

# THE QUILL

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## PATRONAL CELEBRATION MAY 18

St. Bede's will celebrate its annual Patronal Festival on Sunday, May 18 — a week early as St. Bede's "day" is actually May 25 (part of the Memorial Day weekend).

The Rector, Fr. Newman, will be the preacher at the eucharists on Sunday morning. The service will include an update of the Second Century Renovations. *Currently, the stained glass drive has JUMPED with the pledging or donation of more than 50 "shares" since Christmas. [A 'share' is \$265]. This brings us to almost the half-way mark!!*

One of the speakers in the morning may be Wendie Roberts, the Diocesan Missioner for Christian Formation.

In the afternoon, the Recorder Players West will present their spring concert in the sanctuary at 2 p.m.

At 6 p.m., the Friends of Music will sponsor a service of Choral Evensong with the music of Morten Lauridsen and Halsey Stevens. The homilist at the service will be the Rev. Canon George Cummings, Secretary of the

Convention, Diocese of Los Angeles and retired Executive Director of the Kensington — the Episcopal Home — in Alhambra. Canon Cummings is the author of a just released book on Bible study and will both talk on that and have copies available for purchase. Our area bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sergio Carranza, has also been invited.

Following the Choral Evensong, Fr. Newman will host a lamb dinner in the parish hall. Tickets are \$5/person or \$12/family. Wine & beer will be sold separately by the BoB's. Tickets are now available and will be advertised in a parish mailing.

Each year, the parish sponsors an annual "birthday gift" to the parish's memorial fund specially designated for outreach. The suggested gift relates to the age of the parish — this year "37". You might want to give \$37 or \$370 or 37 cents. We say "Happy Birthday, St. Bede's" by making it possible for St. Bede's to help others.

## GREAT BOOK AVAILABLE AT THE CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Review: Noted Episcopalian Louie Crew has collected thoughts from many noted folks (including our own Mary Jane Herron) in his new book, "101 Reasons to be Episcopalian" (Morehouse Publishing, 2003; \$7.95). Several of the listings:

\*\*We belong before we believe.

\*\*Where faith is God's gift to us, not our gift to God.

\*\*We celebrate a Christmas Season and not just a Christmas Day.

\*\*We leave neither our minds, nor our hearts, nor our bodies at the church door.

\*\*At our best, Episcopalians can respectfully disagree about a great many things — and still break bread together.

\*\*We proudly wear ribbons of so many different colors.

It is a good gift for others or yourself!!

JN+

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### THIS MONTH

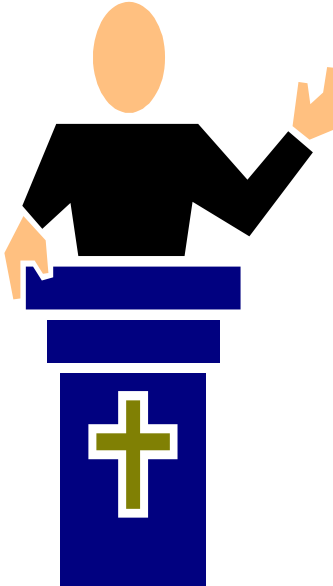
- Patronal Festival!!!
- Review: "101 Reasons to be Episcopalian"
- Italy Trip: the bus is almost full!!
- "In the midst of life..."
- Prayer & 2 Corinthians

# FR. JIM'S JOTTINGS

When I read Bp. Cameron's Easter message (see p. 3), I felt that it well represented my thinking. Whatever we do now that we are in the midst of the celebration of Easter — the Great 50 Days, we must remember that it is life changing. I say that even as I grieve Diana Tate's death — which occurred when Easter was only 15 minutes old.

"In the midst of life we are in death" is one of our truths. We can easily get stuck in mourning the death of someone at age 58 or whatever. However, I would hope that we look at life as an opportunity and think of each day we awake as a gift. One day, we will meet our Creator — that is the promise of Easter — eternal life, not living for ever. The great gift of God through Jesus is the hope of being with God. I find these words from the 7th century helpful:

I came across this quotation from St Gregory the Great (pope from 590 - 604). They seem particularly apt and worth sharing in these days of Eastertide.



"If a dead man is raised to life, all men spring up in astonishment. Yet every day one that has no being is born, and no man wonders!

"Because the dry rod of Aaron budded, all men wondered; yet every day a tree is produced from the dry earth...and no man wonders!

