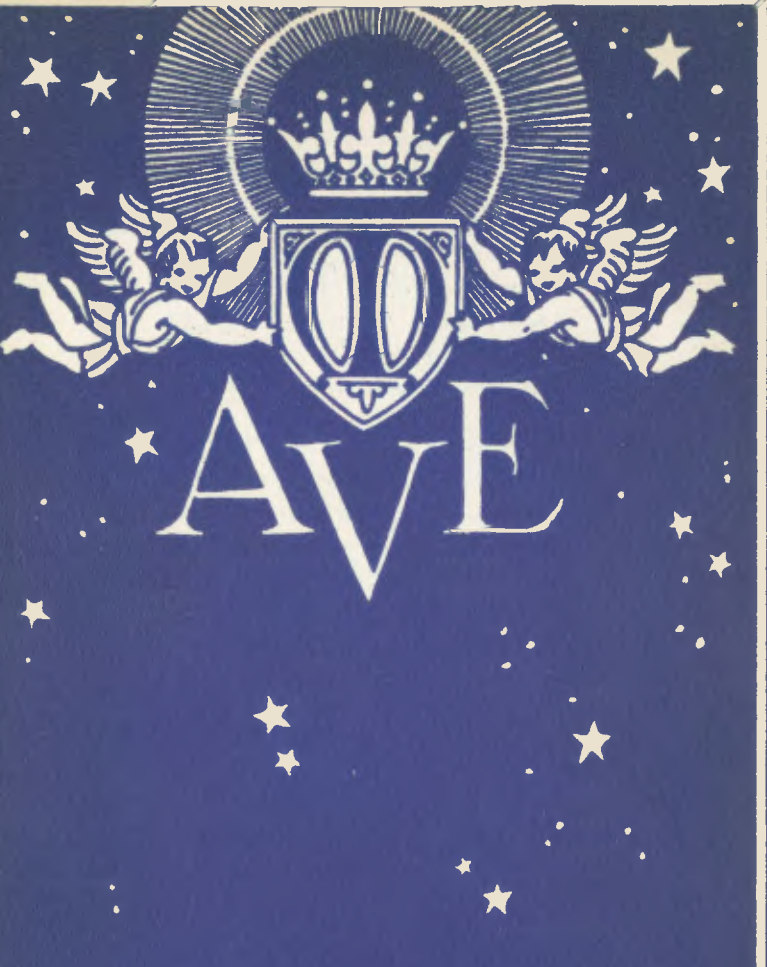


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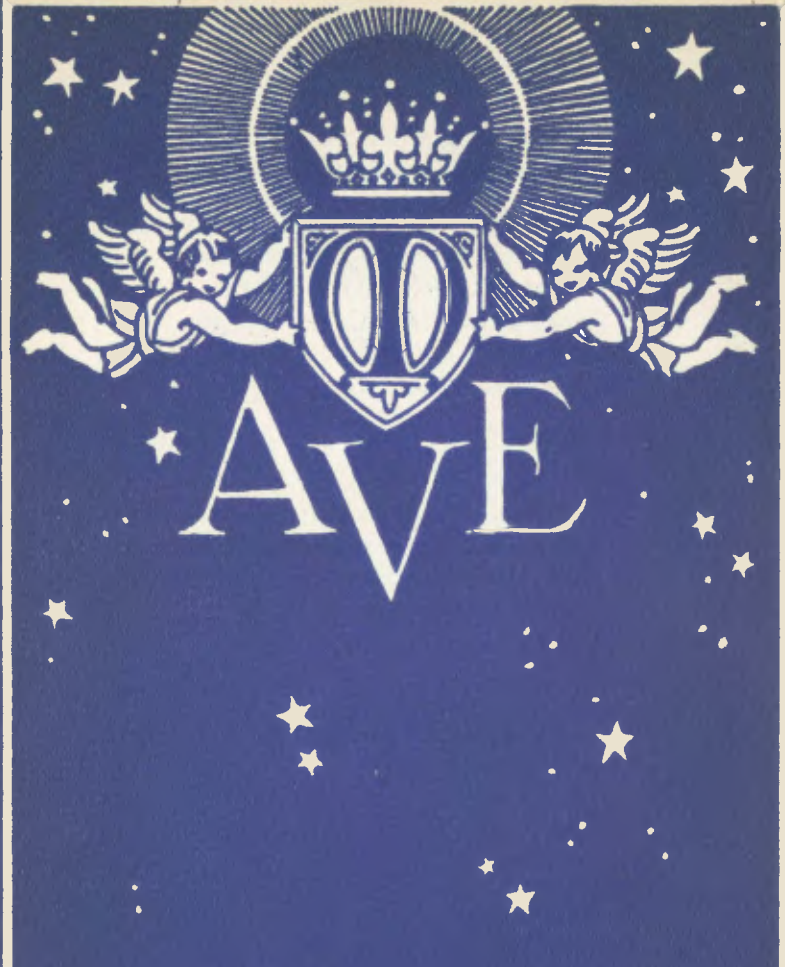
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THE MONTH OF MARY

