

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, San Diego*

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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...

My dear friends,

October is a busy month at All Saints'. Things in the parish are back in full swing, it is "Stewardship Month" and we finish with our patronal festival. The special events are outlined on pages 8/9.

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Terry McArthur has quickly settled into the parish. It is good to have him in the office all day, and a lot of parishioners have been calling in to meet him. He has also been talking to some of our young adults about social activities. I asked Terry to write something for this edition, and it is on page 11.

It is in the area of parish publications that he has had an immediate impact. There has been a positive response to the new form of the Sunday bulletins, which now include the whole of the Mass.

Terry has also taken over responsibility for this magazine. Since I became Rector 4 years ago - & before that - Kathryn Dreyer has faithfully and professionally produced the parish magazine.

This year time has become the problem, as Kathryn works during the days now on her artistic endeavours, as well as being a mother. I thank Kathryn for all the work she has put into "For All the Saints". It has been one of the most professional parish magazines you could hope to find!

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

When I think of stewardship it has 2 aspects. Firstly, thanks for our parish and celebrating its life. Secondly, renewing our financial commitment to the parish. This is about more than the parish budget. It is about expressing our thanks to God - and we have many reasons to give thanks, both as a parish and as individual Christians.

3 years ago I introduced changes to our stewardship appeal. Firstly, a Stewardship Sunday, when a member of the congregation gives an address in place of the sermon. Secondly, we had a parish dinner, at which I gave my vision for the parish, and projects for the future. We repeated this last year, and I reported back to the parish on my vision and plans. Not surprisingly, they had changed! There is so much growth and life in our parish that the stewardship committee are once again planning these 2 events.

The parish dinner will be an American BBQ on Saturday October 27th. We have achieved so much this year, and I will review our life as a parish as well as presenting new goals.

In addition 4 of our pilgrims will talk about the wonderful trip we did in England recently, accompanied by a slideshow. This will be another wonderful night, and I hope every parishioner will make an effort to be there.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

As usual, we celebrate our festival on the Sunday after All Saints' Day. At 5.00 pm on Sunday November 4th we will have the traditional Evensong and Benediction with the choir. The guest preacher will be Fr Neal Moquin, Rector of St Michael's, Carlsbad. Fr Neal grew up at All Saints' and is well know to older parishioners. It will be good to welcome him back. A reception will follow the Service.

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN

As you know, I have wanted to keep the church open for prayer during the week since I came to All Saints'. On the anniversary of 9/11 the church was open all day for prayer and reflection. This is the first time we have used the alarm system to protect the sanctuary. We advertised and Terry reported that many people came in throughout the day. At the September Vestry meeting we discussed this, and we propose to do this during the hours that Terry is in the office.

PERSONAL

I would like to conclude with a nice personal story. Some of you will know that 33 years ago, as a young Aussie I went to the UK on a working holiday. I arrived in London in July 1974 with my best friend. After traveling to Scotland in a car we returned to London, & then made our way to Walsingham. We caught the train to Norwich on a Sunday & arrived in time to attend Evensong at the cathedral.

Afterwards I introduced myself to the Dean (armed with a letter of reference from Archbishop Reed of Adelaide!) & explained we were on our way to Walsingham. I asked if someone could put us up for the night. The Dean kindly took us back to his Deanery & phoned a priest who was back from missionary work & was looking after St Julian's.

That priest took us in for the night, & fed us. Next morning he was to say Mass in the Julian shrine & I offered to serve. I remember it well - it was St Laurence's Day (August 10th). On our recent parish pilgrimage I realised that we had arrived in Norwich on that same day, 33 years later! I subsequently enquired who the Dean would have been, & found out it was Dean Alan Webster. He was still alive - though not in good health. So when I returned to San Diego I wrote to him.

I explained that he would not remember me, but I was very grateful for his kindness all those years ago, & that he might like to know I was now a priest.

Dean Webster got my letter & I was told by his wife that he read it with pleasure. The following week he passed away. I was so glad I decided to write the letter. It was a good reminder that we often forget to do these little gestures of appreciation and thanks.

Your priest and friend,



Parish Pre-School

In its first year of operation your Parish Pre-School is thriving: as well as monthly payments for rent and shared expenses, the Parish has received \$2,500 in profits, and 65 students are currently enrolled: a big “well done” to Administrator Jim Mickelson, Director Ms Battles, the staff and Father Wayne and Kathy Sanders. Look out for announcement of the next open day and go and see for yourselves how well the children are doing.

Sheila Hilliard
Chairman, Pre-School Oversight Committee

THE PARISH ANNUAL DINNER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2007
4pm - 8pm

All parishioners are invited for a BBQ.

Last year the Rector reported on his vision for the parish and our future. Come and hear how much we have achieved, and what new things he has in store!

We will also hear from some of our parishioners about their recent pilgrimage.

