



THE ANGELUS

Your Neighbourhood Parish Newsletter

Holy Week April 1-8

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Daily Masses

All Welcome

MONDAY

6:00 pm Said Mass

TUESDAY

7:15 am Said Mass

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Said Mass

(followed by coffee hour
& Bible Study)

THURSDAY

7:15 am Said Mass

10:00 am La Messa

(in Italiano)

FRIDAY

6:00 pm Said Mass

SATURDAY

10:00 am Said Mass

5:00 pm Confessions

SUNDAY

8:00 am Said Mass

9:30 am Sung Mass

(Modern Rite)

11:00 am Solemn Mass

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Deep Roots, New Growth – Anglican Parishes examine life in Parkdale

by Norah Bolton

Seven Anglican parishes are examining their presence and contribution to their neighborhood as a response to a recent study by the diocese. They are aware of both opportunities and challenges as they face their future; not all are financially viable and some are also overwhelmed by the demands of their buildings. Volunteer leadership has also been identified as an issue. Such focus on survival can limit energy for vision or growth. The alternative is to work together to explore strategies for improved faithfulness, effectiveness and sustainability.

The Parkdale Ministry Development Council, appointed by Bishop Poole to help respond to the challenges and make recommendations, is composed of clergy and lay representatives of each Parish, and it meets monthly. There are also a series of four plenary sessions with a larger representative group. St Mary Magdalene (SMM) is represented there by Fr Harold, Fr Tay, Brian Clarke, Eva Martin, and Rob Castle. Another key participant in the process is Fr Paul MacLean, whose consulting firm, Potentials, acts as facilitator. Task forces, whose purpose is to research, present findings and communicate also has representation from SMM parishioners including Fr Tay, Mary Finlay, Heather MacGregor, Norah Bolton, and Brian Clarke.

Brian, a former SMM Warden, active parishioner and task force member, was charged with looking at census data for the area. His motivation as a coordinator of The Out of the Cold Programme for SMM as well as his involvement with a national study undertaken by Emmanuel College, where he teaches, positioned him well for the task. The first thing he found was that the area of the Deanery and census data didn't totally connect, but it was close enough to provide some surprising facts, which he shared as part of the first plenary presentation.

The first is that 25% of those living in the area - 158,000 people - have no religious affiliation at all. There are few Anglicans - 3.6% or about 5,600 people. Information from the existing 7 parishes indicates that far more people live outside their parish boundaries than inside them - insiders at SMM are probably 20% or fewer. This might be good news for evangelism, except that we don't



know whether those who claim to be Anglicans living in Parkdale also attend churches elsewhere. Anglicans are vastly outnumbered by Roman Catholics and there are also more Buddhists and Muslims in Parkdale than Anglicans.

Another thing that surprised Brian was the incidence of child poverty even in the more

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affluent areas. There are widely differing levels of education with a large number who have less than Grade 9 (18%) as opposed to 10% in Toronto as a whole. There are also 35% with university education in comparison with the city average of 36%. Ministering to both at the same time presents challenges. Many residents lack skills for employment, resulting in vastly different options for housing and economic security.

Other presenters at the first plenary session on February 27 painted a picture of social needs in Parkdale and focused on "At Risk" groups. It is a complex panorama in which there is no simple solution. Common factors include lack of supportive and affordable housing and poverty. Immigrants are facing new languages, customs, lack of support and opportunity, and frequently

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From the Rector

Holy Week for Catholic Christians is the means whereby we enter into the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Though Good Friday is a national holiday, it is not a holiday for Catholic Christians, but rather a time for participating in the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday and for reflection, meditation and prayer.

In our culture it is difficult to accept the idea that any church liturgy is important enough to inspire us to make some sacrifices in our schedules and of our pleasure. Most of us are very busy trying to make ends meet and to fulfill the obligations of busy lives. But we are committed Christians at different stages in our pilgrimage. Our commitment to live as Catholic Christians entails changes to the way we live our lives if we are to continue to grow in the way of Christ and to deepen our experience of the mystery of God in Christ.



