed to official practice. The devotion of everyday people is a true indication of the place which ordinary Anglicans accord to Mary. In many of our churches the Angelus is rung regularly. Many churches and cathedrals maintain and use Lady Chapels, many of them adorned with a statue of Our Lady which is usually decorated with choice flowers. Moreover, the use of votive candles by the faithful indicates the great love and devotion which they have for her.

The shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is now restored and is the goal of regular and great pilgrimages from all over the world. Many Anglicans have a statue of the Virgin in their homes - those from both Oberammergau and Walsingham being widely cherished.

All this indicates that Our Lady has a special place of prominence in both the official teachings of the Anglican Church and in the popular devotion of its adherents and this is only right because without her there would be no salvation.

*Hail Mary, full of grace;
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen*



Parish Projects in hand

NEW OFFICE PRINTER

The Vestry has decided to invest in a new color printer for the office. Parishioners will have noticed a marked increase in printed publications in the past 9 months. This has not only been an increase in quantity, but also in quality, using pics & color. The current photocopier was obtained mainly to accomodate the Day School. A report to the Vestry indicated that our printing costs have increased to a level where it was no longer efficient. Accordingly we will be purchasing a new printer which will have the ability to print in color and to fold & staple. It will be networked with our computers, making the process of producing our printed bulletins, magazines, etc easier.

CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING

Last Summer conditions in the church were often oppressively hot. The Vestry has looked into converting our existing heating system into cooling & heating. However it is not feasible. Quotes are being obtained for a new system for both heating and cooling. It is hoped that this will be installed before Summer gets too hot.

CHURCH FLOOR

At the Annual Meeting in January the Rector asked for a show of hands for those in favour of removing the carpet in the nave & polishing the floor, as was done in the sanctuary. Only 2 people were not in favour, and the Facilities Committee will be proceeding with this project.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Ruby Littler, the chair of the Facilities Committee apologises to the committee members for lack of activity since January. Ruby came down with a virus that laid her low for some time. She is looking forward to getting the committee into action very soon!

Pope Benedict

NEW YORK (CNS) - Using unusually strong words for an ecumenical prayer service, Pope Benedict XVI said the witness of Christians in the world is weakened not only by their divisions, but also by some communities turning their backs on Christian tradition.

"Communion with the church in every age," he said, is needed particularly "at the time when the world is losing its bearings and needs a persuasive common witness to the saving power of the Gospel."

The pope met April 18 with about 250 representatives of U.S. ecumenical organizations and a dozen Christian churches and denominations for evening prayer at St. Joseph's Church in New York.

He began by praising the ecumenical commitment of U.S. Christians and acknowledging that the agreements found in their theological dialogues have contributed to the theological agreements later forged by the Vatican and its official dialogue partners.

But Pope Benedict also focused on ways the Christian obligation to share the good news of the Gospel suffers in the modern world.

"Too often those who are not Christians, as they observe the splintering of Christian communities, are understandably confused about the Gospel message itself," he said.

But another, growing problem lies in the fact that "fundamental Christian beliefs and practices are sometimes changed within communities by so-called 'prophetic actions' that are based" on a reading of Christianity "not always consonant" with that found in the Bible and in Christian tradition.

While the pope did not offer specific examples, he has in the past questioned Christian communities that have decided to ordain women to the priesthood and episcopacy or to bless homosexual unions and ordain openly gay men and women.

The pope's concerns obviously extend to the Anglican Communion and its troubled relations with the U.S. Episcopal Church and some dioceses in Canada.

The Anglican Communion is attempting to find ways to strengthen its structures for ensuring that one national member does not take actions that make other members of the communion uncomfortable. At times, bishops have been named to oversee pastoral care of members who do not go along with the changes.

Pope Benedict said it was unfortunate that some church communities have given up "the attempt to act as a unified body, choosing instead to function according to the idea of 'local options.'" The pope said he was concerned that in a world marked by a greater sense of global unity and interdependence, the feeling of "fragmentation and a retreat into individualism" is seen in Christian denominations just as it is in the world at large.

The unity of the early Christian community and the cohesion of its members "was based on the sound integrity of their doctrinal confession," the pope said.

But now, he said, there are signs that some Christians are taking the same "relativistic approach" to doctrine that many modern people take to moral and ethical values in general. Christians cannot pretend that there is no such a thing as Christian truth, he said. The Christian faith is not a matter of picking and choosing what to believe and what to discard from the Scriptures and Christian tradition.

When Christians think they only need to follow their own consciences and find a church that suits their individual tastes, the result is a "continual proliferation of communities which often eschew institutional structures and minimize the importance of doctrinal content for Christian living," he said.

