



THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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An occasional Newsletter for Parishioners and Friends of Saint Thomas's Church, Toronto

SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

October 26 gathering elects Deputy Warden, appoints Auditor

A brief Special Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Hall after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, October 26th. It was necessitated by the resignation of Michael Rowland from Corporation, and by one item left unresolved at the Annual Meeting last February. Parishioners present elected Gene Stewart as Deputy People's Warden, and appointed the firm of Beale, Wallington & Chong as auditors of the Corporation's accounts for the 2003 fiscal year.



The Rector with Officers of the Corporation after the Special Vestry Meeting on October 25. L-R: Pat Kennedy, Fr Andrews, Gene Stewart, Anna Kennedy, Marilyn Ramsingh & Nigel Wright

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY SET

Handel's "Messiah" is focus

George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" is a perennial favourite of the Christmas Season. Come to the Rectory for three sessions that will explore the music and the text of this inspiring 18th Century masterpiece. A light snack is served starting at 6pm. The study begins at 6:30 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. Sessions are held on Mondays: November 24th, December 1st, December 8th. Please speak with the Rector for more information

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SERVICES FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE

Please telephone the Parish Office (416) 979-2323 if you would like one of the clergy to take the Sacrament to anyone who cannot attend Church.

ADVENT SUNDAY, NOV 30 – 7:00 pm

Advent Procession with Carols at Solemn Evensong and Devotions

SUNDAY DEC 21 7:00 pm – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY DEC 24 – 11:00 pm

Solemn High Mass of Christmas, Procession to the Crib & Blessing of the Crib – John Tuttle plays *Messiaen* commencing 10:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY DEC 25

8:00 am – Said Mass — 9:30 am – Sung Mass (BAS rite) —
11:00 am – Solemn High Mass

HOLY INNOCENTS, SUNDAY DEC 28

Morning service times as usual. NO SOLEMN EVENSONG at 7:00 pm

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, SUNDAY JAN 4

7:00 pm: Solemn Evensong, Epiphany Carols, Procession and Devotions

St. Thomas's "Affordable Art Affair" A Hit with Students and Connoisseurs

by Ann Welsh

Saturday October 4, 2003 in Toronto saw a stream of people leaving St. Thomas's Church Parish Hall with new treasures tucked under their arms. They were buyers at the "Affordable Art Affair", an auction and sale attracting both students and connoisseurs. The event fea-



Fr Neelands (Oct 29) and Susan Haig (Oct 30) both celebrated their birthdays at the post-Evensong Reception on All Saints Day with a special cake provided by Choir members Tom Agnew and Rodney Jackson.

ured a wide range of donated art, antiques, and curios at affordable prices. It included some exceptional pieces including works by Painters 11 artist Ray Mead, Group of Seven student Anthony Law, Nicholas Hornyansky, and Owen Staple. The reasonable prices made it possible for students from St. Thomas's neighbour, the University of Toronto, to decorate their dorms and apartments with pieces of real art, while collectors were able to buy some very fine pieces.

The Affordable Art Affair is the latest in a series of activities that began in September 2002 to raise \$75,000 to renovate St.

Thomas's Parish Hall Kitchen. **Marion Dorosh**, Co-Chair (with **Carol Kysela**) of the Kitchen Renovation Committee said, "Our goal is to have a 'state of the art' kitchen so we can offer a variety of social and outreach activities. It will also be a resource for the community. Many of our parishioners are active in the arts, so an art auction and sale fund-raiser was a natural fit for us."

The event raised over \$13,000 in just three hours. **Fr Robert Ross**, Assistant Priest at St. Thomas's and MC of the event, observed, "That's the most money raised in the shortest amount of time in St. Thomas's history," while **Fr Mark Andrews**, St. Thomas's Rector commented, "We are thrilled that we were able to use our art in such a productive way. Improvements to the kitchen are already under way—making it



Jean-Paul Napier with one of the many objects offered for sale at the Affordable Art Affair

possible for us to host a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the guests of St. Thomas's 'Out-of-the-Cold' program."

Marion Dorosh attributed the success of the Affordable Art Affair to "a hard working committee of seven who dedicated hundreds of hours to planning, collecting art, advertising, and setting up. We were further blessed that one committee member donated several pieces of valuable art. Another committee member works in the art world and has a lot of experience with art auctions and art evaluations. Throughout, the committee maintained a sense of humour and we all had a lot of fun."