L ENT is over; Easter has come; our Lord is risen; we welcome with joy the best season of all the year, the month of May, the month of Mary. It is something to be rid of winter for a time. Just to think of the snow and sleet and the damp cold and the grey skies of the past months makes us appreciate even more the first real touches of spring. In April we are still apprehensive (after all it snowed a little on the fourteenth), but the coming of May means the surrender of winter—and summer is just around the corner!

“For winter’s rains and ruins are over,
And all the season of snows and sins:
The days dividing lover and lover,
The light that loses, the night that wins;
And time remembered is grief forgotten,
And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,
And in green underwood and cover
Blossom by blossom the spring begins.”

So much for our merely pagan joy in the annual miracle of nature’s regeneration. For us as Catholic Christians the month of May means more than the coming of spring. For May is the month of Mary, the time above all others when we delight to honour the Mother of our Lord, Mary, “our tainted nature’s solitary boast,” Mary, the Queen of Heaven.

There are many ways in which we can give token of our reverence and respect during this month for her who is our Lady and the Patron of this parish. Of course, we all say the *Hail, Mary* every day; but this month we may add to our daily devotions a Litany or the Rosary. Some of us may care to learn a few verses of a hymn to the Blessed Virgin, such as *Ave, maris Stella* (English Hymnal, 213) or John Keble's beautiful hymn *Ave Maria! blessed Maid* (English Hymnal, 216). Or we may want to light candles before her shrine in the church, or make it fair and fragrant with supplies of spring flowers.

Whatever we do, sincerely and from our hearts, will surely be acceptable, not only to our Lady, but to Him Whom she was meet to bear. For, by drawing closer to Mary and by asking the aid of her prayers, we are of necessity brought into the presence of her Divine Son; and in honouring her, His Mother, we may feel confident that we are doing that which is well pleasing in His sight.

Public devotions to our Lady during the month of May will consist in the recitation of the Rosary or a Litany after six o'clock Evensong every week-day.

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THE honour of Mary has always been defended in theory by Anglican divines. The tradition that devotion is due to her has always been preserved within the Church of England. Indeed, there is no Catholic doctrine or practice for which defence and justification may not be found in the writings of English churchmen since the Reformation, even in the dark centuries of the Church's debasement. The tradition was there, but in practice it was strangely inoperative even among those who received it, and who seemed to shrink from the logical consequences of the teaching which they inherited.

The renewal of spiritual life which followed upon the Oxford Movement did not seem to find place for Marian devotion. Yet there were not lacking writers who urged it. Dr Pusey, in his preface to Father Surin's *The Foundations of the Spiritual Life*, published nearly a hundred years ago, wrote of the Rosary: "It

is painful to think how much superstitious contempt of simple devotion, of the worship of child-like souls is virtually involved in the censures of it. This daily continual memorial of our Lord, in His life and death for us, is lost to our very habits, and replaced by nothing."

