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THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN New York City



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

139 West 46th Street
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Church built 1894

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Morning Prayer	8:40 am
Masses	9:00, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm
Sunday Adult Class	
Solemn Mass with Sermon	11:00 am
Evening Prayer	4:45 pm
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Saturday	12:15 pm
Evening Prayer (except Sat.)	6:00 pm
Saturday	5:30 pm

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Holy Cross Day September 14, 1989

My dear People:

This letter is dated on the day of one of the great feasts of Our Lord, but I find myself of necessity writing it to you rather earlier than that, and while it is still mid-summer. Did you know that this is the way articles are often written for AVE? Printing deadlines force us to think far ahead, so that I have sometimes found myself writing Lenten devotions for this publication while it was still Christmastide!

There are three matters that I want to write you about in this early fall issue of AVE, and they bear on upcoming events within our parish life during the next two months.

The first matter has to do with our Feast of Dedication, to be kept this year on Saturday and Sunday, September 30th and October 1st. Our guest for this occasion, and our preacher at Solemn Evensong on the 30th, and again at the Solemn Mass on the 1st, will be the Bishop of Fulham, The Rt. Rev'd John Klyberg. It will be our great joy to welcome Bishop Klyberg to St. Mary's and through him to receive from our larger Anglican family that encouragement that we need as we pursue our vocation in this place. Fulham is an area in the Diocese of London, and Bishop Klyberg's presence here will be a reminder of the ties that bind us to that see.

The second matter has to do with a much needed project about which I have written earlier, and which concerns a capital funds campaign to raise the necessary funds for the beginning of serious restoration work on our buildings. This matter, about which you will be hearing much more, remains in the planning stage, but I am able to tell you that this summer our Trustees have approved an architectural survey of the exteriors of the Church, Parish House, Mission House and Rectory, and the interior of the Church. This work is nearing completion even as I write.

Our Trustees are also considering a multi-faceted campaign which will begin with an appeal to our parish family for pledged support, then continue with appeals to the Friends of St. Mary's and to a variety of public and private funding sources with an interest in the preservation of our building.

As I participate in the current discussions and work, I am constantly reminded of the following:

1) The Church of St. Mary the Virgin contains some of the most important art and architecture of this City, as well as one of the most important organs in the world. Do you know that if this Church closed today, most of our statues, paintings and ornamentation would be sought after by the nation's leading art galleries? We have the special privilege of worshipping in one of the most magnificent settings in America.

2) The Trustees of this Church are dedicated to serving this parish and her worship and ministries. They have committed themselves totally to thinking through the problems of our buildings and the various options for addressing these problems. You should know that groups of Trustees have been meeting throughout the summer with architects and other professionals. Much of the preliminary work for the campaign -- if it is to be launched -- has already been accomplished in August and at the beginning of this month. On September 15th and 16th the Trustees will cloister themselves for a special "retreat" of prayer and conversation at the House of the Redeemer, and in order to make the final decision on bringing the campaign to you and those who care about St. Mary's. Of course, our Clergy and Trustees will be the first to pledge to any campaign.

For my part, I do ask you to commit this work to your prayers. Will you pray for our Trustees as we prepare to lead and educate our people about the importance of these restorations and renovations for the worship and ministry of St. Mary's? We will be keeping you informed as various tasks are accomplished and decisions are made. For its launching and success, this campaign will depend upon all of us.

And the last matter I want to refer to in this letter is the ECM Synod held in Ft. Worth this past June, and the subsequent formation of a voluntary association called the Episcopal Synod of America, whose membership is being drawn from across diocesan and geographic boundaries, and whose purpose for the moment is to provide a voice and necessary recourse for Catholic Anglicans who sense themselves isolated in various parts of the Church today. Our immediate response to the formation of this Synod must be the voicing of thanks to Almighty God that formal schism has not taken place as a result of the deliberations at Fort Worth earlier this summer. As long as we are in the same household, whatever our points of view, it is still possible to speak to one another. And from our vantage point here, and in terms of the relationship of respect that has always mutually existed between this parish and the Diocese of New York, the movement towards schism on the part of some Catholics has been a source of sadness where we are concerned. It is not the road along which this parish will travel. Furthermore we do not create our own crises, rather we respond to them, and I have every confidence that our response at St. Mary's will in the future earn the respect of those with whom we disagree, and will also be appropriate to the issue involved. I do hope that you will read Father Leslie Lang's sermon at Corpus Christi this past spring, which I am reprinting in this issue of AVE. It is measured, it is filled with a lifetime's experience as a Catholic priest within the Episcopal Church, and it is worth your careful consideration. We can thank God for the Father Langs of our Church even as we thank Him for this diocese, for its goodly heritage, and for our own glad participation in its life.