"Personally," said Fr Andrews, "I'm going to miss the five foot African fertility goddess who was living in my front hall for the past few months."

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2004 PLEDGING COMMENCES

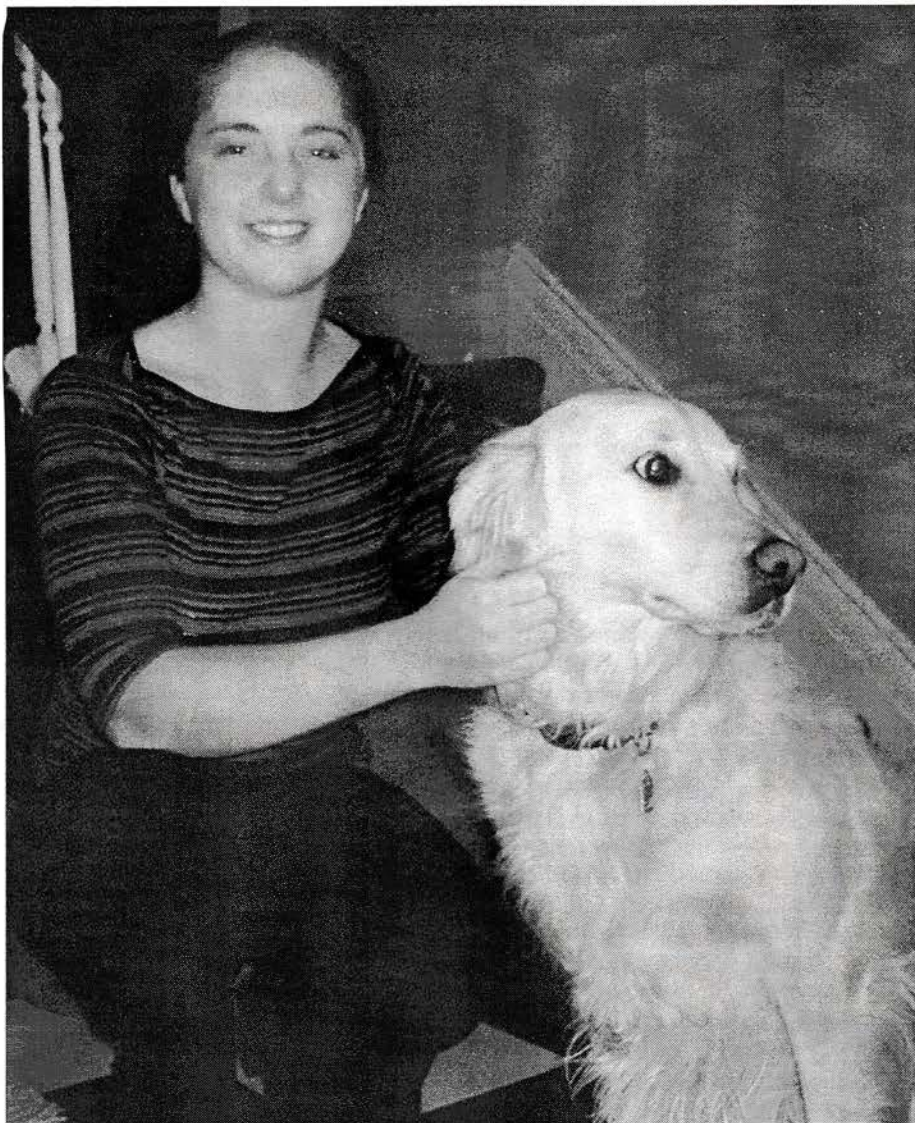
Financial Update

by Anna Kennedy, Parish Treasurer

Thank you to all the people who have taken the time to consider their financial commitment to St Thomas's and submit their 2004 pledge forms. We have received 72 pledges as of November 8, for a total of \$116,780. Of the 72 pledges, 14 will be using the Pre-Authorized Giving option. Please remember that you can change to the 'PAG' method of making your monthly donations at any time.