As part of our parish's outreach we make small grants to various organisations that do social and religious work in Canada and abroad. Here, during his recent stay in Jamaica, Fr Harold, accompanied by his wife, Janet, hands over a cheque from the parish to the Director, Joseph Chambers, to support the work of Saint Andrew Settlement, in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Catholic understanding of the Christian faith is that we can enter into the mystery of Christ here and now. We do this primarily by our participation in the Eucharist or Mass. When Christ was on earth, he went about his work and did it all himself. At the last supper he gave us a new thing, the sacrament of his body and blood, and promised that those who shared this sacrament would be sharing in his life, which is now eternal. After his resurrection Christ became present to his disciples through his body, newly transformed for life in heaven with God the Father. Once the resurrection appearances ended, Jesus Christ became really present sacramentally throughout the Church. And we encounter and experience Jesus Christ in his eternal life through the sacrament of the Eucharist which most of the Church celebrates regularly.

The liturgies of Holy Week are the means for us to enter into the very heart of the Christian mysteries. We are both followers of Christ and the enemies of Christ in these liturgies. Our sins cast us in the role of enemies, but our commitment to Christ makes us his followers and we seek through our participation to understand more truly the depth of the love of God for his creation. We also try to deepen our commitment as we experience Christ's life during his last week on earth.

We begin with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but move on quickly to the crowds calling for his crucifixion as we sing the passion gospel. On Maundy Thursday Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and commanded them to do the same; this symbolises our humble service to our fellow human beings. At his last supper he gave a new meaning and significance to the sharing of a simple meal of bread and wine. Reading the sixth chapter of John's gospel we learn what the early Church understood to be happening at each and every Eucharist. Then on Good Friday we confront the depth of evil that tries to kill God. Again we are the ones who ran away from Jesus out of fear and also are those standing at the foot of the cross until Jesus died. We share in Jesus Christ's agony, his endurance and bearing of evil and his complete self-offering. Then at the Easter vigil we renew our commitment to Christ by renewing our baptismal vows along with those being baptised and then share in the triumph of God in raising Jesus Christ from death. We share his eternal life once again through the sacrament of the Eucharist and are promised that our lives are truly fulfilled by our union with God through the risen Christ.

It would be remiss of me not to remind you that the sacrament of reconciliation or private confession is one of the main ways that Catholic Christians have prepared themselves to receive the risen Lord in the celebration of the Easter Eucharist. The times will be listed in the parish leaflets, but instruction in the sacrament or other times can be arranged by speaking to one of the clergy.

It is my prayer that you will have a truly Holy Week and share in both the agony of Christ and his triumph over evil and death.

- Father Harold

Chant Reigns

The Ritual Choir has returned from a whirl-wind 48 hours in St. Joseph, Missouri, where they had been invited by Christ Episcopal Church to commemorate the retirement of their Rector, Fr Sidney Breese.

While in St. Joseph, the Ritual Choir presented 3 Gregorian Chant presentations. The first was on the local news programme "Live at 5", which was the TV debut for the Ritual Choir. The following day, the choir presented a sampling of their recital programme to a packed lecture room at Missouri Western State University, following which, faculty and students participated in a question and answer session.

In the evening, a standing room only crowd packed into Christ Church to hear the Ritual Choir present a program of Candlemas music. The recital started in candlelight, as the Ritual Choir processed singing the very beautiful antiphon, "Lumen Revelationem" – "A light to lighten the Gentiles." The programme was comprised of the propers for the days, as well as music from the Divine Offices for the day, culminating in the meditative Marian anthems – almost never heard together. After the recital, the Ritual Choir was fêted at a reception in their honour in the church hall.

See the Ritual Choir perform on LIVE AT 5

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X55FM3sjdlk>

or <http://www.stmarymagdalene.ca/ritualchoir2.html>

Stephanie Martin, Director of Music

The Wardens of the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto, are pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. Stephanie Martin, B. Mus., M.A., ARCCO, as Director of Music and Organist in the parish.

Prof. Martin is a native of Listowel and has been Assistant Professor in the Department of Music, Faculty of Fine Arts at York University, since 2004. Her Bachelor of Music is from Wilfrid Laurier University; her Master of Musicology from the University of Toronto and she is an Associate of the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

Prof. Martin has been making music in Toronto for 22 years. For eleven years she was the highly regarded Director of Music at Calvin Presbyterian Church. She has also been the harpsichordist of the Arbor Oak Trio for 15 years.

She also works with the Recordare ensemble, I Furiosi and the Toronto Consort. Prof. Martin conducts Toronto's Pax Christi Chorale, an 85 voice oratorio choir who perform masterworks with full orchestra and professional soloists.