God bless you all!

Affectionately in Christ,

Eggen F. Wells

Edgar F. Wells

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

1 F.	David Pendleton Okerhater, Deacon, Missionary to the Cheyenne, 1931 (comm. Giles, Abbot) Abstinence
2 Sa.	The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942
3 Su.	THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
4 M.	
5 Tu.	
6 W.	
7 Th.	Requiem
8 F.	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	No Abstinence for those who attend Mass
9 Sa.	The Martyrs of Memphis, 1878
10 Su.	
11 M.	Requiem
12 Tu.	
13 W.	
14 Th.	
15 F.	
16 Sa.	Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c.430
17 Su.	
18 M.	Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
19 Tu.	
20 W.	EMBER DAY (comm. John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop
	of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871)
	SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
22 F.	
23 Sa.	EMBER DAY
24 Su.	
25 M.	Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392
	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
27 W.	
	Requiem
29 F.	SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS Abstinence
30 Sa.	
	Evensong of the Eve of the Feast of Dedication, 5 PM
	The Rt. Rev'd John Klyberg, Bishop of Fulham, Preacher

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

1 Su.	THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH
	Procession & Pontifical High Mass, 11 AM
	The Rt. Rev'd John Klyberg, Bishop of Fulham, Preacher

- 2 M. The Holy Guardian Angels
- 3 Tu. Requiem
- 4 W. Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
- 5 Th. Proper 21
- 6 F. Bruno, Priest (comm. William Tyndale, Priest, 1536) Abstinence
- 7 Sa. Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8 Su. THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 9 M. Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253
- 10 Tu. Paulinas, First Archbishop of York, 644
- 11 W. Requiem
- 12 Th. Wilfrid, Archbishop of York, 709
- 13 F. Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066 Abstinence
- 14 Sa. Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor
- 15 Su. THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 16 M. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- 17 Tu. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr, c.115
- 18 W. SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
- 19 Th. Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf, priests and martyrs, and Companions, martyrs
- 20 F. Requiem. Abstinence
- 21 Sa. Of Our Lady
- 22 Su. THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 23 M. SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND MARTYR, C. 62
- 24 Tu. Requiem
- 25 W.
- 26 Th. Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899
- 27 F. Abstinence
- 28 Sa. SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES
- 29 Su. THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- 30 M. Requiem
- 31 Tu.

The following sermon, preached by Father Leslie Lang at our CORPUS CHRISTI celebration last May, expresses eloquently the continuing witness of St. Mary's within the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New York. We are grateful to have been given permission to share it with our readers.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE CHANGING CHURCH

Some years after Pope John XXIII had opened the windows of the Roman Catholic Church, and, unwittingly, some windows of some other Churches, too, I was with a priest friend on a Sunday morning, in Madrid. We went to the nearby church -- San Geronimo, I think -- to the glorious principal Mass. Every word from the altar, and from the pews, was in Latin. Never shall I forget the sound of a thousand voices reverberating through the temple in a mighty chorus, chanting the Gloria and Credo. But every detail of the liturgy was "in statu quo ante".

Coming down the steps afterwards I remarked to my friend, "I don't see any changes here. Vatican II certainly hasn't reached Madrid yet!". "No, thank God!" came a voice from behind us -- obviously from another pilgrim from abroad -- and we turned to look into the face of a lorgnetted lady who spat out, "This Church of ours is going Protestant. This is another Reformation. I do hope that you both belong to the Society for the Preservation of the Latin Mass".

Shades of the Prayer Book Preservation Society! More Anglican words have never been spoken than by this English Roman Catholic lady. Can you imagine what they thought on that Sunday morning four hundred forty years ago this June when for the first time in their lives the Mass, as they had known it, was gone, and they listened to something called *The Book of Common Prayer*?

We worry -- a great many of us do -- about *lady priests*, but can you imagine what went on before, during, and after church on another Sunday morning, when someone discovered that a lady was living in the rectory, claiming she was married to the priest? So, Prayer Books in one form or another, and ladies in rectories, in one form or another, have been Anglican concerns from the beginning, a problem to many, a bore to some, a joy to others, and in our day an *obsession* to the point of being an obstruction in the carrying out of our primary mission of proclaiming the saving Gospel of Christ to a fallen world.