Here are some additional statistics to give you food for thought:

- There are 307 individuals on the parish list consisting of 249 family members and 58 individuals
- As of October, there are 224 envelope holders (for a family of 4, there would be 1 envelope)
- Some of the envelope holders haven't actually made any donations in 2003.
- For the Operating Fund we are observing that there are 181 active envelope givers. Twenty-four of these people (13%) provided 51% of the givings so far this year.
- The 2003 total annual budgeted operating expenses are \$387,446. This equates to \$1062 per day. This is independent of the money spent on capital expenditures such as building upgrades.



Suzanne Brooks with the Rector's dog, Molly. Suzanne is one of a number of Trinity College students who have been taking Molly to area hospitals to cheer patients.

“LOOSE CHANGE” SUNDAY SET FOR NOVEMBER 30

Several years ago, Out of the Cold programs were set up in many of the churches in the downtown area to assist the homeless by providing food, shelter, and fellowship. Although we do not yet host a winter program at St. Thomas's, we do have a group of volunteers who go to St. Stephen-in-the-Fields to help prepare and serve food and socialize with the guests. Financial support is also needed to provide food, clothing, and shelter.

The Advent season calls us to prepare for the coming of Christ. Part of this preparation involves remembering our common humanity and helping others in need. As a parish, we have always com-

mitted a portion of our income to outreach, and we know that our parishioners will want to continue to assist those in need by supporting this special appeal.

November 30th is The First Sunday in Advent, an ideal time for your “LOOSE CHANGE” gift. After each service, there will be containers in the Narthex where you may make your contribution.

Save your loose change and bring it on November 30th. A small contribution from everyone will make a change that counts. Income tax receipts will be issued for contributions that are securely packaged and marked with your name.

‘Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”’ Acts 20.35

“He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he giveth of his bread to the poor.” Proverbs 22.9

Music Notes From The Choirmaster

32-foot stops being added to organ – Advent & Christmas Music Notes

by John Tuttle

We have ordered the installation of the two digital 32 foot stops to the organ. By digital, I mean that the builders (Phoenix Organs in Peterborough) will take digital samples of actual 32' stops, then "tweak" them, actually re-voice and finish them using a computer, and connect them to the switching system inside our pipe organ.

These two very low stops are actually electronic, rather than acoustical (pipe generated). Although real 32 foot pipes would be superior, I cannot think of where we would put such behemoths in St. Thomas's Church. The results, however, using the very finest (and large!) speakers, should be satisfactory. I cannot tell you when they will arrive, but it should be obvious the first time we get to use them!

There is lots of wonderful music coming up in our liturgy.

A "project" under way in Choir is the preparation to sing the Swiss composer, Frank Martin's monumental *Mass for Double Choir* for the **Feast of Christ the King (November 23 at 11)**.

An *Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols* has long been a tradition at Saint T's, and will be offered **November 30th at 7 pm**. A reception for the congrega-

tion and guests will follow, so, please, follow Fr. Freeland's *Andrew Principle*, and bring your friends!

On the **four Sundays in Advent** the Mass setting at 9.30 am will be Richard Proulx's lovely *Missa Emmanuel*, which employs the familiar Advent hymn tune for "O come, O come, Emmanuel" for the ordinary of the mass. It is sung, unaccompanied, by the congregation and choir. While at the 11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist during Advent, the choir will, as has become our custom, sing plainsong settings of the Mass.

On the *Fourth Sunday in Advent*, we shall offer *A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols*, a liturgy largely created in 1918 by Dean Milner-White for the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge (**December 21 at 7 pm**)

For **Christmas Eve**, I am preparing to play Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*, a nine-movement suite describing the events of the Birth of Christ. That will begin at 10.30 p.m. The Music of the 11 pm Mass will be the *Missa ad Praesepe* (Mass at the Crib), which George Malcolm wrote for his choristers at Westminster Cathedral in London. The Choir will also sing two unusual motets by Richard Rodney Bennet, a composer known for his unique choral style, and whose career has also included incidental music for film, musical theatre and opera.



Fr Ian and Jean Nichols celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a post-Mass cake.

From The Parish Register...

