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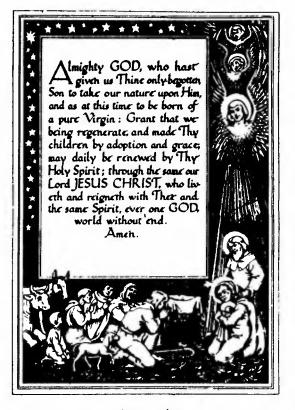
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from the Clergy & Staff of St. Mary's



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My dear People,

Once again we are caught up in the excitement of the Fall season, and I must say that it has been a full one here at St. Mary's. Who can forget the way it began, with Father John Gaskell of St. Alban's, Holborn, in London, preaching to us on the great theme of Christian holiness! Father preached to us twice, addressed us at a parish dinner, heard our confessions and counseled with many of us, and went away leaving us truly renewed and committed to a strengthening of our parish witness. Above all the Christian Gospel is a message of hope. Father Gaskell conveyed that hope to us in a penetrating way, and I think we all have taken fresh courage because of his time among us. It is good that parish missions have begun again at St. Mary's. Ours this October has been memorable in every way.

And I want to say, before going any further, how good it is to have a full complement of clergy on St. Mary's staff once again. Obviously Father Andrew Sloane continues as our curate, and I cannot begin to describe adequately what his presence here means to us. He is assiduous in the performance of his duties, he loves his Lord, and he treasures the Catholic priesthood. Apart from him, we have in our priestly fellowship this fall Father William Willoughby, who has come to St. Mary's to fill the places formerly occupied by Father John Scott, both here and at St. Hilda's School. Father and his wife, Mary, live in the Scotts' old apartment in our Parish House, and I am very proud of the way in which various parishioners joined in at the end of the summer with Ian Knowles, our exchange seminarian from England, and

with the Willoughbys and Father Sloane, in redecorating and improving the living situation over there. An aspect of our life that is particularly touching to our clergy is the way in which our people have wanted to improve and encourage the stipendiary and residential aspects of our clerical existence here. This is a new challenge to the people of St. Mary's but I believe it must be absolutely met if we are to attract and retain the kind of priestly ministry that ought to be the pattern of this parish's life.

And of course we are delighted that the Reverend Clarke Berge, a Sunday seminarian here for almost the entirety of the last three years, has returned to us to serve a year's diaconate as the Coordinator of our ministry to homeless women and children in our Mission House. Mr. Berge comes to us with the permission of his Bishop, the Bishop of Olympia, and he has been living in the Mission House since early August. His entire time here is being financed by a special grant from the Episcopal Church, and we are counting on him to define and put into operation a ministry of service in which our own people, as they are moved to do so, may intimately share. Clark is a lovely young man, he was drawn to the Catholic faith in this parish, and it is a great joy to us to be able to provide such a perfect setting for the growth of his diaconate.

And I find that I am writing this letter to you on the Feast of All Saints. In doing so I am alerting you to our parish observance of that day, and to the Commemoration of All Souls immediately after it. Do return the names of those departed friends and relatives you wish remembered at the altar as soon as possible. It is a joy to offer Masses for our beloved dead. It is in fact the single most perfect means given us by the Church whereby our love for them may be expressed.

And finally, since each issue of AVE now covers two months, I find also that I am writing to you in anticipation of the Christmas Feast. Here is the heart of our awareness that God so loved the world, He came among us, He lived as one of us. He didn't turn his back on us and let us destroy ourselves. He gave us an option that only God could give. Sometimes in this part of New York City it is hard to remember that the Incarnation did take place, that it was in fact an event in time. The truth is, only Christians can make the Incarnation real for the world in which we live. The joy of our

Christmas Communions and the magnificence of our Christmas liturgical observance are meant to strengthen us in our life of service to the world. We do not love the world for its sake. That would serve no purpose at all. We love the world for Christ's sake, who was born in it, who came among us in a homely way, and who in the end yielded up his life on its behalf.

And now I've gone on for much too long. God bless you this All Saints Day, and may your Christmas joy know no bounds.

With my love in Christ,

Eggar F. Wells





### ALL SAINTS' DAY Thursday, November 1st

Procession and Solemn Mass, 6 p.m.

Sermon: Fr. Wells

Missa O quam gloriosum
Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

Justorum animae, Opus 38 Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

#### **NEW YORK? NEW YORK!**

The city of New York offers many contrasts, notably between rich and poor. For some the city is one of eastern promise. For many others it is one where that promise has become a nightmare, a rugged struggle for survival. St. Mary's is at the heart of the tragedy of New York, situated as it is at the center of Times Square. Traditionally Catholicism has addressed itself to the type of people who form the flotsam of New York.