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BY-PATHS to heaven might be a good description of many devotions other than Holy Communion. Morning and Evening Prayer, Litanies and Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Saints, for instance. A tendency exists to-day in orthodox circles to see only one approach to our Lord and to disparage all by-paths, even though in the end they may lead to Him.

The Blessed Sacrament is our Holy of Holies; but another devotion may be the ante-chamber, the outer court; and, if it be only the door-step, surely Mother Church does not drive away the soul that has one foot on her threshold. Did she so she would be not a mother but a step-mother.

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THE teaching of the Cross may be all summed up for us in the two festivals of the Holy Cross: the Invention (*May 3rd*) and the Exaltation (*September 14th*). The Invention or Discovery of the Cross—that is the discovery we all have to make. This is the quest upon which we must all set forth. "The Sign of the Son of Man" is the outward Cross. We know its true inward significance when it is enshrined in our own hearts, in the realization of a sacrificial life. Thus we are led on, year by year, to the observance of the other beautiful solemnity, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It would be no bad account of the true religious life to say that it consists in the discovery and the exaltation of the Cross. Whenever a duty is recognized, the Cross is found; whenever that duty is done, the Cross is exalted.

The Cross is not pleasant—it never was; it never will be. It means crucifixion, not sentiment. The reason why some religion is cheap is that it uses the Cross as an emblem and nothing more.—From *A Person's Religion*.

SUNDAY, May 6th, will be kept as the Feast of St John before the Latin Gate, with a commemoration of the fifth Sunday after Easter. It is the patronal festival of the Society of St John the Evangelist, members of which serve the Church of St Mary the Virgin. The sermon at High Mass will be preached by the Father Rector.

Local members of the Fellowship of St John and associates of the S.S.J.E. are asked to receive Holy Communion with special intention on May 6th, if possible at the 8 o'clock Mass.

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THE annual reception of the Fathers and Brothers of the S.S.J.E. will be held in St Joseph's Hall on Friday, May 11th, when they will be "at home" to parishioners, associates and other friends, between 4 and 6 p.m. and 8 and 9.30 p.m. In the evening, Father Dale will give an illustrated talk on a visit to the Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady of Laach in the Rhineland last summer. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Benediction will be sung in the church at 9.30 p.m.

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IN connection with the Fathers' reception on May 11th, St Mary's Guild has very kindly arranged to have an exhibition of some of its more recent work, together with a display of other vestments and embroideries belonging to the parish. These will be on view in St Joseph's Hall from 3 to 6 and from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

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THE Rogation Days—the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day—are days of prayer for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth. In these times when there is hunger and want in many lands in spite of an abundance of foodstuff, we must pray not so much for greater plenty but that the plenty should be more equably available for all of God's children.

ASCENSION DAY, Thursday, May 10th, is a holy day of obligation. There will be five Masses in the church that morning: at 6, 7, 8, 9.30 and 12.10. The Mass at 7 o'clock will be a High Mass with communions. Our faith should draw all of us to a joyful communion on Ascension Day. That is the day of our Lord's joy; it is heaven's welcome to Him as Man.

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THE Catholic Laymen's Club of New York will hold its annual corporate communion here at St Mary's on Sunday, May 6th, at the 8 o'clock Mass.

This parish is represented by a large membership in the club, and all those men are urged to be present. A communion breakfast will follow at a nearby restaurant, with the annual meeting and addresses by the Father Rector and other speakers.

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CORPORATE Communions for parish guilds and societies during the month:

- May 4. Friday. Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, 8 a.m.
- 9. Wednesday. St Mary's Guild. 9.30 a.m.
- 11. Friday. Woman's Auxiliary. 9.30 a.m.
- 18. Friday. Guild of All Souls. 8 a.m.
- 24. Thursday. Guild of Help. 9.30 a.m.
- 31. Corpus Christi. Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

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AT the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on May 11th, Father Otis will speak on "The Missionary Work of the Society of St John the Evangelist." This meeting is held in St Joseph's Hall at 10.30 a.m., following the 9.30 Mass.

