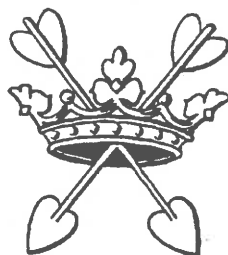


The Parish of St. Edmund, King and Martyr

(Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, and Guelph)



The Anglican Catholic Church of Canada

UPDATE

July 20, 2000

August Schedule

August 6	Sunday	-	The Transfiguration of Our Lord / Trinity VII
August 13	Sunday	-	Trinity VIII
August 15	Tuesday	-	The Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 20	Sunday	-	Trinity IX
August 24	Thursday	-	St. Bartholomew the Apostle
August 27	Sunday	-	Trinity X

Service Times and Location

- (1) All Services are held in the Chapel at Luther Village on the Park - 139 Father David Bauer Drive in Waterloo.
- (2) On Sundays, Matins is said at 10:00 a.m. (The Litany on the first Sunday of the month), and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10:30 a.m.
- (3) On weekdays - Holy Days and Days of Obligation (Red Letter Days in the Prayer Book Calendar) - the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 7:00 p.m., 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays - when the Chapel is available!

Note

Just a reminder - lunch in the restaurant at Luther Village, right after Mass on Sunday, July 23.

The Bishop's Bit

A MATTER OF SOME DELICACY

In the fall of 1987 I travelled Canada for three months, from Ottawa to British Columbia. When I finished up as a guest of the Crawleys in Ladysmith, the good Bishop explained that if I were to become a landed immigrant in this country, I ought to use Canadian words rather than Brit, *truck* rather than *lorry*, *elevator* rather than *lift*, *sidewalk* rather than *pavement*. Fair enough, it would be right to identify with my new place of work. For the most part I think I have succeeded, though I remain permanently confused about *biscuits*, *cookies* and *scones*, about *bonnets*, *boots*, and *trunks*.

However, my problem was not so much British words as a mind full of South African and Zimbabwean words. For example, in the one country a piece of cloth is a *lappie*, in the other it is a *lembu*; in the one *bush* is *veld*, in the other it is *bundu*; in the one country *nice* is *lekker*, in the other it is *mush*; in the one country *desert boots* are *veldskoene*, in the other they are *vellies*. And so I could go on with words like *bakkie* (*pick up truck*); *muti* (*medication*); *tackies* (*tennis shoes*).

Bishop Crawley also told me that the old Canadian word for *lavatory* is *biffy*, but I've never heard anybody use it so far. From BC I went on to a six month tour of Australia. There I was told that the old word for *lavatory* was *dunny*, but I did not hear anybody use it. Back home in Zimbabwe the word is *pk*, short for *piccanini kaia*, little house.

In England the upper classes, by which I do not mean the rich, eschew all euphemisms. Dukes talk not of *passing on* but of *death*, not of *gentlemen* but of *men*, not of *toilets* but of *lavatories*.

C S Lewis loathed the word *washroom*. He would have disliked *facility* just as much. Whenever trans Atlantic visitors asked him for the *bathroom*, he'd show them to the room with a bathtub in it. We all have our prejudices, and Mr Lewis was as entitled to his as the next man. But was he fair? After all, *lavatory* derives from the Latin *lavo* = *I wash*.

In Britain the word used in seminaries, theological faculties, religious communities and clergy houses is *topos*, Greek = *a place*. The late Father Lionel Thornton CR was a noted Biblical scholar with many tomes to his credit. He had a profound respect for Hebrew and Greek. Were they not the languages of Sacred Scripture? He therefore disliked this use of *topos*. But then Father Jonathan Graham CR drew his attention to the *Septuagint*, the Old Testament translated into Greek before the time of Christ. The *Septuagint* speaks of "a *topos* outside the camp". *Deuteronomy* 22,12 - 13, gives instructions about how the wandering Jews were to manage this delicate matter.