Pope Benedict said that when a church, like the Catholic Church, asserts its doctrines, it is not throwing up an obstacle to progress in Christian unity.

"A clear, convincing testimony to the salvation wrought for us in Christ Jesus has to be based upon the notion of normative apostolic teaching," he said. Christians must hold the faith that Jesus gave to his apostles.

Only by holding on to the sure teaching of the Gospel, he said, will the Christian churches be able to find the basis for unity and for a united witness to a troubled world.

From Shelia Hilliard

several of you have been kind enough to ask about my trip so here is a brief glimpse of

A VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD

Aboard Holland-America Line's "Amsterdam" 1200 passengers sailed from Fort Lauderdale to 40 ports in 24 countries, and back to Florida after 114 days, most of them taking the entire 4-month cruise celebrating the Line's first circumnavigation in 1958 and calling at six continents: South America - at the Pacific mouth of the Panama Canal lies the island of Fuerte Amador linked by causeway to Panama City's seventeenth-century cobbled streets and iron balconies against a backdrop of high-rises. A string of South Sea Islands - French Polynesia, Robert Louis Stevenson's Western Samoa, the Kingdom of Tonga - crossing the Equator and losing a day at the International Date Line brought us to the four New Zealand cities. In Auckland to the top of the Sky Tower, tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere, and Devonport, a seaside resort and artists' colony. In Dunedin with its stately Victorian Gothic buildings we toured Cadbury's chocolate factory!

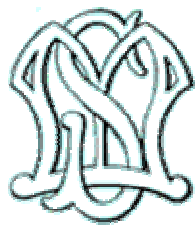
Across the choppy Tasman Sea to Australia - in Sydney several climbed the harbor bridge, an adventure I had enjoyed in 2002; in Melbourne I took a taxi to St. Mark's, Fitzroy, where Fr. Murphy showed me around the lovely old church and elegant Vicarage. At lunch he told me he is looking forward to a visit with his nephew to Beijing for the Olympics. Perth and Bali (the idyllic Hindu island of terraces and temples) brought us to Brunei, a tiny oil-rich sultanate on the island of Borneo, well-ordered with opulent palaces and mosques - here there are water villages, large homes on stilts linked by wooden walkways, with a hospital, school, police station, all above the water.

The great cities of Asia - Manila, Hong Kong, Saigon (still so called despite its official name of Ho Chi Minh City) and Singapore (where we lunched at Raffles Hotel and rode the newly-opened Ferris Wheel) - were all thriving. In mysterious Halong Bay, Vietnam, a United Nations World Heritage site, we saw hundreds of rock formations rising out of the water.

Colorful, vibrant India and empty, sand Oman (where families of camels graze beside the road) brought us to the Red Sea, Suez Canal and Africa with excursions to the Valley of the Kings, the huge temples of Luxor, and Cairo, to see the Pyramids, only Wonder of the Ancient World still in existence.

After 100 degrees in Egypt, the Mediterranean was cool with Istanbul in the fifties - this three-thousand-year-old city straddles Asia and Europe and was the scene of the World Cruise Reception held in a pillared Roman cistern, strange setting for a party which included the American Ambassador - and a belly dancer. In the Black Sea we visited Sochi, at the foot of the Caucasus Mountains, site of the 2014 Winter Olympics. The last time I was in the Greek island of Santorini we rode the steep cliff path on donkeys but to-day there is a cable car. Venice was my favorite port - we rode a gondola, went to Harry's Bar and shopped! Tripoli was cancelled - whether due to US or Libyan regulations I never understood - and replaced by Malta with the magnificent, fortified Grand Harbor, Valletta.

From Gibraltar (and apes) we sailed into the Atlantic to Lisbon, Medeira, Burmuda and back to North America with a day in New York City. Good weather, company, food, entertainment (celebrities included Regis Philbin and three of the lesser-known Osmond brothers) made for a happy adventure.



Society of Mary

*Meetings over the
next few months are:*

Saturday, June 28th, 2008

Saturday, July 26th, 2008

Saturday, August 16th, 2008

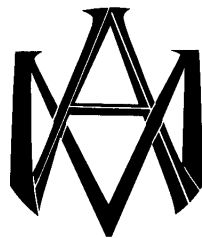
11:00am

Recitation of the Rosary

11:30am

Mass

followed by potluck lunch



Praying for our Military

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

On active duty

Fr David Thames
Warren Klam

At Home

Robert White
Ian Kelley
Mark Llewellyn
Nua Moa
Mike Wilson
Amy Garrett

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