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THE members of St Mary's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary work for the missions that are under the National Council of the Episcopal Church; but the women of the Auxiliary also work

for a great many enterprises that are not under the National Council, and that do not receive financial aid from the Council. Here at St Mary's, a considerable number of the Auxiliary members are also enthusiastic workers for various missions of this kind. Many of our active Auxiliary women give much time and devotion to hospitals, homes, schools, and similar mission works, other than those more directly under the National Council. In St Mary's parish there is easily room for all these very deserving missionary interests, and more, too. The spiritual strength and power of the parish is due in large measure to the generous toil and devotion given out to the many different missionary claims made upon us.

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THE Guild of St Catherine of Genoa for Graduate and Student Nurses will hold the last meeting of this season on Sunday, May 13th. Devotions in the Lady Chapel at 4.45 p.m. will be followed by tea and a social hour in St Joseph's Hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all nurses who worship at St Mary's.

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CORPUS Christi, Thursday, May 31st. Low Masses at 7, 8, 9.30 and 12.10. The solemnities of the Feast and the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on the Sunday in the Octave, June 3rd.

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CONTINUE to knock! Answers delayed are not necessarily prayers denied. God often desires to train us in patience. Prayer should not be spasmodic; if we would have a daily blessing rather than a spasmodic or uncertain blessing, then our prayers should be daily and habitual.

When St Peter went to the house of St Mark's mother and failed to get admittance at once, he "continued knocking." St Peter was not a man to give up when he wanted to get in where

he belonged. When at first the gates of circumstance do not open to us, we, like Simon Peter, must continue knocking until we get some answer, whether it be "Yes" or "No" or "Wait a while."

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FELLOWSHIP is a great word in the New Testament. It was a favourite word with St John because it was a favourite word with our Blessed Lord. Fellowship is the expression of love. St Paul was never weary of reminding his converts that they belonged to one another. It is a truth no one of us can afford to forget. We must maintain the domestic spirit, the home feeling, the family atmosphere in the Church.

The Church, to be genuinely Christian, cannot support itself permanently on what is technically called "the worship of God." The communion of saints, the fellowship of man with man, is as essential to vital religion as is the communion of man with God. The second commandment is like unto the first—indeed, it is part of it. When, in any age of the Church, the pagan ideal of religion as being exclusively worship drives out the Christian ideal of religion as worship and brotherliness, the Church loses power. Convents, monasteries, guilds, brotherhoods, confraternities, societies of one kind or another, are formed within the Church to keep the ideal alive. Kind words, smiles, and loving deeds are sacramental.

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A FUNDAMENTAL principle in church is that all unnecessary conversation should cease. Those who come here to Mass and Evensong have the right of going away from the church with the mind still intent upon the Presence of God. Those who desire to remain kneeling in prayer have the right to do so undisturbed. We can meet in the House of God as friends, and the warmth of Christian fellowship can be evident without talking with one another. The hum of conversation in the pews and aisles of some churches after a service is often very distressing; two or three thoughtless persons can make a whole congregation seem to be irreverent. Without judging others or finding fault with our neighbours, let us make stern rules for ourselves.

THE article entitled *What Mean Ye? A Guide to High Mass*, which first appeared in the February number of AVE, has now been reprinted in pamphlet form and sells for five cents a copy. It may be obtained at the tract table in the church, or from the Parish Secretary's office.

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THE sermons on the Oxford Movement which were preached by the Father Rector here at St Mary's last autumn are now appearing in *The Cowley Quarterly* for 1934—one in each number, beginning with the spring issue. Persons who wish to have the complete set are advised to subscribe for the *Quarterly* (one dollar a year) and send their subscriptions to the editor, Father Dale, 144 West 47th Street, New York.

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COPIES of *The Story of St Mary's* are still available at the office of the Parish Secretary. The book, compiled by Mr Newbury Frost Read from the official records of the Corporation of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, covers the history of the parish from its formation in 1868 up to the institution of Father Williams as Rector in 1931.

The book contains 281 pages of text and 15 half-tone illustrations and is bound in blue decorative boards. Price, \$1.60, post free.