I hope the next meeting of bishops, vicars general and counsellors of the Traditional Anglican Communion will take place in Australia, preferably somewhere hot. What a lot of new words we shall all have to learn! Bishop Crawley, are you ready?

+Robert Mercer CR

By the Bishop Ordinary - The Anglican Catholic Church of Canada

From here and there

- Strange that creatures without backbones have the hardest shells. K. Gibran
- Memory moderates prosperity, decreases adversity, controls youth and delights old age. L. Firmianus
- This will never be a civilized country until we spend more money for books than we do on chewing gum. E. Hubbard
- God gives every bird his worm, but he does not throw it into the nest.
- Planned Parenthood (Chicago area pro-abortion agency) hooks up with The Cradle (an adoption agency)

"Polls show that Americans disapprove of abortion, but approve of adoption." - the reason for the above alliance. "It puts a kind of patina of legitimacy around what Planned Parenthood is really about, which is taking the life of unborn children. It's a very strategic move on their part."
- The politically correct are people who can look you straight in the eye and say, "I will not tolerate intolerance" without cracking a smile. Thanks to C. Moore.
- I think men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewellery. R. Rudner
- No self-respecting postmodernist would be able to use a phrase like "correct doctrine" without apologizing. R. Hoffman
- One Sunday in a Midwest city, a young child was 'acting up' during the morning worship service. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

The Holy Angels

"KEEP ME AS THE APPLE OF THE EYE" (Ps. xvii. 8).

Many familiar phrases come from the Bible, e.g. "the twinkling of an eye", "skin of the teeth", etc. One such expression is "the apple of the eye" (Ps. xvii. 8). It was supposed that the pupil was a solid substance like a ball. Some have thought that the word 'apple' comes from an Egyptian word signifying a ball.

An interesting sidelight on this phrase is thrown by the Hebrew word used, 'ishon', which means 'the little man of the eye'. The idea was that if a child looked into its father's eye it would see its own form reflected as in a mirror.

The pupil of the eye is the most delicate part of our frame, and the best protected. It is embedded in a sort of cavity and protected by eyelid and eyelash, and it is the part we instinctively defend first.

God protects His children, and His faithful servants have always relied on Him to guard them. S. Columba, in flight from his vengeful persecutors in A.D. 521, wrote some stanzas, of which the following is one:

"Alone, with none but Thee, my God,
I journey on the way,
What need I fear if Thou art near,
O King of night and day;
More safe am I within Thy Hand
Than if a host did by me stand."

That expresses complete trust in God.

Christians believe that God takes care of them by the ministry of the holy angels. They are pure spirits, created before man, who serve God and are gifted with great powers and knowledge. They are ranked in nine orders, each grade passing on God's love and light to the one below. We have our especial guardian angels of individuals, nations and churches. They watch over us here and take charge of our souls at the hour of our death.

We need protection from outward danger, but when we turn to that phrase, 'the little man of the eye', we are reminded that there is something more precious than the body, and that something is the soul. Hence it is more necessary to secure protection for the soul than for the body, and we must proceed to consider what it is which threatens the soul's well-being.

Temptation is the name we give to all evil suggestions which lead the soul to sin, whether these come from other human beings, or from books, or from public opinion, or from the inner self. It is the last-named which convinces us that there must be an evil influence at work, constantly on the watch and waiting to entrap us. We fail otherwise to account for those promptings to evil which cannot be traced to any external source.

The Christian belief is that the malevolent agency is the personality of Satan. Satan was the leader of the rebel angels, and theologians have advanced varied theories to account for his revolt. Some have supposed that it had some connexion with the creation of man - that Satan was jealous of the new race created by God. At any rate, whatever was the occasion, the underlying motive was pride. "Pride, claiming dominion, is the ultimate source of all strictly spiritual evil" (Wm. Temple, *Christus Veritas*) and that is a truth which needs to be continually proclaimed by the Church, for it is far from being realized by the world.