But the real problems of the Episcopal Church, and maybe of some other Christians, too, are obscured by our obsessions. One of these real problems is that we all too often seem to be living more and more on the *horizontal* level, with any vertical dimension missing. This is reflected very often in our worship in which one could get the impression that what it's all about is that there is a nice man up front, being nice to everybody down there, admonishing them to be nice to everybody else, and now let's shake on it! Something like those TV newscasters, who with their quasi-divine smiles, tell us to have a nice Tuesday, or a wonderful weekend, as if, in some way, they will assist in bringing all this about.

Another *real* problem of the Church is that we are everlastingly *talking about ourselves*, our goings and our comings, our housekeeping arrangements, in our endless meetings, discussions and pronouncements, so often for me in a language not understood of the people!

Another *real* problem of the Church is a new and strange kind of clericalism, *clericalitis* and sacerdotalism, everybody wanting to have a part in a stage choreography. In some places we seem to be *manufacturing* clerics. We have far too many of them now, in places were they are *not* needed, and far too few who will go out into all the world and preach the Gospel to every living creature. A "professionalized" priesthood, even more a "personal fulfillment" one, concerns me *more* than a *female* one.

So, for you and for me, this Festal Observance of Corpus Christi comes as a special blessing for us all, to see Him high and lifted up, above all the changes and chances of our mortal and ecclesiastical life, "Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and forever"! I have asked some Roman Catholic priest friends, of late, "What are you doing in your church on Corpus Christi?" One of them answered, "Nothing, except to read the collect, the psalm, and the lessons of the day". Another replied, "Nothing. We have put the monstrance and the canopy down cellar, and packed them away. Maybe some day the Church will turn back again, and we'll go down cellar and bring things back upstairs." So, other parts of the Church change, too!

But we are doing the right thing for us here this morning for it is gloriously symbolic of one blessed change which has come over the Episcopal Church.

On a hot summer Sunday morning, a year or two ago, one of our distinguished and faithful communicants, in the parish where I worship and serve, appeared in church. I asked him, "What in the world are you doing here in August?". With sweet and smiling good humour he answered, "I am looking for Morning Prayer. Don't they have it anywhere, anymore? The church I go to at the beach has thrown it out."

From time to time an inquiry is made at our receptionist's desk, or by phone, "Can you tell me where I can find a church that has Morning Prayer?".

When I came to this Diocese fifty-five years ago, there were in Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island, some 78 parishes. In 67 of them the chief act of worship on Sundays at 11 AM was Morning Prayer, period! Today, as far as I can tell, there is *one* parish that has Morning Prayer, period! There is also one that has Mass following Morning Prayer every other Sunday.

This does not necessarily signify that everybody fully comprehends or lives out all the implications of the eucharistic worship, but when and where in history did it ever signify this? As Father Barry, one of the great rectors of this parish, used to say, in those ages when medievalists and romanticists often tell us the motto was "Only the Mass matters", a good many unfortunate things mattered a great deal more!

That the Episcopal Church today has all the outward and visible signs of a Eucharistic Community is due pre-eminently and without any question or doubt to the prayers, the devotions, and sacrifices, and the witness -- not to forget the will -- of those who call themselves Anglo-Catholic, or, just plain Catholic, "the likes of us". We did it! Our kind did it! It has been a life-long conviction of mine that when the day arrives when the people of Christendom go to the Lord's own Service on the Lord's Day, by whatever name they call the Service, or by whatever name they call themselves, true Christian unity will have arrived!

So, on this Feast Day, let us look up to Him, in wonder, love, praise and gratitude, in joy and happiness. Truly, "the Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice".

But this is a day of *other* changes, too, changes which bring little joy and great pain, to many of us. They certainly do to me! There have been too many of them, they have come too fast, often by narrow votes and far from general consensus.

I also believe that the changes are here to stay. I do not see us changing direction again, in any foreseeable future. There are too many on the side of change, and among them are those who have little sympathy with those who feel the pain, or even our *right* to feel it. There are those extremists who think we no longer belong in the Episcopal Church. They have been heard to say it!

How these changes will affect the future I do not try to guess. *Perhaps* they are but a preview of universal changes across the board. A Roman Catholic priest has recently admonished us. "Why are you continually worrying about what the Roman Church thinks? You are free to get on with your own thing. Maybe some day we will catch up."