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MESSRS Mowbray of London have just published a book on the Holy Eucharist by Father Richard Meux Benson and entitled *Colloquies and Prayers for Holy Communion*. Father Benson, as is well known, was one of the leading figures in the Catholic Revival in the English Church, the founder of the Cowley Fathers, and above all a spiritual teacher and guide of wide-spread influence.

This influence will be continued and extended by these "Colloquies and Prayers" which have been carefully chosen from his writings and arranged by Father Pulley, S.S.J.E. The Father Superior General of the English Congregation of the Society of St John the Evangelist contributes a Foreword to the volume, and the book contains as a frontispiece a reproduction of the picture "The Mass of St Giles" recently acquired by the National Gallery in London.

The book sells for one dollar a copy and may be obtained from the Parish Secretary.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

- May 6. St John ante Portam Latinam. The gift of the Fellowship of St John. (Lady Chapel)
Fifth Sunday after Easter. In memory of Louise C. Read. (High Altar)
- May 10. Ascension Day. In memory of William Edward Jones.
- May 13. Sunday after Ascension. In memory of Edith Harding.
- May 20. Whitsunday. In memory of George M. Christian, priest.
- May 27. Trinity Sunday. In memory of Ellen M. Knight.
- May 31. Corpus Christi. In memory of John Whiting Crowell, priest.

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed. *Requiescant in aeternam.*

MY FRIEND

LET me tell you how I made His acquaintance.
 I had heard much of Him, but took no heed.
 He sent me daily gifts, but I never thanked Him.
 He often seemed to want my friendship, but I remained cold.
 I was homeless, and wretched, and starving
 and in peril every hour; and He offered
 me shelter and comfort and food and safety;
 but I was ungrateful still.
 At last He crossed my path, and with tears in
 His eyes He besought me saying,
 Come and abide with me.

Let me tell you how He treats me now.
 He supplies all my wants.
 He gives me more than I dare ask.
 He anticipates my every need.
 He begs me to ask for more.
 He never reminds me of my past ingratitude.
 He never rebukes me for my past follies.

Let me tell you further what I think of Him.
 He is as good as He is great.
 His love is as ardent as it is true.
 He is as lavish of His promises as He is faithful in keeping
 them.
 He is as jealous of my love as He is deserving of it.
 I am in all things His debtor, but He bids me call Him
 Friend.

From an old manuscript.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

*"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ,
 have put on Christ."*

March 3 Dorothy Redner (infant)

CONFIRMATIONS

By the Right Reverend William T. Manning, D.D.,
 Bishop of New York

*"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye were sealed
 unto the day of redemption."*

March 16

Alfred Walter Atkinson	John Bertram Dee
David W. Cade	James Thomas Gordon
Floyd Francis Chadwick	Carl Yaeger Hansen
Robert Harry Couphos	Clarence Olson
May Freda Amoros	Ellen Elizabeth McAdams
Lillian Blank	Jeanette H. Miller
Amy Boyer	Sara M. Morton
Dorothy Boyer	Katherine Poulos
Joan Marcotte Carpenter	Grace Charlotte Schaeffer
Ethel Grant	Grace Shroder
Helen Elizabeth Kraemer	Mary Anne Stevens

BURIALS

*"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and may
 light perpetual shine upon them."*