Lucifer, fallen from heaven, carried with him a part of the celestial host. And then began that age-long war in which Satan and his legions, unable to injure the Omnipotent Ruler, seek to ruin His children. Man is never free from the assaults of Satan. In childhood he imagines he will outgrow them in manhood: in youth he fancies they will cease to trouble him in middle life. In middle life he vainly hopes that serene old age is untroubled by temptation. But it never ceases, though it may change its form. Temptation may come through a weak point in our nature, or it may come through our strong points. Desire of knowledge was a God-given 'urge': it is this which impels man to discovery and explanation. Yet in the allegory in Genesis it is through this intellectual gift that temptation came.

We may conjecture that the temptation by which the rebel angels fell was also a temptation

addressed to the intellect, for we read that they were defeated by S. Michael, whose name ('Mi-ka-el') means 'Who is like God'. Lucifer claimed to be "like God", and his challenge was answered by the chief of the holy angels. Christians have a complete theory, therefore, of the origin of evil. Whether the theory secures agreement or not, it is at least a consistent scheme which accounts for the presence and prevalence of evil in a way that no other system does.

In practice it necessitates on the part of the Christian the twofold duty of vigilance and prayer. Spiritual foes can only be repelled by spiritual powers, hence the evil suggestions of our adversary must be countered by the summoning to our aid of the forces of the angelic legions, the 'hosts' of which Jehovah is 'lord' in the frequently employed title in the Old Testament. These hosts (*sabaoth*) have been thought of as ranged in a threefold hierarchy, each rank containing three of the powers enumerated by S. Paul in Col. i. 16 and Eph. i. 21 and in other passages. These divisions may be somewhat artificial, but the point to be stressed as of practical importance is that we live in a supernatural world, and only a thin veil conceals from us these spiritual allies. Angels are not to be regarded as a kind of mythical arid picturesque addition to the religion of Christ. He Himself spoke of "their angels" in reference to the infants whom He blessed: He spoke of Lucifer falling as lightning from heaven: He could summon to His aid "more than twelve legions of angels". In the Creed we profess our belief that God is creator of all things, "visible and invisible", and the latter category must include those angels who are described by S. John Damascene as "intellectual beings, ever in motion, possessing free will, incorporeal, ministering to God, having an immortal nature, the form and limit of whose being is known only to God their Creator".

"The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just", and the danger in an age which has been brought up in the atmosphere of physical science is to ignore the existence of unseen forces. And that is, precisely, materialism.

From a book by The Rev. Marcus Donovan entitled *Positive Teaching* (or *What the Catholic Religion Offers Us*) and published by The Faith Press in 1947.

From the Deacon's Desk

INTERCESSION, THE FIFTH DAY

Let us beseech the Lord in peace, for the heavenly peace, and the salvation of our souls; for the peace of the whole world; for the stability of God's holy Churches, and the union of them all; for this holy house and those who enter it with faith and reverence; for our holy Fathers, the honourable Presbytery, the Diaconate in Christ, and all both the clergy and people; for this holy retreat, and all the city and country, and all the faithful who dwell therein; for salubrious weather, fruitfulness of earth, and peaceful times; for voyagers and travellers, for those who are in sickness, toil and captivity, and for their salvation.

Aid, save, pity and preserve them, O God, in Thy grace. Making mention of the all-holy, undefiled, and more than blessed Mary, Mother of God and Ever-Virgin, with all saints, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord, for it is fitting, be glory, honour and worship.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with me and with all of us. Amen.

I commend me and mine and all that belongs to me, to Him who is able to keep me without falling,

and to place me immaculate before the presence of His glory, the only wise God and our Saviour, to whom be glory and greatness, strength and authority, both now and for all ages. Amen.

Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

Submitted by The Reverend Mervyn Edward Bowles

Rules of Order

I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow doesn't look good either.

I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by.

Tell me what you need and I'll tell you how to get along without it.

Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days you are the statue.

Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If they aren't there the first time, chances are, you won't be needing them again.

I don't have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.

My reality check bounced.