Prof Martin has won the Lillian Forsythe Award for Church Music and the Leslie Bell Choral Conducting Prize. She is also a published composer and arranger. She is a fan of theatre and visual art and dabbles in Celtic harp.

We look forward to a fruitful and creative collaboration as a new and music chapter begins.

Serving the Community Dinner!

Every Friday night, from December to April, the Church of St Stephen in the Fields (College & Augusta) opens its doors to an **Out-of-the-Cold** dinner which serves hot meals to over 50 people on some of the coldest nights of the year. Volunteers from St Mary Magdalene (SMM) alternate Fridays with other groups within the Parkdale Deanery to staff these popular events.

A CHRONOLOGY OF OOTC ACTIVITIES

by Elizabeth Rael

Saturday, a week before the OOTC

dinner: I walk to Loblaws with my bundle buggy. I choose the economy size of President's Choice cheesies, potato chips, pretzels, salsa and full fat sour cream. At the check-out, if I notice amused looks, it offers the chance for a brief interaction about how the party food is for Out Of The Cold snacks before the dinner. This is a way of letting people know about something that they might like to get involved with. I call Brian Clarke and Edith Killey and deliver the goodies to their home. We have a brief chat about how things are shaping up for the dinner programme, and about how our weeks have gone. I am grateful for these warm interactions.

Friday 5:40 p.m.: When I arrive, I am greeted with a warm welcome by my fellow hosts. Many have been there for several hours, setting up the tables and chairs, putting out tablecloths and candles, and heating the food. When I arrive, folks may be refilling the tea pot, stirring a pot of hot chocolate on the stove, or juggling the many dishes among the various burners and ovens, to ensure everything is hot when dinner time arrives.

Already some guests are seated at the tables, having helped themselves to real fruit juice, hot spiced apple cider, hot

chocolate or tea (brewed in a teapot). Some folks choose several beverages. Many are snacking on the junk food, which is on the tables in plastic bowls. At this stage, if someone I don't recognize is having hot chocolate, I am pleased to let them know that it is made with real milk and that we hope they enjoy it.

If someone arrives looking particularly cold, disoriented or desperate, one of the hosts will step forward and help by offering the person a seat, snacks, and a hot drink. We let them know that dinner will be served at six, and describe some of the wonderful dishes that are available that evening.

5:50 p.m.: We light the colourful votive candles that are set out on the tables, and sometimes guests help out with their lighters. It's obvious that the guests enjoy the candles, and it's nice to explain that we want the meal to be as enjoyable as possible. A guest might joke that a little wine would make it even nicer. When all the candles are lit, I dim the lights to a level that is soothing, but still bright enough to see the various dishes.

By now, most of the guests are keeping a close eye on the kitchen door, watching as the dishes are brought to the serving tables. As the hosts take their places behind the serving table, the guests line up in anticipation.

6 p.m.: Brian Clarke welcomes our guests, and lets them know that there's plenty of delicious food for everyone, including a slab cake and ice-cream for dessert. Invariably there's a quiet murmur of appreciation. Brian says a short grace. Guests pick up a plate and cutlery wrapped in a premium quality paper serviette. They move through the line choosing from a good selection of casseroles, potatoes, pasta or rice, vegetables, cheese, and bread and butter. Often, there is a roast, either beef or pork or turkey, with "fixings". Certain specialties are



anticipated with pleasure: Shake 'N Bake chicken drumsticks (prepared by Claudia and Rod Northey), vegetarian chile (the Greig family) and green salad with a wicked garlic vinaigrette (David Adam). SMM folks in the kitchen are watching to see if back-up pasta will need to be made, and washing pots and dishes as needed. While this is happening, there are invariably pleasant interactions among the SMM folks from various services, many of whom may not otherwise see each other.

6:40 p.m.: When all the guests have had one plate, the children and youth fill their plates. Then, the adult hosts help themselves to whatever main course is left. Guests are welcome to come and have seconds. And folks line up again for dessert as it is set out. At that point, if there are spaces left, we can sit with our guests, to share in the enjoyment of hot, delicious food.

7:15 p.m.: Clean-up continues, with dishes being cleared and washed in earnest. In the kitchen, there may be several dishwashers and dryers taking turns. Yogourt tubbies are set out so guests can take leftovers away with them.

