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Mid-summer, 1993

My dear People:

Further on in this issue of AVE you will find an article by Father John Gaskell of St. Alban's, Holborn, in London, which I have taken the liberty of reprinting in its entirety. Given the spotty reporting in the American press on the current English religious scene Father Gaskell's article is most helpful. If you are addicted to our own religious press you will of course have read more about these matters. My own feeling is that much of what we read in the religious media is not geared to helping us say our prayers. It is often distorted, and it feeds on our anxiety. Would that we could read more about the faithfulness of the Church - our constancy in prayer, our love of worship - but it is precisely the Church's faithfulness that never seems to make the headlines. In the United States as well as in England there are priests and people all over the place who are faithful to our religious heritage, and who continue to treasure the common life that is ours as members of the Episcopal Church and the Church of England - and therefore as members of the Anglican Communion. We are not nor will we be schismatics. In no way does this lessen our commitment to grow in unity and love with Christians of other traditions, and especially with those who share with us the rich legacy of our Catholic past. What it does do is to emphasize our loyalty to our Anglican ethos during a time of inner turmoil and questioning, and to state without embarrassment that Anglicanism is

truly our home.

And of course as I write this to you I have myself only recently returned from a visit to England, and it was there that I had the glorious privilege of preaching at St. Alban's, Holborn, on the Feast of Corpus Christi this June. It was the first time that I had been away from St. Mary's on this feast, and I had you all very much in my prayers. Within the mystery of the Eucharist it is simply Jesus who loves us, and he continues to be there to lead us and our Church into holiness. And that of course is the first and final purpose of our life together.

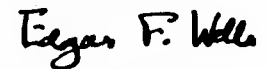
But of course one of the reasons for my bi-monthly letters to you is to give you some idea of what is transpiring on a more mundane level within the life of our parish. What that involves at the present time is a continuation of our present work of restoration where our physical plant is concerned and the beginning preparations for the centenary celebration of the construction of this church building in 1995. That latter effort was enhanced this spring by an all-day Planning Session for our parish in which the clergy, our Board of Trustees, our Stewardship Committee and other parish leaders all took part. This effort has itself been the result of a totally new understanding of the nature of individual participation in parish life that has emerged from a year's study of the meaning of Christian stewardship for our common life. We are seriously seeking new ways in which to communicate the old truths that have fashioned and maintained our parish identity. A detailed discussion of all this will appear in our September-October AVE as we prepare for October's Feast of Dedication.

Where our Centennial Restoration work is concerned we have now totally cleaned the exterior facade of the church and our other buildings. Because of a prolonged winter and miserable weather during the early spring this work took longer to complete than we had anticipated. But now it is done. But with its completion we have hit another snag, an unexpected need to do extensive work on the gutters of the church proper. Before any interior work can be done, these gutters and attached portions of the roof itself have to be

replaced or repaired. We are engaged in that effort even as I write. But what this has also made necessary has been an equally unexpected outlay of money, and our Trustees committed themselves in the spring to taking a loan of approximately \$190,000 so that work could be done. It has not been a matter for which we felt we could ask your further support at the present time, for you have been more than generous in helping us accomplish the work we have done so far. It has been, however, a matter of absolute necessity where further work priorities are concerned, and we dare not continue our restoration efforts until it is resolved. So please be patient, as we are learning to be, and know that in good time all of our current hopes will indeed be realized.

This letter comes as always with my love and prayers, and with the hope that these summer months are indeed a time of re-creation in your own daily existence.

Affectionately in Christ,



Edgar F. Wells

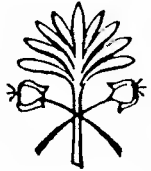
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sunday, August 15, 1993



PROCESSION OF THE IMAGE OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Solemn Mass 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: The Rev. Canon J. Cameron Cairns

Mass for four voices *William Byrd*
Ave Maria *Tomas Luis de Victoria*
Ave Verum *William Byrd*

The following article, THE VICAR'S WINDOW, Father John Gaskell's letter to his people of St. Alban the Martyr at Holborn, in London, appeared in the May, 1993, issue of the parish newsletter, THE BOURNE ECHO.

I have been thinking these last weeks of Dr. Pusey (1800-1882).

Cheslyn Jones - whose great requiem mass here you may remember was celebrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Runcie - described Pusey as the tough spine of those who remained faithful to the Church of England.

Such was his leadership in loyalty that our mid-Victorian Anglo-Catholic predecessors were known as Puseyites. Pusey himself refused to utter or write the word, but Anglo-Catholicism was labelled with this name - now I suppose forgotten - because Pusey remained firm and strong in the aftermath of anxiety and fear that

followed the defection of John Henry Newman from the Church of England to Roman Catholicism in 1845.

When Newman moved to Rome it looked as if our catholic movement was over!