"Five thousand men were filled with five loaves, and all men were in astonishment; yet every day the grains of seed that are sown are multiplied in a fullness of ears in a cornfield and no man wonders!

"All men wondered to see water once turned into wine. Yet every day the earth's moisture, being drawn into the root of the vine, is turned by the grape into wine, and no man wonders!

"Full of wonder, then, are all the things which men never think to wonder at, because... they are by habit become dull to the consideration of them."

In Christ, **Fr. Jim+**

## ADDENDUM

Corrections to the Parish Directory:

\*\*\*remove Diana Tate, deceased April 20, 2003

## FROM THE RECORDS

### VISITORS

Carole Sabetta, Ron Kolligian, Elisabeth Stone, Harold & Dolores Finley, Marge Sena, Richard Diamond, John & Olga Lewis, Jeremy Iversen, Peter Chandler, Chris Moynier, D. Harrington Angie & Allan Talbert, M/M Florent Paredes, Kimberly Kelsey

### BURIALS

Marvan Charles Chapman  
M. Diana Tate

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy King, 5/01  
Kelly Robertson, 5/10  
Jeannette Young, 5/10  
Rachel Martin, 5/11  
Jerry Hornof, 5/17  
Roger Jayne, 5/18  
Howard Happ, 5/20

Wes Hartley, 5/23

Argola Haynes, 5/24

Brad Smith, 5/27

### ANNIVERSARIES

Kyle Ferstead & Kelly Robertson, 5/12

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Tina, Ray, Nabila, Harriet, Mandy, Wes, Kathleen, Frances, Jean, Peggy, "Dutch", Jenu, Fred, Diane, Hal, Robert, Mark (priest), Ius, Shelly, Leslie, Marion, Ann, Susan, Connie, Kathleen, Ryan, Glenda, Jeff, Beth, Svea, Holly, Ivan, Marva, Anne, Adam, Gene, Allan, Barbara, Danielle, Monica, David, Debby, Marion, Walter, Sharron, Betty, Leola, Gus, Gary, Darrell, Debby, Mark, Janine, Maxine, Mark, Pat, Chris, Bob, Beverly Jane, Michael, & Pat .....

## AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In an announcement today, the Most Revd Bruce Cameron, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, said, "This year, it is not possible to observe the central celebration of the Christian calendar - Easter - without it being overshadowed by the war in Iraq. The military action now seems, thank God, to be at an end. But its consequences will be with us for a long time.

"The media has brought this war into our homes in a way no other previous conflict has been communicated. We have watched the technological brilliance of modern warfare, and witnessed the aftermath of its destruction in terms of human lives.

"Also, it is only now that we are becoming more fully aware of the hidden suffering of the Iraqi people through years of an evil and tyrannous regime.

"Politicians, religious leaders, soldiers, journalists, speak with words like 'liberation', 'peace-building', 'justice'. But do these words have the same reality to people as their suffering? Do they constitute real hope, or are they passing dreams? This is where there remain imponderables in our present world situation. The removal of a tyrant and his regime does not automatically bring freedom. The cessation of war does not necessarily create peace. The imposition of democracy is not a guarantee of justice.

"John Habgood, former Archbishop of York, preached at a special service in Glasgow at the end of the first Gulf War in 1991. His words still ring true today. He spoke of how 'the perplexities about innocent suffering go back to

the roots of all religious traditions - Jewish, Christian, Moslem. In the end, guilty and innocent suffer together - and often the innocent more than the guilty...a sad acknowledgement before God of the appalling suffering which war and its aftermath have actually brought in their train.' But, he says, this is not a cause of despair. 'Jesus, himself the innocent sufferer in a city he knew was doomed, revealed all suffering as encompassed within the suffering of God.'

"In the events of Good Friday we are faced with many facets that are reflected in today's world - human suffering, injustice, powerful but corrupt leaders, deserting friends, soldiers doing their duty. To those first disciples of Jesus, his crucifixion seemed to mock any fragile hopes they had.

"But then there is Easter - not simply, I believe, a story about an empty tomb, nor a denial of the suffering and death of Jesus. It was a discovery of faith that took those first disciples and millions since, beyond the broken fragile hopes of Good Friday, and transformed them into a vision - a practical vision - to which they committed their lives.

"And that vision? Let the words of Fr Harry Williams, author of *The True Wilderness*, offer an answer: 'Easter is a proclamation about mankind, about the world. All that separates and injures and destroys has been overcome by what unites and heals and creates. Death has been swallowed up in life.'