Please note the date and plan to attend. Please RSVP by October 15th.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2007

Sunday, November 4th, 2007

8:00am LOW MASS

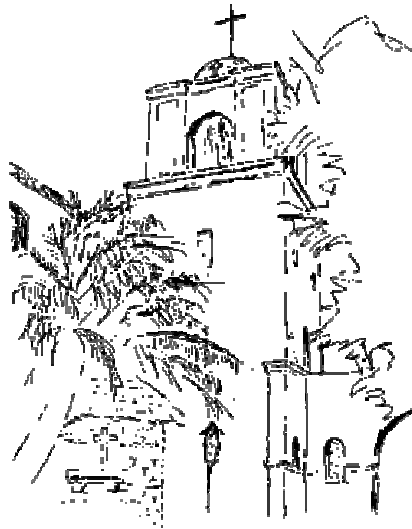
10:00am PROCESSION & HIGH MASS

5:00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION
Followed by reception in the parish hall

SPECIAL PREACHER:

Fr Neal Moquin

Rector at St. Michael's Church, Calsbad



A LONG WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 22nd

9:00am HIGH MASS

11:00am Community Thanksgiving Lunch



CHRIST THE KING - Sunday, November 25th

8:00am LOW MASS

10:00am HIGH MASS,
concluding with Procession of the
Blessed Sacrament and Benediction



FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Well Fr. Tony has asked me to write something in this issue, and the first thing I wondered was of course, what to write?

I think the main thing (and most obvious) is a big THANK YOU to all who I have met and who have welcomed me. I don't at all want to leave anyone out but there are a few people I want to thank in particular...Fr. Tony, of course, for his prayers and support, George for being a good sport, for his support and care. Clare, Michelle, Eric, Rick and Susan the wardens, the Vestry, and all the pilgrims who went to Walsingham whom I met in London the Sunday before I arrived - and all who have helped me to settle in during the last few weeks.

Being raised, and later working in my own parish (which is a High Anglo-Catholic parish in London), it wasn't really that hard to adjust to the work that needs to be done, not just in helping the Rector with things in the office, but the many things which need to be done in terms of publishing for the Sacred Liturgies etc. It has now been a month since I started work and after two weeks I had managed to settle into a routine of things.

I think that is enough to start with, and thank you for taking the time to read this.. Please continue to pray for the growth of our parish, that people might continue to be drawn by the never-failing love and mercy of Our Lord, that we might serve and please him in everything we do here.

Terry

REFLECTIONS ON THE IMPACT OF OUR WALSINGHAM VISIT



How does one describe in words the feeling that comes about you as you make your first visit to the Holy House. Being human, the impact of the feeling of quiet confidence that came over me lasted the entire visit. It was reinforced as we celebrated Mass, Prayers, Stations of the Cross finalized with the candlelit procession from the Parish Church where the carved wood bust of Mary resided to the Roman Catholic church for the New Testament Reading and some prayers; then on to the Holy House where Mary's journey ended as she was placed on the outdoor altar for closing prayers and fireworks! There must have been seven to eight hundred people walking with lighted candles. The words of the hymn that was sung were printed on the candle protector - all twelve verses. A couple of the verses say it better than my words:

“For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave; and comfort the dying thou light of the grave”.

“There is no need, Mary, nor ever has been, which thou canst not succour, Immaculate Queen”.

“Now, to God be all glory and worship for aye, and to God’s virgin mother an endless Ave”.

As I participated in the Sprinkling of Water, my prayer was for the Surgeon who will build a new shoulder for me next month. As the priest gave me the water to drink, I felt that special peace “Which passeth all understanding” .

Now, home again, that peace remains as I prepare to move through the process!.

Priscilla S. Fleishans



CHURCH TEACHING SERIES

NUMBER 5

BURNING INCENSE

What is Incense?

Incense is made from various aromatic resins and gums taken from trees and other plants. When burned it gives off scented smoke. In church it is normally burned in a CENSER or THURIBLE. Because it is difficult to burn on its own, and to create the maximum amount of smoke, it is burned along with charcoal.

Which Churches use Incense?

Most of Christianity use, or have used, incense in worship. All the Eastern Orthodox Churches burn incense at most of their services, or liturgies. In the 'west' the Roman Catholic Church burns incense at many of its services.

The Church of England used incense throughout its history, until the mid 1600's, when it fell into disuse generally. From that time, though, it continued to be used in worship in isolated churches such as York Minister, and since the mid 19th Century its use has spread and increased.

Nowadays many churches are rediscovering the benefits to be gained from burning incense as part of their worship.

Incense and Liturgy

LITURGY is the formal public worship of the Church, its work. The Liturgy of the Church is made-up of the liturgy of each individual Christian, and should be the best we can possibly offer to God.

Christian worship erupts out of our love of God and our desire to express that love. As such we should worship him with ‘all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength’. Good liturgy is designed to stimulate just such a response in us, by exciting the senses and feeding our imagination.

One of the elements of good liturgy is, for example, the use of colour and movement provided by the use of colourful vestments, processions and the like. Singing and chanting is another important element of liturgy, stimulating as it does the sense of hearing. The use of incense enables even fuller participation in the liturgy by stimulating the sense of smell. It also provides colour, movement and the sound as the thurible is swung and its chain ‘chinks’ and ‘tinkles’.

Incense as Symbol

Symbols help to point our minds in the direction of invisible realities, and speak to us in a language often richer than words alone.