MARRIAGES

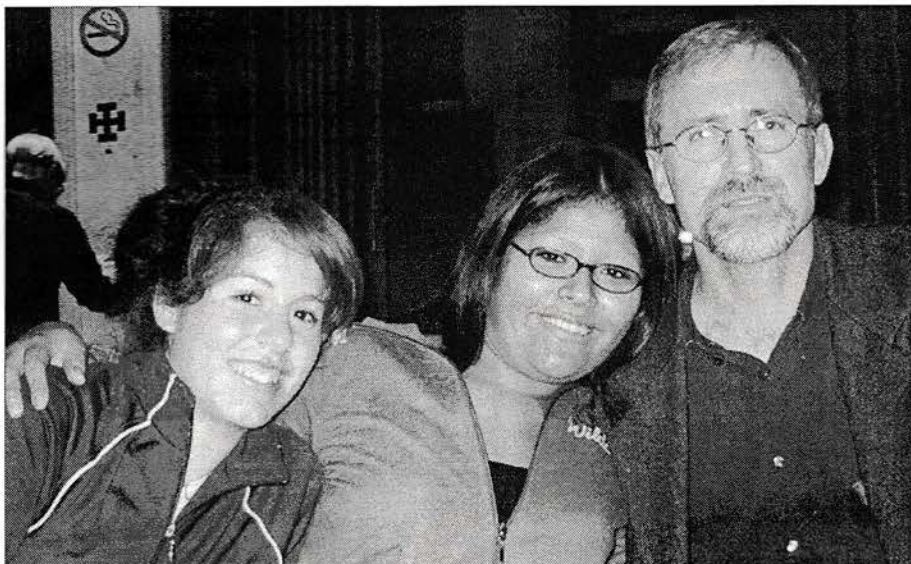
19 August – Stephen Joseph Moreau and Stephanie Sophia Reibetanz
18 October – Matthew Edward Wolochatiuk and Anne Kyra Woods

FUNERALS

15 May – Margaret Elizabeth Robinson
9 October – William James Martin
16 October – Piero Ilan Zambotti

ATTENDANCE – All Saints' Day

8 am Said Mass – 15
9:30 am Sung Mass – 35
11 am Solemn Mass – 132
7 pm – Solemn Evensong – 112



Leif Vaage, here shown with his two daughters, launched his first book of poetry, *Schooled by Salt*, at St. Thomas's on October 10, before an audience of over 60

“We have before us – we have among us – a conflict that cannot be resolved through trials and defrockings which, if they proceed, will damage our Church irreparably and I fear forever. What is needed here on all sides is not law but grace; not the exercise of power but the exercise of vulnerability; generosity, patience, and compassion.” *Bishop Tony Burton of Saskatchewan in speech to Canadian House of Bishops, Mississauga, October 30, 2003*

William James Martin: 1933-2003

On October 6th this year, the parish lost one of its well known members when Bill Martin died from a heart condition aggravated by long standing aller-



The late William Martin

gies. Bill and his wife Mollie joined Saint Thomas's Church in the early 1960's, and both were active in the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. Bill initially served as a sidesman, but later was very active in the Acolytes' Guild: he became its Secretary and was responsible for re-establishing membership of the guild with the umbrella organization of acolyte guilds in the Church of England known as the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary. Bill often functioned as a sub deacon and especially enjoyed this position when he could exercise his vocal talents and sing the epistle on the major feast days. Bill and Mollie raised their family, Ann their daughter, and their sons Willis and Harold at St. Thomas's. Bill and Mollie have three grandchildren, Jennifer and James by Anne, and Harley by Harold. Over the past many years Bill and his family decorated the Paschal candle which is first lit from the "new fire"

“...pride sits in Modernism as in its own house, finding sustenance everywhere in its doctrines and an occasion to flaunt itself in all its aspects.” *St Pius X, in his Encyclical Pascendi Dominici Gregis.*’

which burns at the liturgy on Holy Saturday night, after which it is lit throughout the Easter season and for all baptisms. The family intends to carry on this tradition of decorating the candle in memory of Bill. In addition to their work at Saint Thomas's, Bill and Mollie worshipped in Port Elgin where their summer cottage was located, and where both sang in the choir of Saint John's Church. When Bill was ten year's old he learned to play his father's organ when his father was the organist at Lincoln United Church in