I don't suffer from stress. I am a carrier.

Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons, because you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.

Everybody is someone else's weirdo.

Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level and beat you with experience.

A pat on the back is only a few centimetres from a kick in the butt.

Don't be irreplaceable - if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

After a pay rise, you will have less money at the end of the month than you did before.

The more crap you put up with, the more crap you are going to get.

You can go anywhere you want if you look serious and carry a clipboard.

People who go to conferences are the people that shouldn't.

When you don't know what to do, walk fast and look worried.

If it wasn't for the last minute...nothing would get done.

Following the rules will not get the job done.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.

What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

By Dilbert - thanks to Bridget Speck

The Angelus

I was particularly interested in your questions about the recitation of the Angelus by some Anglicans,

which is a devotion in memory of the Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel's salutation to the Virgin Mary. It consists of three Ave Marias with versicles, and a Collect.

The greater part of the Angelus consists of words from the Holy Scriptures, and at a Service the essence of the scriptural words is shared between the Minister and the Congregation. "And the angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus". And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word". Read St. Luke 1:26-38. Also St. John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us".

The concluding prayer at an Anglican recitation of the Angelus is the Collect for the Holy Day known as the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". This Collect is in the Book of Common Prayer, page 271.

The two sentences that bother some people are, "Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death"; and, "Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be worthy of the promises of God". These two sentences ask the Virgin Mary to pray for us; they do not worship her. The intention and hope is that in the Communion of Saints the saintly mother who bore the infant body of Jesus Christ would be particularly placed to make intercessory prayer for us to him, for he is the only Mediator between God and Man.

The invocation of the saints is a very old practice in the Church, and the Roman and Eastern Orthodox Churches use it extensively. The Anglican Church has been careful to limit its use because of the possibility of abuse. Necromancy, the attempt to communicate with the dead by psychical means, is forbidden in both the Old and the New Testaments. Requests to a Saint to pray for us are not addressed to God but to a fellow creature in heaven, but we have no evidence that the Saints have power to hear us; also there seems to be no scriptural authority for it. However, the Holy Ghost who knows what we and the saints in heaven pray would certainly unite our prayers with theirs.

The Angelus may also be a celebration of the unity of the Church for our fellowship with the departed is spiritual; our point of contact with the Communion of Saints is at the Eucharist through the Grace of our Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul wrote, "For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread". Saint Paul also exhorted believers to pray for each other.

The Angelus is a song of acknowledgment and celebration of one of the great miracles God willed for our salvation. Without the virgin birth, (and the glorious resurrection of the Christ), there would be no Lord Jesus, no salvation, no Christian Faith, no Church, and no hope. For many people also the recitation of the Angelus expresses the joy, awe, wonder and thankfulness for the blessed and sanctified maiden pure enough to nurture in her womb, and devote her life to the care of, the incarnate Son of the most holy God the Father.

By Father Edward C. Goodwin (This is a repeat from a previous UPDATE as the result of questions about The Angelus. Ed.)

Worth thinking about

- ⊗ What is wrong with much of mainstream, modern [so-called] Christianity?

God has been pushed to the sidelines in favour of purely human concerns. The rationale is that human concern for other humans (relationships) expresses the love of God. The reality is that God is forgotten or marginalized. In some churches this danger is seen and battle joined. In Anglicanism only the Continuing Church sees clearly. The official bodies, at least in the first world (so-called), have long since abandoned the field. E. Smith (Who just happens to be a Roman Catholic. Ed.)

- ⊗ I thank GOD that I live in a day when the enemy is OUTSIDE the Church, and I know where he is, and what he is up to. But I foresee a day when the enemy will be BOTH OUTSIDE AND INSIDE the Church, and I pray now for the poor faithful who will be caught in the crossfire. J. Newman (1801-1890)

- ⊗ "Small acts of concern and thoughtfulness" [by a priest] are all well and good, but they won't get anyone into heaven. It simply doesn't matter whether people remember their priest as a nice guy or not. A real SOB [priest] who doesn't fudge the truth is a lot more helpful in the long run. C. Moore

- ⊗ Who is God?