"Let that be our Easter prayer - above all for the people of Iraq."

### NEWS NOTES

\*\*\*The Parish Work Day is on the 1st Saturday of the month — WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

\*\*\*The Brothers of Bede meet on the 2nd Sundays at 9 a.m.

\*\*\*What's going on in the Diocese?? Go to: [www.ladiocese.org](http://www.ladiocese.org)

\*\*\*James Raef is available for handy-man work (818-752-0966).

\*\*\*The Italy trip being led by Bp. Bruno & Fr. Newman has room for 3 more people ... think on it!!

\*\*\*The Evening Prayer on the last Sunday each month is directed toward, but not limited to, the 12-step community.

\*\*\*Recorder Players West: free concert, Sunday, May 20 at 2 pm

\*\*\***Garden Party** sponsored by the **Bishop's Comm. on Gay/Lesbian Ministry**, Sunday, May 4, 4 to 7 p.m., Bp. Jon & Mary Bruno's home: \$25 donation; RSVP: Jim White 213.413.0452 or [jimwhite@sbcglobal.com](mailto:jimwhite@sbcglobal.com)

\*\*\***Symposium: War & Peace: The Episcopal Church's Response to 9/11 & Its Aftermath**; St. Alban's Church, 580 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles; 10.30 a.m. w/Dr. R. William Franklin.

\*\*\***NYA Gardens of Venice Walk**, Saturday, May 3. Info: 390-6641.

\*\*\***Volunteers** work in the **office** & lead **noonday prayer** each weekday. Join them in the office (9-12) or at prayer (Noon).

## MAY LESSONS: FOR THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

### SUNDAY LESSONS

**MAY 4 (Easter 3) - Fr. Newman**

Acts 3.12-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3.1-7; John Luke 36b-48

**MAY 11 (Easter 4) - Mthr. Haynes**

Acts 4.5-12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

**MAY 18 (Easter 5) - Fr. Newman**

Acts 8.26-40; Ps. 22.24-30; 1 John 4.7-12; John 15.1-8

**MAY 25 (Easter 6) - Mthr. Haynes**

Acts 10.44-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.1-6

**JUNE 1 (Easter 7) - Fr. Newman**

Acts 1.15-17,21-26; Ps. 98; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

### WEDNESDAY LESSONS

5/7 — (Wed., Easter 3) Ps. 66.1-8; Acts 8.1b-8; John 6.35-40 (JN)

5/14 — (Wed., Easter 4) Ps. 67; Acts 12.24-13.5a; John 12.44-50 (JN)

5/21 — (Wed., Easter 5) Ps. 122; Acts 15.1-6; John 15.1-8 (JN)

5/28 — [Ascension Day-eve] Ps. 47; Acts 1.1-11; Eph. 1.15-23; Lk. 24.44-53 (JH)

# ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**We're on the Web!**  
**[www.stbedesla.org](http://www.stbedesla.org)**

## ***SERVICES & CLASSES***

**SUNDAYS:** 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)  
10 am, Church School & Nursery  
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)  
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

**TUESDAYS:** 9 am, Breakfast, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

**WEDNESDAYS:** 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:45 pm, Adult Class

### **BREAKFAST & BIBLE**

*A weekly class – beginning with breakfast – which previews  
the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.*

CLASSES ON May 6, 13, & 27

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM**

*Holy Eucharist is celebrated each week at 7 pm.*

*May: Finishing The Practice of Prayer  
Finishing 2 Corinthians*

## ***ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF***

**RECTOR:** The Very Rev. James Newman

**ASSISTANT:** The Rev. Argola Haynes

**ASSISTING:** The Rev. Giles Asbury,  
the Rev John Hancock, the Rev. Howard Happ, Ph.D.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Mr. Frank Basile

**SEXTON:** Mr. Masoud Jamneshan

### **VESTRY**

Ruth Nicastro ('04) - Senior Warden  
Paul Thompson ('05) - Junior Warden  
Connor Winston ('06) - Clerk  
Tom Ledsam—Treasurer  
Gordon Fuglie ('05) Karen Kuchel ('04)  
Mike Olsen ('06) Mark Scott ('04)  
Samira Tamer ('05) Joelle Underwood ('06)

### **DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION**

Dennis Winston (D)/Angus Mackay (A) - ('04)

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('05)