Windsor. The Martin family home is in Walkerville close to Windsor. In his years at St Thomas's Bill could often be seen hiding behind the south choir stalls making audio recordings of the church's music at the great festivals. Outside of church, Bill's interests lay in competing in car rallies, playing baseball, serving as coordinator of a group of mall walkers and, of course, devouring the many tasty loaves Mollie baked for social events at Saint Thomas's. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory. WH

MICHAELMAS SPEAKER ON OXFORD LITURGICAL REVIVAL

**Prof Eleanor Hill
addresses Dinner**

by Jeff Creighton

On Michaelmas, Monday, September 29, the parish was pleased to welcome Dr. Eleanor Hill, who delivered a talk: *"From Rite to Ritual: The Ceremonial Revival in Anglican Liturgy"*. This was a fundraiser by the Acolytes' Guild to raise money for the Friday afternoon sandwich programme. Following the High Mass at 6.15 p.m., parishioners packed the parish hall for a dinner (served by the acolytes), and listened to an insightful talk. Prof. Hill's long-standing acquaintance with the Anglo-Catholic movement is both personal and scholarly. As an old girl of St. Mildred's school (run by the Sisters of the Church), she was introduced to the Catholic sacramental life at a time when most Anglican parish churches still featured 11 a.m. Matins as the main Sunday service and no Bishop of Toronto would have been caught dead wearing a mitre. Her memories of St. Thomas's go back to the late 1950's, when the sidesmen still wore morning coats. Much of her scholarly work has also dealt with the Oxford Movement and the ritual revival; her doctoral dissertation was on the theology of the Christian life in the writings of John Henry Newman. Defining ritual (in its non-technical sense) as *"all those extras that happen to add sensual density to liturgy"*, Dr. Hill set the ritual revival of the

nineteenth century in its historical context. The Victorians lived in an age of unparalleled social change, and one response was a yearning for the authority of tradition. "Tradition" is continually re-imagined in each generation, and for many Victorians the locus of tradition was in the stability and order of the Middle Ages. Secondly, at a time when many lived in dire poverty and hopelessness, ritual became a way of drawing working people from the grim reality of their daily lives into the ordered beauty of the sacred.

The Oxford Movement of the 1830's and 40's had set forth a vision of the Church as a sacred society separate and distinct from the state, and of the Christian life as the pursuit of personal holiness. Much of the ceremonial revival—eastward position, lighted candles, the mixed chalice, vestments, and the use of wafer bread and incense—was an attempt to embody this vision in parish life, for ordinary people. At a time when Catholic liturgical practices have become widespread (even in churches that do not call themselves "Anglo-Catholic"), it is salutary to remember the roots of those practices, and how bitterly they were opposed by authorities in Church and State. Deciding what those practices mean for us today is a work for every generation, as we relate the vision of that "sacred society" to the conditions of our own time and place.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner Served by St Thomas's Volunteers

A St Thomas's 'first' mixes Out-of-the-Cold guests and parishioners

by David Kent

Monday, October 13 was a beautiful autumn day, warmer than usual, and it was blessed with a cloudless blue sky overhead. About 25 parishioners were involved in preparing a turkey dinner for what turned out to be a crowd of 40 or more visitors. The preparations began in earnest by mid-morning, though much pre-planning and some pre-cooking had evidently been done. Thanks to a circulating email among participants, generated by *Andrea Budgey*, all the contributions for the dinner were efficiently orchestrated. The central figure in the kitchen

was *Jennifer Grange* who guided the skilled and unskilled alike through a host of duties with a pleasant firmness. Turkeys were cooked, potatoes peeled and boiled, cheese and crackers positioned, squash and salads readied while tables were decorated and set; all the work was both shared and efficacious.

Our guests began arriving around 3 p.m. Many who were regular attendees at the Friday evening sandwich programme had been invited on one of their recent visits. As time passed, however, word got out on the street about the excellent feast available at 383 Huron Street, and so people continued to arrive right up to the time of closing, 6 p.m. Some of the visitors opted for "take-out" dinners, but most stayed and sat at one

of the ten tables that had been set up in the parish hall. These men and women were often joined by volunteers who later spoke of the substantive and worthwhile conversations they had enjoyed. On leaving the hall, visitors were offered woolen gloves and socks, necessary provisions for the winter ahead, purchased with some of the funds raised at the Michémas dinner. This gesture, like the meal itself, was very gratefully received by all our visitors.