He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End!
He is the Keeper of Creation and the Creator of all!
He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all times.
He always was, He always is, and He always will be...
Unmoved, Unchanged, Undefeated, and never Undone! Posted by L. Penn

- ⊗ The general doctrine of the Church in terms of eternity is that it has three phases:

The Church Militant on earth - making war on the world, the flesh, and the devil.

The Church Expectant waiting for the resurrection of the dead - that is, those who have died in Christ but are not yet in the fullness of redemption with their resurrection bodies of glory.

The Church Triumphant - that is, the Church after the Last Judgement clothed in resurrection bodies and perfected by grace and going from glory to glory in heaven.

The English Language!

- † The bandage was wound around the wound.
- † The farm was used to produce produce.
- † The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- † We must polish the Polish furniture.
- † He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- † The soldier decided to desert the dessert in the desert.
- † Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

- † A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- † When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- † I did not object to the object.
- † The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- † There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- † They were too close to the door to close it.
- † The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- † A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- † To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- † The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- † After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- † Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- † I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

Thanks to Dick Kim.

What's in a Name?

"TELL ME, I PRAY THEE, THY NAME." (*Genesis 32,29*)

A group of Yankee hunters went to the Carolinas each fall. The first time down they rented a good hunting dog named *Reverend* for \$50.00. The second year the price was \$75.00 and the third year it jumped to \$150.00. But as he was a most excellent hunting dog they paid up without demurring. So the fourth year they arrived they said to the owner "How much for *Reverend* this time?" - expecting yet another hike. To their astonishment the owner said \$5.00. "How come?" they asked. "Well, somebody made a bad mistake and called him *Bishop*. Since then all he does is sit on his tail and bark!"

Names are important; many people think they are so important that they spend a great deal of time and money trying to trace their ancestors, and then perhaps wish they hadn't should they come across a particularly unsavoury character in their line of progenitors. Some thirty years ago, on a visit to parents in England, I met a distant relative who was obsessed with tracing the family tree. He proudly showed me the results of his research to date, in which he claimed the Crawley clan to be related to William the Conqueror and at one point were 64th in line to the throne. Since William the Conqueror was a bastard (in both meanings of that word) I was singularly unimpressed!

Yet other lines of succession are important. In Catholic and Orthodox churches the validity of orders is a necessity. A Bishop must be able to show that at least three of his Consecrators (bishops) can trace their orders through history as being part of family trees which go back to the Apostles. I am in awe of the understanding that there is thus a physical 'line' stretching back to the hands of our Lord! Equally important is the transmission of the Apostolic Faith and not some bright new ideas which some prideful priest dreamed up. (This to protect Christ's flock.)

But back to names. Parents often look up lists of names and their origins and their meanings. Sometimes they wish they hadn't, e.g. when they discover *Mary* means *bitter*! The *Webster Encyclopaedic Dictionary* has a full and fascinating section on the whole genre. I think it is

important not to lumber your offspring with inappropriate names which will later make them cringe.

The Bible is a treasure trove of names and their meanings. The Hebrew name for God - as given to Moses - is *Yahweh* but was considered to be so holy that it was never used, so synonyms replace it - such as *Adonai* - meaning *Lord*, or sometimes *Elohim*. (The first English translations mistakenly used *Jehovah*.)

The name *Jesus* means *Yahweh Saves*. The first Creed of the Church was simply Jesus is Lord (God). Similar to the sacred word *Yahweh*, the Name of *Jesus* should never be used flippantly or as an expletive - a bad habit which always puts my teeth on edge. St. Paul's *Letter to the Philippians*, ch, 2 v10 ff expresses its holiness in words echoed in the seven verses of a perfect theological hymn: -

At the Name of Jesus
Every knee should bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

(Blue 357, Green 368)

Look it up and see just, "What's in a Name"!

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