As a symbol, incense is exceptionally rich in associations. Of its many possible associations, two are particularly worthy of mention here.

1. In Matthew 2:11 we read of the Magi bringing Frankincense (a particular type of incense) as a gift to the Christ-Child. In the words of that well loved Christmas carol “Incense owns a Deity nigh”, which means that incense is a sign of our belief in the Real Presence of Christ, the Son of God. What was good enough for the Magi is surely good enough for us!
2. In the Book of Revelation, or Apocalypse, the burning of incense appears to be an important part of the worship of heaven. In chapter 5:8 we read of ‘Golden bowls full of

incense, which are the prayers of the Saints”.

This whole book is symbolic, and was never intended to be taken as literally accurate. Many commentators, though believe that the writer of the book was strongly influenced by the worship, or liturgy, of his own church. When we burn incense we remind ourselves that our prayers, like the incense, ascend to the throne of God and mingle with the prayers of the Saints in heaven.

The Offering of Incense

At the heart of worship in the Temple at Jerusalem was sacrifice.

The sacrificial offering was usually a living thing such as a lamb or bird, but the fruits of the earth were also offered, including incense. In the Temple there was even an altar specially set aside for the burning of incense.

With the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70.A.D. the sacrificial worship of the Old Testament came to an end. The necessity for much of it had already been brought to an end, several years before, by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Our human need to offer thanksgiving and sacrifice to God remains however.

In our daily lives, Christians have the opportunity to give the best of themselves back to God in the service of each other. In our worship we have the opportunity to offer tokens which represent ourselves. Incense is a token of the best we have to offer. In 2 Corinthians 2:15 we read “We are indeed the incense offered by Christ to God both for those who are on the way to salvation, and for those who are on the way to perdition: to the latter it is a deadly fume that kills, to the former a vital fragrance that brings life”.

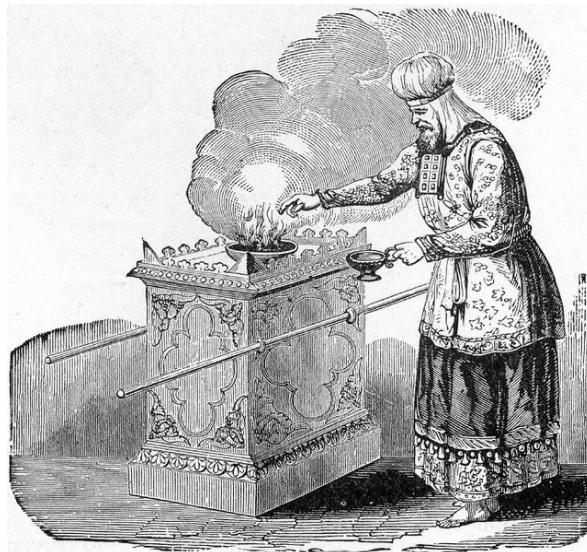
In the Eucharist Sacrifice we join our offering with that of Christ himself on the Cross, as at the hands of the priest. He offers himself to the Father on our behalf. The burning of incense in the Eucharist reminds us that Christ's sacrifice is real, and just as effective for us who are alive today as it was when Christ died on the Cross.

When we burn Incense

The most natural and appropriate time to burn incense is when the Lord comes among us in Person in the Eucharist. In the same way, if you are fortunate enough to attend a church in which the service of Benediction* is available, you will find incense burned then.

Incense is traditionally burned at the particular points during Divine Service, notably during the Te Deum and Benediction at solemn celebrations of Mattins, and during the Magnificat at Solemn Evensong. It is occasionally used at other times also, such as at funerals, and when objects and places are blessed.

- *BENEDICTION is a particularly beautiful and moving service in which Our Lord is worshipped, present in person in the Blessed Sacrament, and in which his blessing is sought.*



HUMOR PAGE

CHURCH HYMNS

The Dentist's Hymn.....	Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn.....	There shall be Showers of Blessing
The Contractor's Hymn.....	The Church's one Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....	There is a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....	Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn.....	Open my Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn.....	Send the Light
The Shopper's Hymn.....	Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn.....	I've got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
The Pilot's Hymn.....	I'll Fly Away
The Paramedic's Hymn.....	Revive Us Again
The Judge's Hymn.....	Almost Persuaded

A young man who went to his parish priest and asked to be married. He wasn't a regular churchgoer and he didn't really know his way about the various options. The priest asked him "Do you want the old service or the new one"? He said: "Well, I think I'd like the new one, please".

On the day of his marriage this bride-groom was driving himself to church when there was a sudden downpour. The car leaked water in the engine and stalled. The bridegroom got out and tried to fix it. The rain came on harder and he got his trousers all muddied, so he rolled them up above his knees. Anyhow, he managed to fix the car and get to church - late. His bride was already at the altar, in tears. He ran straight to her side. The priest looked at his disheveled state and said, "For goodness sake man, pull your trousers down"!

And the man replied: "you know, Father, I think I will have the old service after all"!

Praying for our Military

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

On active duty

Fr David Thames
Robert White
Ian Kelley

At Home

Mark Llewellyn
Nua Moa
Mike Wilson
Ben Apple

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