Perhaps, as many mused during clean-up, this would be the first of many such Thanksgiving dinners. Certainly our guests would welcome a similarly celebratory feast next Thanksgiving.



GOOD NEWS: CALLED TO BE SAINTS

Extracts from a Sermon preached on All Saints' Day

by Fr Robert Ross

A friend of mine used to say that, for most people, the Good News is really bad news. Certainly, the so-called beatitudes in today's gospel probably seem like pretty bad news to most of people. Can one really be happy when one is being reviled and slandered? To do so would, it would seem, take the faith of a saint...

So what does it mean to be a saint... at least, a Saint with a capital "S". Well, if you check the web site of the Holy See, as I did, you go down the list of requirements for the job: 1) you have to have been dead for at least five years; 2) your diocesan bishop has to petition of your behalf; 3) you have to have exhibited the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. 4) You need proof of at least one miracle – attributed to your prayers – in order to be beatified, and two miracles in order to be canonized...

But perhaps it is wrong-headed to think of sanctity as a contest or an award for good behaviour. In today's gospel, Jesus simply describes those who are blessed or happy: Blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed are those who mourn; blessed are the meek; blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; blessed are the merciful; blessed are the pure of heart; blessed are the peacemak-

ers; blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; and blessed are all of us when we are reviled, persecuted, and slandered! For all of that, we should rejoice and be glad, firm in our knowledge that God will reward us in heaven.

... But how do we do the will of God? Despite the fact that Jesus is quite explicit that he came to show us the passionate and implacable love of God, we still think that we need to earn God's love by doing the hardest things possible. Somehow we often forget that our good works, and our suffering, reflect the love of God rather than earning it. So the beatitudes are not new obligations, a set of new and difficult commandments that only spiritual "athletes", in other words

“In three parishes now, I have come to know the long list of faithful departed intimately, even though I never met them in this life. As the cycle of the year goes on, and we pray for each in turn it gives a vivid sense not only of the fabric of Catholic worship and witness going on through the years in a parish church, but also of the very real truth that we are all one Christian family.” From his message in the November, 2003 Parish Newsletter "Pascha Nostrum", the Rev Canon Barry Swain, Rector, Church of the Resurrection, New York City

the capital "S" saints, are capable of carrying out. The beatitudes do not cause sanctity; rather, they are indicators of it. Moreover, no one ... can ever practice the beatitudes perfectly. However, the presence of men and women who live, and have lived, the beatitudes is a sign of God's presence in our world.

... I came across something in my researches this week which talks in very concrete terms about the essence of Christian morality as it is expressed in the Gospel. This is from Dorothy Day's classic, *Recognizing Christ in Everybody*.

When you love people, you see all the good in them, all the Christ in them. God sees Christ, his Son, in us, and loves us. And so we should see Christ in others, and nothing else, and love them. There can never be enough of it.

This is not easy. Everyone will try to kill that love in you, even your nearest and dearest; at least, they will try to prune it. They will say: "Don't you know this, that, or the other thing about this person? He or she did this or that. If you do not want to hear about it, you must hear. It is my duty to tell you, and it is your duty to take recognition of it. You must stop loving, modify your loving, show your disapproval..." The antagonism here often rises to a crescendo of vituperation, an intensification of the opposition on all sides. You feel quite borne down by it. What can you do? The only Christian answer

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Mark Kingwell To Deliver Larkin-Stuart Lectures

**NOVEMBER 25 & 26
ADDRESSES
AT IGNATIEFF THEATRE**

The Larkin-Stuart Lectures are jointly hosted annually by Saint Thomas's and Trinity College. It is a series founded to honour Canon Cecil Stuart and Gerald Larkin, both of whom, in the words of the Vestry motion establishing the lectureship: "together have done so much over so many years to enrich the life, both spiritual and temporal, of St Thomas's Church to the greater glory of God and the Christian faith." The lectures are given annually by an "outstanding figure, who will be given the widest latitude in the choice of subject matter, provided it is related to theology in the broadest sense."