8:00 p.m.: Doors are closed and any remaining guests are asked to leave. Table cloths are washed and folded up. Cutlery is counted and serving containers sorted out to go home with the right people.

8:30 p.m.: We all head home, with Martin Greig and family giving Brian Clarke and me a lift.

WebSpotting www.BustedHalo.com

Busted Halo describes itself as "an online magazine for spiritual seekers in their twenties and thirties." Halo targets those who are trying to find deeper meaning in their lives but who "aren't into the religion thing." It does this by entering into a dialogue with youth culture.

Halo starts from the belief that "nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in [human] hearts." It then proceeds—through articles, interviews, podcasts and discussion

groups—to draw attention to that which is genuinely human within popular culture, while avoiding needless points of contention. It is hoped that by focusing on that which is good and beautiful in the day-to-day lives of these young people that their hearts will also come to be sensitized to that which is true.

Contributions to the site range from young Christians sharing their raw reflections on life, love, music, politics and faith to the more polished observations of young journalists, and the good natured musings of professional clergy.

BustedHalo.com is a ministry of the Paulist Fathers.

Holy Week Schedule

APRIL 1

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

8:00 am Said Mass

9:15 am Procession & Sung Mass

11:00 am Procession & Solemn Mass

Willan *Missa Brevis* #2

Gibbons *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Palestrina *Pueri Habraeorum Palestrina*

Lassus *St Luke Passion*

Byrd *Ave Verum*

Willan *Rockingham*

APRIL 2

Monday in Holy Week

7:15 am Mass

6:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

APRIL 3

Tuesday in Holy Week

7:15 am Mass

6:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross

APRIL 4

Wednesday in Holy Week

10:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm Tenebrae

APRIL 5

Maundy Thursday

10:00 am Mass in Italian

6:00 pm Washing of Feet & Solemn Mass

8:30 pm Tenebrae

APRIL 6

Good Friday

10:00 am Stations of the Cross for Children

12:00 noon Solemn Liturgy

8:00 pm Tenebrae

APRIL 7

Holy Saturday

9:00 pm Easter Vigil & Solemn Mass

Willan *Missa Brevis* #8

Tallis *Dum transisset sabbatum Taverner*

APRIL 8

Easter Day

8:00 am Said Mass

9:30 am Celebration Mass

11:00 am Procession & Solemn Mass

Victoria *Missa Vidi Speciosam*

Byrd *Haec Dies*

Willan *Rise up my love*

Featuring guest ensemble **Les Yeux Brass**

Upcoming Events



SUNDAY APRIL 15, 4:30PM

Solemn Evensong and Benediction

FRIDAY APRIL 27, 8.00PM

ELMER ISELER SINGERS

Concert of 100 Candles

For additional information please call (416) 217-0537 or

www.elmerisellersingers.com

SATURDAY MAY 5, 7.00PM

Ann Arbor Youth Chorale with Canadian Children's Opera Chorus Concert (more details to follow)

SATURDAY MAY 12, 8.00PM

STUDIO SIXTEEN

Zeffiri del Belpaese: Italy's Breath of Life

For more information call 416-559-2596 or www.studiosixteen.com

SUNDAY MAY 13, 4:30PM

Solemn Evensong and Benediction

Regular Events at the Church

MEDITATION GROUP ACTIVE DURING LENT

The meditation group meets weekly in Lent and bi-weekly during the year. Its format consists of attendance at the 6:00 mass, reflection led by participants on a shared basis and silent meditation for 15 to 20 minutes, followed by supper. You are welcome to attend on an occasional or regular basis and join the men and women who have found this experience a helpful and positive one.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHANT CLUB

Chant Club offers informal instruction in the history of Gregorian Chant as well as an opportunity to sing these ancient melodies in one of the most beautiful acoustic environments in the country. Led by cantor Rob Castle, Chant Club meets every second Sunday at 1:15pm following the 11:00am Solemn Mass.

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trauma. The mentally ill and addicted are subject to chronic illness and social isolation. Aboriginal people are over-represented in Toronto's homeless population. The task force presenters concluded that the impulse of the parishes to focus on perpetuation of their own survival might be distracting them from their real mission.

Brian Clarke noted that parishes have opportunities to learn from each other going forward. His hope is that we can learn to cooperate better and avoid overlaps. We can't do it alone, but we could also do more to cooperate with and learn from the social agencies already working in the area. While the enormity of the task is real, we can be open to possibilities.

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