March 19 Clara Maria Wayre

March 29 Edward Selwyn Moffett

KALENDAR FOR MAY, 1934

1. Tu. SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES.
2. W. St Athanasius, Bp C.D.
3. Th. INVENTION OF THE HOLY CROSS.
4. F. St Monica, Matron. *Abstinence.*
5. Sa. St Mary on Saturday.
- ✕ 6. Su. ST JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE. Fifth Sunday after Easter.
7. M. In Octave of St John. Rogation Monday.
8. Tu. In Octave of St John. Rogation Tuesday.
9. W. St Gregory Nazienzen, Bp C.D. Rogation Wednesday. Vigil of Ascension.
- ✕ 10. Th. ASCENSION DAY.
11. F. In Octave of Ascension. *Abstinence.*
12. Sa. In Octave.
- ✕ 13. Su. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.
14. M. In Octave of Ascension. Com. of St Pachomius, Ab.C.
15. Tu. In Octave.
16. W. In Octave.
17. Th. OCTAVE OF ASCENSION.
18. F. *Feria.* Chantry Masses. *Abstinence.*
19. Sa. Whitsun Eve. Com. of St Dunstan, Bp C.
- ✕ 20. Su. WHITSUNDAY.
21. M. WHIT MONDAY.
22. Tu. WHIT TUESDAY.
23. W. In Octave. Ember Day. *Abstinence.*
24. Th. In Octave.
25. F. In Octave. Ember Day. *Abstinence.*
26. Sa. In Octave. Ember Day. Com. of St Augustine of Canterbury. *Abstinence.*
- ✕ 27. Su. TRINITY SUNDAY.
28. M. St Philip Neri, C.
29. Tu. St Bede the Venerable, C.D., (transferred from May 27.)
30. W. St Joan of Arc, V.
31. Th. CORPUS CHRISTI.

Days indicated by ✕ are days of precept, with an obligation of attendance at Mass. Days on which votive and requiem Masses may be said are printed in italics.

MUSIC LIST FOR MAY

MAY 6.—ST JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE.

- MASS in G von Weber
 Motet, "Laudate Dominum"* Bonamico
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat, Tone V, with *faux bourdons* Tallis
 Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with *faux bourdons* Giles

MAY 10.—ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- MASS, "Missa de Angelis" Plain Chant

MAY 13.—SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION.

- MASS in D Dvorak
 Motet, "Ascendit Deus" Philips
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat, Tone II, with *faux bourdons* Holmes
 Nunc dimittis, Tone VIII, with *faux bourdons* Holmes

MAY 20.—THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.

- MASS in C Rheinberger
 Motet, "Whitsunday Hymn"* Williams
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat, Tone VII, with *faux bourdons* Tallis
 Nunc dimittis, Tone I, with *faux bourdons* Tallis

MAY 27.—THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY.

- MASS in B flat Schubert
 Motet, "Duo Seraphim" Victoria
 EVENSONG:
 Magnificat, Tone I, with *faux bourdons* Fayrfax
 Nunc dimittis, Tone VII, with
faux bourdons Unknown Edwardine Composer

*First time.

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Father Peabody, Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m.

A Priest can always be seen daily at 7.30 a.m., upon application.

BAPTISMS.—Sundays at 3 p.m., by arrangement with the clergy.

Proper sponsors should be chosen, and the mother should be churched.

MARRIAGES are solemnized only after arrangement with the clergy and after three days' notice has been given. A certificate of Baptism should be produced by both parties. Those to be married should, if confirmed, receive Holy Communion. A nuptial Mass is suggested. It is against God's law to marry anyone divorced, as long as the other partner is living. Marriages are not solemnized during Lent, nor on Sundays or Christmas Day.

SICK CALLS, Holy Unction and Communion of the Sick, on application to the clergy; in person, by telephone, or by post.

BURIALS.—The clergy should always be consulted *before* any arrangements are made. The bodies of baptized persons may be brought to the Chantry of the Church at any time before the day of the funeral. It is the usual custom at St Mary's to have the funeral service a requiem Mass.

MUSIC.—Arrangements for music at weddings or funerals should be made directly with Mr Nold, the Director of Music.

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Low Mass	7 and 8 a.m.
Sung Mass, with address	9 a.m.
Low Mass	10 a.m.
Matins	10:30 a.m.
High Mass, with sermon	11 a.m.
Evensong and Benediction, with instruction	6 p.m.

WEEK DAYS

Mass, daily	7, 8 and 9:30 a.m.
Also on Holy Days of Obligation	6 a.m. and 12 noon
Children's Mass and Catechism, Saturdays	9:30 a.m.
Matins	9 a.m.
Vespers	6 p.m.
Holy Hour, Saturdays	5 to 6 p.m.

*Other Services during the Week, and on Festivals,
as announced on the preceding Sunday.*

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Adults or children can be prepared at any time for First Confession, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

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