Bishop Frank Weston challenged the Catholic movement of the Church of England, at the Anglo-Catholic Congress of 1923, with the idea that as Anglicans now had their tabernacles where they could worship Jesus, they should now go out and find Christ in the men and women sweating in the factories. Fifty years later Mother Teresa of Calcutta said to her nuns after mass, that they had seen Jesus lifted high by the priest in the Sacrament, and that they should now go out and see him in the injured and the dying. the naked and the rejected. For Catholics there is an inseparable bond between our worship, our meeting of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and social action. That is because in the Sacrament we meet both the Incarnate Christ and the Crucified Christ. It is also because baptism for us is not so much a sign of our faith in God, but a participation in the reality of God's faith in us — by baptism we are taken into Christ's death. For us there is always at the heart of the Gospel the challenge to meet Christ in the very lowest level of man's degradation.

St. Mary's stands at the heart of that tradition and is in a prime location for ensuring that her people live the fulness of the Gospel challenge. It seemed appropriate that on the Feast of the Assumption it was said that the honour we give to Mary is the same as should be given to all men; and that we are called to share in the Virgin's vision of her Son, as both the babe born in a cattle shed and of the Crucified smeared with sweat and blood. For that is a vision that sees in the poor and the destitute, in the crippled, the infirm and in the terminally ill, her Son.

All around St. Mary's are people who are living at the very edge of life, at the point where life becomes a living death — the swarms of prostitutes, the transvestites, bag women, young children who have run away from home, the unemployed, the

mental patients turned out upon the street. All these people living beneath the dignity that most of us take for granted. It is these people who are, for secular society, an unwanted burden. They have no power, they have no voice. They are treated as an unwanted burden which, if ignored, will go away. In our consumer society they are worthless — they have little or no consumer capacity, they have little or no income. What is more their wretched state offends our civilized sensibilities, and pricks our liberal consciences. As a result the state does nothing for these people. For the state they are less than people.

For us with the vision of the Crucified constantly before us such a situation is intolerable. The Sacrament represents to us the sufferings of Christ in the context of our worship. We are given the means of looking beyond the outward appearance to the heart, to the soul, to a person who is ultimately lovable. We who can worship and honour him who dies a criminal outside the city wall, rejected and despised by men, can also honour and love those other men who share his predicament. They are for us an extension of the altar, and therefore to be treated with equal respect.

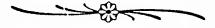
The Church is the home of the homeless, the family of the orphan, the sanity of the insane. This is not just in reference to St. Mary's but a reference to the whole Church. It is the Church and the Church alone which offers not just money and that type of concern, but love and acceptance of all people just as they are. Therefore we must welcome at our altar, in our pews next to us, in all their stench, filth and unrespectability, those whose home the Church is. As the Church is their rightful home, we must welcome those on the edge of life as the poor in need of our sympathy and generosity. We must try to end the discrimination of people on the grounds of smell, respectability, dress, etc. We must see in each other the same Jesus as we see upon the altar, and reach out to Jesus in love.

The mission house project for housing homeless women, together with its soup kitchen is an example of the way in which St. Mary's has risen to the challenge of the Gospel in terms of its own environment. It is, I hope, the beginning of what will increasingly be St. Mary's mission of the eighties. It provides the first tentative steps towards taking our religion seriously. Anglo-

Catholicism has suffered terribly from those preoccupied with the externals of ceremonial, those who blaspheme the Sacrament by taking the drama and not the reality seriously. The mission project is the natural extension of what happens at the altar, so that the honour given to the Incarnate and Crucified Christ present in the Eucharist is given to a few women who find themselves in Christ's predicament. Therefore, those who serve and sing and worship Christ in such a beautiful way at St. Mary's should be at the forefront of this venture. Serving the altar and serving the needy are one and the same. Helping at the mission house is not another burden but the same joyful duty.

This is part of my reflection on St. Mary's after spending July-September there on placement. Space does not allow for a full reflection. It must therefore remain sufficient to here record my thanks to all St. Mary's parishioners for their generous love and hospitality, and thanks especially to Fr. Wells, Fr. Sloane and Mr. Berge. The opportunity afforded for priestly formation was beyond measure, and for this above all, thank you.

- Ian Knowles, Mirfield, England



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#### IN THE MIDST

This fall has been a time of growth and change for our work in the Mission House. We have continued to expand opportunities for involvement so that those who are not free to spend the night may participate in this ministry. Parish commitment is increasingly demonstrated by the willingness of people to give their time and energy to making this ministry a permanent part of their worship at St. Mary's.