A year after that catastrophe Pusey wrote thus about his over-work and the illness which it brought on in 1846: *I was worn out: I laboured often night as well as day...I felt that I could not stand it. But what could I do? God brought me at that crisis much to do, often thankless; I cast away everything so that I might by God's mercy retain children of our Church within her. What the extent of misgivings was that (you) probably can never know...people were panic stricken; and as men in a panic, needed to be reassured.*

It is no exaggeration to say that because Pusey was a well known Oxford professor - and Oxford meant much more in the C of E a hundred years ago than it does now - his devotion and loyalty assured the continuance of the Catholic Movement.

When the departure of the star turn made people wonder if there was any truth in the movement at all, Pusey affirmed that there was. If a great man like Newman becomes convinced that the idea that the Church of England is Catholic is either a dream or a nightmare, why should lesser spirits hope to find Christ's authority in it? The answer is "Because Pusey does"!

He went on praying, writing, blessing, confessing and being confessed, founding churches and convents, even occasionally donning a chasuble for the Eucharist. He went forward in faith that the Church of England is a true part of the Catholic Church. Its points of reference are the Scriptures, Reason, and the Early Church: its framework is the scriptures, the Catholic Creeds, the Sacraments and the Ministry. In spite of his anxieties and his qualms about some of the company he had to keep - the Ritualists worried him a lot - he simply got on resolutely with what he knew to be true up to Newman's departure through all the years which followed.

A movement which could have been rendered impotent survived and revived under God because of him.

I wonder if you see what I have been thinking about Dr. Pusey. To recast Pusey's words, *people are panic stricken: they need to be reassured.*

Frequently when I have opened the paper these last weeks I have found Anglo-Catholics telling me to panic. An MP [Member of Parliament] dismisses the Synod's authority. Another one - this in the worst taste - has herself being photographed being "received" as a Roman Catholic. A parish priest dressed in a chasuble and holding what I know is not the Book of Common Prayer tells us that he and "his" congregation hope to become Roman Catholics as a body. The Roman Hierarchy remind us that Anglican Orders are utterly null and void. (I remember also that since Queen Elizabeth 1's time we were excommunicated anyway.)

I record therefore firmly in the face of this inflated anxiety that there are plenty of priests and congregations that will go on living the Catholic life in the Church of England. Do not panic. It is not the norm to wonder if you should become a Roman Catholic or join some fresh sect. Through a time of change and question we can remain faithful to our inheritance and also be members in living contact with the rest of the church to which we belong.

Catholic faith and order remains.

As I have said before, when the women priests are ordained we must pray for them that they share, maintain and transmit the fulness of the faith.

It is to that sharing, maintaining and transmission that we Catholics at S. Alban's are called now. We have varied opinions but we are "in one communion and fellowship". We must therefore sustain each other against panic or the belief that we ought to panic. If we do our loving duty we can be assured that Catholic life will continue in our church. The means of it have not been taken from us.

CALENDAR FOR JULY

1	Th	The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
2	F		<i>Abstinence</i>
3	Sa	<i>Of Our Lady</i>	
4	Su	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
5	M	INDEPENDENCE DAY (transferred)	
6	Tu	Thomas More, Martyr, 1535	
7	W		
8	Th		
9	F	<i>Monthly Requiem</i>	<i>Abstinence</i>
10	Sa	<i>Of Our Lady</i>	
11	Su	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
12	M		
13	Tu	Henry	
14	W	Camillus de Lellis, Priest	
15	Th	Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor, 1274	
16	F	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	<i>Abstinence</i>
17	Sa	William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836	
18	Su	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
19	M		
20	Tu		
21	W	Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor	
22	Th	SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	
23	F	Bridget, religious	<i>Abstinence</i>
24	Sa	Thomas a Kempis, Priest, 1471	
25	Su	THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
26	M	SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE (transferred)	
27	Tu	William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909	
28	W		
29	Th	Mary and Martha of Bethany	
30	F	William Wilberforce, 1833	<i>Abstinence</i>
31	Sa	Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

1	Su	THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
2	M	<i>Monthly Requiem</i>	
3	Tu		
4	W	John Vianney, Priest	
5	Th	Dedication of St. Mary Major	
6	F	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	<i>Abstinence</i>
7	Sa	John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866	
8	Su	THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
9	M	Edith Benedicta Stein, Religious and Martyr, 1942	
10	Tu	Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258	
11	W	Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253	
12	Th		
13	F	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore, 1667	<i>Abstinence</i>
14	Sa	Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Religious, and Martyr, 1941	
15	Su	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 11 AM	
		<i>Procession of the Image of our Lady of Walsingham,</i>	
		<i>Solemn Mass and sermon</i>	
16	M	Stephen of Hungary	
17	Tu	Proper 15	
18	W	William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918	
19	Th	John Eudes, Priest	
20	F	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153	<i>Abstinence</i>
21	Sa	Pius X, Pope	
22	Su	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
23	M	Rose of Lima, Virgin, 1617	
24	Tu	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE	
25	W	Louis, King of France, 1270	
26	Th		
27	F	Thomas Gallaudet, 1902 and Henry Winter Style, 1890	<i>Abstinence</i>
28	Sa	Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Doctor, 430	
29	Su	THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
30	M	Charles Chapman Grafton, Bishop, 1912	
31	Tu	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfame, 651	

