

OUTREACH (continued)

- **Women's Transition House** is a hospice for aboriginal women (and their children) recovering from spousal abuse. Parishioners are invited to **donate wrapped Christmas gifts for adults and children** which will be **delivered to the House on Boxing Day**. Please indicate the gift and the age for which a child's gift is appropriate. Items such as cosmetics, stockings, scarves, etc. which will help build self-esteem in the women will also be appreciated. Thank you. For more information, please speak with Eva Martin.



The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12 December 2010

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Visitors are invited to sign one of the guest books in the narthex. Full music hymn books or large print hymn books are available from the sidespersons. The **BLUE BOOK**, which you have, lists hymns and Mass music by number. The text of the liturgies is by page number at the back of the book.*

*All who are baptised with water in the name of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Anglican Church. At the time of Communion you may receive bread and wine OR bread only. However, **intinction (dipping bread into the wine) is no longer allowed**. You may kneel or stand to receive communion.*

***Washrooms are in the basement** which can be reached from the door beside the font. There is a **wheelchair-accessible lift and washroom** in the office area. Please speak to one of the sidespersons. **Hand sanitizers** for your use are available on both sides of the church near the centre door.*

CALENDAR			
13 – 19 December 2010			
13 Monday	6.00 pm	Mass	Feria
14 Tuesday	7.15 am	Mass	Simon Gibbons, P. 1898
15 Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass	Ember Day
16 Thursday	7.15 am 10.00 am	Mass La Messa	Feria
17 Friday	6.00 pm	Mass	Ember Day
18 Saturday	10.00 am	Mass	Ember Day
19 Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Said Mass Sung Mass Solemn Mass	Advent IV
Advent IV Readings Isaiah 7: 10-16, Romans 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18-25			

Confessions are heard by appointment

The Altar Guild respectfully requests that, if you wear lipstick to church, you remove it completely before receiving the Eucharist.

EVENTS

- **Solemn Evensong, Advent Carols, and Benediction: TODAY** at **4.30 pm**.
- **The Altar Guild** invites everyone to come and help decorate the church for Christmas on **Sunday 19 December** at **1.15 pm**. If you can help, please speak with Edith Killey (416-534-5456).
- **One Christmas Night:** We are planning a **parish Christmas pageant** to celebrate Christmas involving children and adults to be held at **7.00 pm, Tuesday, 21 December**. If you are interested, please speak to **Viola Lang** (416-536-3579) or **Kim Kendrick** (416-539-8702).
- **Confessions:** Although we do not have a regularly scheduled time for confessions, the **Season of Advent is a particularly appropriate time to consider availing ourselves of this sacrament**. Clergy are always prepared to hear **confessions by appointment**. In addition, **I will be available to hear confessions in the church Wednesday, December 22nd and Thursday, December 23rd, from 6.00 to 7.00 pm.** *Fr David*

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

- **Thank you to all who helped make the potluck supper on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception so enjoyable.** Thank you to those who came early to set up tables, bundle cutlery, warm food, etc. and to those who stayed to tidy up and do dishes. Everyone's offerings of time and enthusiasm (to say nothing of the wonderful food!) made for a fun and enjoyable event for all.
- **The Hospitality Team needs more people** to 'set up' and 'clean up' refreshments **for the 11.00 am mass on Sundays.** The present volunteers are tired. We encourage everyone to do their part, even if it is just once every few months. **There's a roster on the wall outside the kitchen.** Please sign up there when you go downstairs after mass. Come with a friend or spouse to make the work more enjoyable, or partner up with a new acquaintance to get to know someone new. We really need everyone's help.
- There will be a **brief meeting today of the Hospitality Committee** at 1.00 pm in the Music Room. We welcome anyone who would like to help in this important work. Please contact Jo-Anne Dawson or Margot Linken if you would like more information.
- If you would like to donate money for **Christmas flowers** as a memorial, please fill out the form included in the leaflet, **printing** the names of those to be commemorated, and put it and your contribution in a pew envelope; put the envelope in the offering plate **by Sunday, 19 December.**

LITURGY

- **Advent** – this season of watching and waiting – seems a particularly appropriate time to introduce a **small liturgical change at each mass where there is a homily.** I would like us to have a **brief time for silent reflection before proceeding with the profession of faith.** At the **11.00 mass**, this means asking people to **remain seated until the preacher has returned to the sanctuary and to stand when those in the sanctuary stand.** At the **8.00 and 9.30 masses**, we will have a **brief period for silent reflection before the celebrant begins the creed.** *Fr David*

SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE

- **Sunday School:** At the 9.30 mass, children age 2 - 6 meet in the Sunday School room for about 30 minutes for a program of story-telling, art and crafts.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH and EXPLORATION for ADULTS

- **SMM Lenten Retreat - Friday, 18 March** (4.00 pm) until Sunday, 20 March (1.00 pm). **Only THREE spaces left!** This is an invitation to participate in a parish retreat **at St. John's Convent in Toronto.** We will take part in a retreat led by Sr. Anitra entitled **God Delights in You.** The cost is \$180 per person, which includes two nights' accommodation, six meals and snacks. If you are interested, or to book your space, **please speak with Fr David.** (If the fee presents a difficulty for you, please speak with Fr David. Assistance is available.)

OUTREACH

- Our **Ministry at the O'Neill Centre Nursing Home** will continue on the **second Tuesday every month at 2.30 pm.** Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament **and** presence. Our **next date is THIS Tuesday, 14 December.** For more information, speak with **Fr David** or **Fr Cruse.**
- Our first **Out of the Cold** dinner will be on **Friday, 17 December** at St. Thomas's Church on Huron Street. We will be serving hot meals, buffet style, and **need both volunteers and donations of food.** Our model is the parish potluck dish with an emphasis on protein and rich carbs (think scalloped potatoes). We can heat up dishes on site. When possible, precooked dishes are a big help. We will also need fresh fruit (especially mandarins and bananas) so we can send people home with something else to eat. Donations of reading matter (including current newspapers), small toiletries and winter clothing would be much appreciated. Dinner starts promptly at **6.00 pm**, and volunteers are needed to serve meals, meet and greet people, clean up etc. Please note we will be filling in for the Trinity College team on **Friday, January 7th** (and giving respite to St. Thomas' team). We'll be back to our usual third Friday of the month schedule in February (**February 18th**). Please direct any questions to Brian Clarke at b.clarke@utoronto.ca.
- **Our conversation and planning for SMM's Outreach and Social Justice ministries continues.** Following on our very successful and well-attended brainstorming session in November, you are invited to a follow-up meeting to be held on **Saturday, January 15th from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm.** The focus of this meeting will be to (1) review the ideas brainstormed in November; (2) identify two or three priorities for new outreach and social justice initiatives at SMM; (3) identify leaders within the parish willing to provide leadership in moving these initiatives forward. Please join us!