It has been very encouraging to see how consistent so many people have been in volunteering to spend the night in the Mission House. As a night-time host, one is not there to enforce or initiate discipline; rather one is there to share in some part the life of our women who live there, and by participating in that life adding the much needed perspective of somebody fresh to the situation. Often when one lives in close quarters for long periods of time, problems become magnified, and alternatives are not always so obvious. For the most part, the life of the little community goes on, and the volunteer is free to participate (watching television, playing with the children, drinking coffee with the women) or not. The women who stay in the Mission House look forward to meeting parishioners, but as in most social encounters, we all experience an initial shyness; reserve is not hostility, and the more frequently one volunteers, the easier the relationships become.

A new part of our work has been the incorporation of parishioners into the daytime working of Women In Need. WIN uses a huge number of volunteers, and it seems only natural that we should be involved serving lunches, sorting clothes, and babysitting. It takes continual work to ensure the smooth and proper running of an operation as extensive as the one WIN and St. Mary's have undertaken together, and it is certainly wonderful to see how this cooperation has begun to mature over the past few months.

The parish has been called to a tremendous ministry of nurturing the dispossessed who live among us. WIN provides the program with a great deal of insight and expertise. Our support is the proclamation in words and actions that all the activities of the Mission House are a celebration of Christ which is faith, and hope and love. These three are at the heart of our whole identity as

Christians in Times Square.

As we approach Advent, we are given a very powerful image for what we are doing in this ministry year round: it is the preparation for, and the revelation of, God's kingdom in the world. We are the heralds of the New Age in the day to day activities of the shelter, by being hosts and helping the ministry to flourish in many ways. Like John the Baptist: prepare the way of the Lord, and make his ways known among the peoples.

- Clark Berge

## COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED Friday, November 2nd



Messe des Morts Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634-1704)

Sicut cervus Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Kontakion for the dead Kiev melody arranged by: Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

## EVE OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Our Patronal Feast)

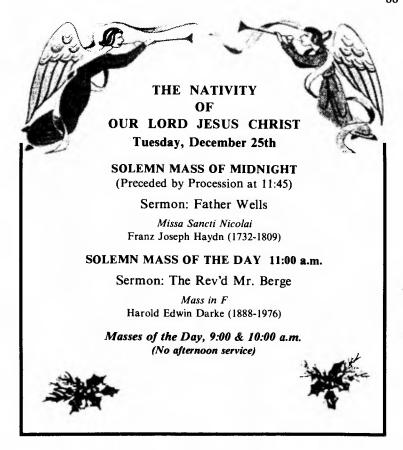


Friday, December 7th

PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS, 6:00 p.m.

Sermon: Fr. Sloane

Messe D-dur (Opus 86), 1877 Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)



#### FRIEND'S PRAYER

O ETERNAL GOD, whose glory is in all the world: Look upon that house of prayer for which we now pray, and accept our thanks for the tabernacle of thy presence in the midst of the city. To priests and people seeking to serve thee there, give that faith which built it and such favour as may keep it strong. Let friends join to tell, and all who pass by rejoice to see, that in that place thou wilt give peace, through him who is our peace, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



November I (All Saints' Day)

Missa O quam gloriosum Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

November 2 (All Souls' Day)

Messe des Morts Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634-1704)

November 4 (Pentecost 21)

Missa brevis, Opus 57 Lennox Berkeley (b. 1903)

November 11 (Pentecost 22) Mass for four voices

William Byrd (1543-1623)

November 18 (Pentecost 23)

Mass in d

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

November 21 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Missa in simplicitate

Jean Langlais (b. 1907)

November 25 (Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King)

Missa brevis "Organ Solo Mass" (KV 259)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

December 2 (Advent I)

Missa sine Credo

Bernard Navlor (b. 1907)

December 7 (Conception of the B.V.M., transferred)

Messe D-dur (Opus 86), 1887 Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

December 9 (Advent II)

Mass (Short Service) Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

December 16 (Advent III)

Messe Solennelle (1976, rev. 1983)

McNeil Robinson (20th Century)

December 23 (Advent IV)

Missa in die tribulationis

Roland de Lassus (1532-1594)

December 25 (The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

[Solemn Mass of Midnight]

Missa Sancti Nicolai

[Solemn Mass of the Day]

Mass in F

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Harold Edwin Darke (1888-1976)

December 30 (Christmas I)

Missa brevis in honorem Sancti Joannis de Deo

f"Kleine Orgelmesse" Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)



### ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

Nov. 1 - ALL SAINTS:

Inez Louise Blackshire. The

Departed Members of Saint

Mary's Guild.

Nov. 4 — PENTECOST XXI:

Wallace & Florence Brackett. Nov. 11 — PENTECOST XXII:

The Departed Members of the McGrane Family.

Nov. 18 — PENTECOST XXIII:

John Gilbert Winani

Nov. 25 — CHRIST THE KING:

Frederick George Murray Burton & Frances Burton.