This year's lecturer is Mark Kingwell, Professor of Philosophy and Trinity Fellow. The title of his lecture is "Crossing the Threshold: Towards a philosophy of the interior." The first lecture, "The Thought of Limits," will take place on Tuesday, November 25th, while the second lecture, "The Limits of Thought," is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th. Both lectures will take place at the George Ignatieff Theatre, Trinity College, (15 Devonshire Place, just north of Hoskin Avenue, on the ground floor of the Larkin building, directly south of the former Varsity Stadium grounds) beginning at 8pm. Call (416) 978-2651 for information and free tickets.

St Thomas parishioners are invited to gather at the Rectory on Tuesday November 25th at 6:30 pm for light refreshments prior to the lecture. A reception at The Buttery follows each lecture.



Procession at Evensong on All Saints Day. The Sacred Ministers are (L-R) Fr Ross, the Rector and Jeff Creighton



A special invitation was extended to students living within the Parish to attend Evensong and a special Reception on All Saints Day. Many responded: three of the Trinity College students present were (L-R) Borden Rhodes, Patrick Dewell and Christopher Ku, Organ Scholar at the College

Sermon...

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is to love, to the very end... even to the laying down of your life.

With all the depressing news recently concerning the possible future of the Anglican Communion, this quotation should strike some chords. In the face of talk about "impaired communion" or "severed communion" amongst Anglican Christians in the world... and the ammunition that such talk gives to those who seek to distort or discredit the gospel of Jesus Christ... we should not forget that all Christians (indeed, all human beings) are bound together by our common bur-

den, which is our tendency to live only for ourselves. The gospel gives us a way out of that suffocating existence. The saints... have discovered that the only way to fullness of life is to accept the unconditional love of God, shown most fully in human history in the death of Jesus.

The gospel calls us to be saints, to live out life in the context of the beatitudes. To the world, this is lunacy. To the world, the Good News is, indeed, bad news. What kind of fool would continue to love in the face of persecution and hatred? And yet we know, or we would not be here: the cross is the tree of life. The way is often narrow and hard. We need

courage and encouragement to walk it. If we can start to see the saints of God, not as statues or medals, but as ordinary men and women and followed, albeit imperfectly, the way of the cross, then perhaps we can start to really believe that they pray for us – and for all human beings – as we bear our personal crosses.

Jesus invites us to live for others, following in his path to the cross... As we struggle to do his will, let us open our ears to the prayers of that countless host of every race and creed who embodied the love of God, even unto death. May their prayers surround us as we continue to run the great race that is set before us, knowing that our effort is not in vain.

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WORSHIP AT SAINT THOMAS'S

SUNDAYS

Masses: 8:00 am (BCP, plain celebration);
9:30 am (BAS, Sung); 11:00 am (BCP,
Solemn High)

Mattins (said) 10:30 am – Solemn
Evensong & Devotions 7:00 pm

WEEKDAYS

Masses: 5:30 pm Monday & Friday –
12:15 noon Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 am Wednesday, 10:00 am Saturday

Morning Prayer is said daily 8:30 am,
Saturday 9:30 am

Evening Prayer is said daily at 5:00 pm,
except Tuesday and Wednesday at
5:15 pm. Candelight Meditation follows
Evening Prayer on Wednesday.

Confessions: At times announced or by
appointment with any of the Parish Clergy

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

As you read of the diverse life of this church, it becomes clear that Saint Thomas's offers a host of ways for parishioners and friends to become more closely involved in the work of the Parish as well as of the many organizations which make their home here. Here are contacts who would welcome your inquiry and assistance. You can find them at mass, or leave a message at the Parish Office.

ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY

Advent Bible Study

Canadian Tire Money/
Cookbook purchase

CD/ROM project
loans of archival materials

Church School
teaching, enrolment

Daily Offices
officiating, reading Lessons

"Loose Change" Sunday
Assistance with coin counting
and rolling

Parish Newsletter
Writing, production, delivery

Property Management
Committee
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Social Committee
Event planning and kitchen volunteers

The Society of Mary

Confraternity of the
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Fr Freeland

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Decorate The Church For Christmas

For many years a project of the Acolytes' Guild,
this festive task now welcomes the talents
(including any agile limbs, if available!) of all Parishioners.
No experience or equipment necessary.

JOIN US after 11:00 am Mass on SUNDAY, DEC 21
Restorative refreshments follow at the Rectory