PREACHERS IN JULY AND AUGUST

July 4	Pentecost V	Father Wells
July 11	Pentecost VI	Father Carlson
July 18	Pentecost VII	Father Wells
July 25	Pentecost VIII	Father Carlson
August 1	Pentecost IX	Father Wells
August 8	Pentecost X	Father Jackson
August 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
	11:00 AM <i>Solemn Mass and Sermon</i>	
	<i>Procession of the image of our Lady of Walsingham</i>	
		The Rev. Canon J. Cameron Cairns
August 22	Pentecost XII	Father Carlson
August 29	Pentecost XIII	Father Wells

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

July 11	Pentecost VI	Joseph Thornell James Gregory Lee Hennig
July 18	Pentecost VII	Lawrence Lars Larsen Mildred Werner Larsen
August 8	Pentecost X	Alfred & Catherine Handy
August 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
		Russell H. Bagley, Sr. Eleanor Bagley Doris Marie Bagley Schmidt O. David Bagley Toyoko Anne Morton Fred Hoefler Catherine Home Edgar & Isabelle Wells
August 22	Pentecost XII	John Alexander Lewis Clara Dorothy Lewis Henry G. Burley
August 29	Pentecost XIII	Thomas Lee Brown; Gordon Butler Wadhams, priests

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September 3 - 7, 1993 LABOR DAY RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. David A. Norris, Mead Counselling Service, Old Greenwich, Connecticut

October 8 - 10, 1993 EARLY FALL RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. David Lee Carlson, Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York City

November 19 - 21, 1993 LATE FALL RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: Sister Catherine Clare, C.S.M.

November 25, 1993 THANKSGIVING -- Guests are welcome for the holiday weekend.

December 3 - 5, 1993 ADVENT RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Mother Catherine Grace, Superior, All Saints Sisters of the Poor

Guests are welcome during the Christmas and New Year season.

February 18 - 22, 1994 THREE DAY RETREAT (Ends after Tuesday breakfast.)

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Thomas Reese, St. Ann's Church, Bridgehampton, New York

March 11 - 13, 1994 LENTEN RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Jerry M. Doublicky, CSSS, Parish of Christ the King, Willingboro, New Jersey

March 27 - April 3, 1994 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Guests are welcome to share in the Holy Week liturgy and silence, and in the Easter celebration.

April 22 - 24, 1994 HEALING RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. J. Wesley Vanaman, onetime Missioner and Warden of the Order of St. Luke the Physician

May 27 - 31, 1994 MEMORIAL DAY RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Canon James A. Winters, Ottawa, Canada

September 2 - 6, 1994 LABOR DAY RETREAT

CONDUCTOR: The Rev. Frank G. Dunn, St. John's Church, Lynchburg, Virginia

SCHEDULE

Ordinarily retreat weekends begin with 7:00 p.m. dinner on Friday at St. Benedict's House, and end with the noon meal on Sunday. The house is always open for retreatants who wish to come early. (All meals except Friday night are at the Convent.)

The Labor Day and Memorial Day retreats, which are primarily for Associates of the Community, begin with 6:00 p.m. dinner Friday at the Coavent and end after breakfast on Tuesday.

RESERVATIONS AND COSTS

Please write or call the Guest Mistress at the Convent for further information or to make reservations. Individual guests may be accommodated at almost any time, and groups on weekends not on this schedule.

The suggested donation for individuals is \$75 per person for a regular weekend retreat; \$85 for a three-day weekend; \$35 per person for overnight with meals; \$25 per person per day for longer visits. We ask that a non-refundable registration fee of \$10 be sent in advance to confirm the reservation. The remainder of the donation will be part of the Sunday Mass Offertory on the retreat weekend.

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Trains run regularly from Grand Central Station. Directions for travel by car will be sent on request.

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A group of men and women dedicated to the building of Christian community within our parish life. Members meet weekly at various convenient times for the purpose of sharing their experience of the Christian life in small groups, and come together monthly as a large body for common worship, adoration, and the sharing of Christian fellowship. In the strictest sense this is not a parish organization but a movement of spiritual depth, grounded in the principles and teaching of Catholic Renewal in our own day. All parishioners are welcome.

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Acolytes' Guild serving at Sunday and weekday services. Those interested should speak to the clergy. Guild members occasionally serve as Readers as well.

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