Manuel S. & Mary F. DeRosa, Matthew Mark Farley, Kevin P. & Zita L. Heffernan, Goldbourne M. Lewis, Frances S. Reuschel, Omer & Rose Ville-

maire, Alfred L. Zilavv

Dec. 8 — THE CONCEPTION OF

THE B.V.M.: Dec. 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY:

The Departed Trustees

Thomas KcKee Brown, Priest. Founder & First Rector

Dec. 30 — CHRISTMAS I:

Frederick D. Blackshire

MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE. AND MAY LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM

#### PREACHERS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Nov. 1 — ALL SAINTS' DAY - 6 pm:	Fr. Wells
Nov. 2 — ALL SOULS' DAY - 6 pm:	Fr. Sloane
Nov. 4 — PENTECOST XXI:	Fr. Wells
Nov. 11 — PENTECOST XXII:	The Rev'd Mr. Berge
Nov. 18 — PENTECOST XXIII:	Fr. Wells
Nov. 21 — THANKSGIVING EVE, 6:00 pm:	Fr. Sloane
Nov. 25 — CHRIST THE KING:	Fr. Sloane
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Dec. 2 — ADVENT I:	Fr. Wells
Dec. 7 — PATRONAL FEAST, 6:00 pm;	Fr. Sloane
Dec. 9 — ADVENT II:	Fr. Willoughby
Dec. 16 — ADVENT III:	Fr. Wells
Dec. 23 — ADVENT IV:	Fr. Sloane
Dec. 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE: MIDNIGHT M	IASS Fr. Wells
Dec. 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY: SOLEMN MA	SS The Rev'd
	Mr. Berge
Dec. 30 — CHRISTMAS I:	Fr. Wells



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## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

1	Th.	ALL SAINTS' Procession and Solemn Mass, 6:00 pm
2	F.	COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
		Solemn Requiem, 6:00 pm
3	Sa.	Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600
4	Su.	THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
5	Μ.	Requiem (Commemoration of Priests, Trustees & Benefactors of St. Mary's)
6	Tu.	Requiem (All enrolled in the Chantry Book)
7	W.	Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739
8	Th.	Of the Holy Eucharist
9	F.	Requiem (All who have died for our Country)
10	Sa.	Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461
11	Su.	THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
12	M.	Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836
13	Tu.	Requiem
14	W.	Bestowal of the American Episcopate
15	Th.	Requiem
16	F.	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093
17	Sa.	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
18	Su.	THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
19	M.	Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231
20	Tu.	Requiem
21	W.	Requiem
		Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving Day, 6:00 pm
22	Th.	THANKSGIVING DAY Low Mass 10:00 am
23	F.	Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
24	Sa.	Of Our Lady
25	Su.	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
		Procession and Solemn Mass, 11:00 am
26	M.	Requiem
27	Tu.	Requiem
28	W.	Requiem
29	Th.	Requiem
30	F.	SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1	Sa.	Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637
2	Su.	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3	M.	Advent Weekday
4	Tu.	John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
5	W.	Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
6	Th.	Advent Weekday (comm. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342)
7	F.	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
		SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY'S CONCEPTION (Patronal Feast)
		Procession and Solemn Mass, 6:00 pm
8	Sa.	THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9	Su.	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10	M.	Advent Weekday
11	Tu.	Advent Weekday
12	W.	Advent Weekday
13	Th.	Advent Weekday (comm. Lucy, Martyr in Sicily, 304)
14	F.	John of the Cross, Priest and Friar, 1605
15	Sa.	Advent Weekday
16	Su.	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
17	M.	Advent Weekday
18	Tu.	Advent Weekday
19	W.	Ember Day
20	Th,	Advent Weekday
21	F.	SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE (comm. Ember Day)
22	Sa.	Ember Day
23	Su.	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24	M.	VIGIL (No 6:15 pm Mass)
25	Tu.	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
		Solemn Mass of Midnight, preceded by Procession at 11:45 pm;
		Solemn Mass and Procession of the Day, 11:00 am
26	W.	SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR
27	Th.	SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
28	F.	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, 6:00 pm - Parish Sung Mass
		RECTORY OPEN HOUSE
29	Sa.	of Christmas Octave
30	Su.	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
		Procession and Solemn Mass, 11:00 am
31	M.	of Christmas Octave (comm. St. Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335)

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Morning Prayer	8:40 am
Masses9:00, 10:00 am, and	5:00 pm
Sunday School	
Solemn Mass with Sermon	11:00 am
- Nursery Care Provided -	
Evening Prayer and Benediction	4:00 pm
WEEKDAYS	•
Morning Prayer	8:30 am
Noonday Office	12:00
Daily Masses (except Sat.)	
Saturday	12:15 pm
Evening Prayer (except Sat.)	6:00 pm
Saturday	5:30 pm

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