What bothers me most of all is how easily, so it *seems* to me, we succumb to the world's values, using the world's methods to attain the world's ends, and often doing what may be the right things for the wrong reasons. One sometimes wonders what ever happened to Jesus, in all of this.

How I feel about things is neither here nor there, nor is it the ultimate issue -- not even that I sometimes feel that this is no longer the Church that I subscribed to, nor the Church in which I was ordained. I do not believe that as yet the Catholic Faith has been compromised. I also do not believe that there is any place for us to go from here. In the providence of God I believe that we shall always have our place in a changing Church. So here I remain, I hope and pray, until death do us part. 74

We must not try to map out the future. Nor do we need to. With John Cardinal Newman a Christian can say,"I do not ask the distant scene to see, one step enough for me". So here we stand and remain. Schism could be worse than heresy, if heresy there be!

We still have Jesus, and that is a lot to have. For if you have Him, you have everything.

We still have the everlasting Gospel. There is plenty to do about that, to keep us busy.

"Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever."! It is, after all, GOD'S Church, and in all reverence I would suggest that the future of God's Church is *mostly* up to *Him*. We were never called to be the saviours of the Church!

And there is the possibility -- yes, the possibility -- that even in the Episcopal Church God may be working His purpose out, in ways that are strange to us. There is the possibility! "God moves in mysterious ways" -- troublesome, even painful ways, sometimes to us -- "His wonders to perform."

Our *present* mission may be just to rest in confidence and think about these things.

In the meantime, now and forever: "Blessed, praised and adored be Jesus Christ upon His throne in heaven, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and in the hearts of His faithful people. Amen."

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MUSIC FOR OCTOBER

September 30 (EVE OF THE FEAST OF DEDICA	TION)
4:30 pm ORGAN RECITAL	
	rid Baker, New York City
Music by Bach and Franck	
5:00 pm Procession, Solemn Evensong and Bene	diction
Service: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis	- John Amner
Motet: Ave Verum	- Joini Anniei
Motes. Inc. verall	William Byrd
Motet: O Salutaris	•
	Tone VII
with fauxbourdon by Tomas Luis de Victoria	
Motet: Tantum Ergo	
	Tomas Luis de Victoria
Anthem: Laudate Dominum	Charpentier
October 1 (THE FEAST OF DEDICATION-Penter	
	11:00 am
*Missa Brevis in Bb Major	
	W.A. Mozart
Motet: Locus iste	
	Anton Bruckner
October 8 (Pentecost XXI) 11:00 am Missa Brevis	
MISSA Drevis	G.P. da Palestrina
Motet: Super flumina	
	da Palestrina
October 15 (Pentecost XXII) 11:00 am	
Missa super "On me l'a dict"	
	Anonymous
Motet: Almighty and Everlasting God	Orlando Gibbons
October 22 (Pentecost XXIII) 11:00 am	Oriando Gibbons
Missa Brevis	
	Simon Preston
*Motet: O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song	
	Peter Aston
October 29 (Pentecost XXIV) 11:00 am	
*Missa Mi-Mi	Liberton Orberton
Motet: Teach me, O Lord	Johannes Ockeghem
moren reach me, o nora	William Byrd
	Winnin Dyru

*New in Repertoire



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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPT. 30TH & OCT. 1ST SOLEMN EVENSONG: 5:00 pm September 30th **Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis** --- .Iohn Amner Music by Byrd, Charpentier and Tomas Luis de Victoria PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS 11:00 am October 1st Missa Brevis in Bb Major ---W. A. Mozart Motet: Locus iste - Anton Bruckner PREACHER FOR BOTH SERVICES: The Rt. Rev'd John Klyberg Bishop of Fulham



THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. MARY'S

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September 10	Pentecost XVII	The Rev'd Gary Lawler
September 17	Pentecost XVIII	Father Jackson
September 24	Pentecost XIX	Father Wells
September 30	Eve of the Feast of Dedication - 5 PM	
	The	Rt. Reverend John Klyberg
		Bishop of Fulham
October 1	Feast of Dedication	The Bishop of Fulham

 October 8
 Pentecost XXI
 The Rev'd Gary Lawler

 October 15
 Pentecost XXII
 Father Wells

 October 22
 Pentecost XXIII
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 — An Address and Organ Demonstration:
 Kyler Brown

 The Restoration of our G. Donald Harrison
 Aeolian-Skinner Organ, Opus 891.

 October 29
 Pentecost XXIV

 The Rt. Rev'd John MacG.Krumm

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The Statue of the Sacred Heart

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