



# THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

## Parish Celebrates 130th Anniversary

*Vestment Display, Parish Supper, Lectures, Hymn Sing, Dedication Festival Homecoming*

based on reports by  
Jeff Creighton & The Rector

This past September and October, St. Thomas's celebrated the 130th anniversary of its founding as a parish church in 1874. The celebrations began on Friday, 24 September with "Heavenly Threads", an exhibition of vestments used at St. Thomas's. Nineteenth-century Anglo-Catholics were commonly dismissed by their opponents as devotees of "ecclesiastical millinery"; for many Anglo-Catholics, however, vestments played a central role in showing the continuity of the Church down the centuries, and in encouraging reverence for the Church's

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Senior parishioner and Layreader Walter Hardacre speaks to the congregation assembled after Mass to celebrate the Parish's 130th Anniversary in October.

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## \$40,000 RAISED IN RESPONSE TO FOUNDATION STONES APPEAL!

*Generous gifts earmarked for diverse projects Campaign to run until Dedication Festival 2005*

Since the campaign was announced in late summer, many members of the congregation have made contributions to the Parish in thanksgiving for Saint Thomas's 130th Anniversary, with the response reaching about \$40,000 as of press time. Most of these donations have been made to the Foundation Stones Campaign, which will generate income

each year to support a variety of ministries in the future. Many other gifts have also been inspired by this Anniversary appeal, but designated by the donor for purposes outside the Foundation Stones' particular aims: the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's work in Dafur, the Organ Scholarship and particular capital projects. The appeal will continue until the Feast of Dedication, 2005. A reminder of the appeal's purpose, along with a handy coupon for your convenience, is provided on page 11.

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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2004

### CONFESSIONS

Parish Clergy will be available to hear *Confessions* during Advent on *Friday evenings after the 5:30 pm Mass*. If there is another time more convenient for you, please contact one of the Priests to arrange an appointment. Advent and Lent are particularly appropriate times to make a private confession. It is a long-standing practice in the Anglo-Catholic tradition to undertake this spiritual discipline as a means to gauge your spiritual health and growth.

### BIBLE STUDY: THE REVELATION OF SAINT JOHN

By popular demand, the subject of this year's Advent Bible Study is the final book of the New Testament. Four consecutive Monday evenings from Nov 22-Dec 13. Light refreshments in the Rectory at 6:00 followed by the study in Church, 6:30-8:00 pm. Two guest lecturers began the Study: Prof Allan Weiss of York University on general apocalyptic literature, and Dr Corey Keeble of the ROM with a slide presentation of Revelation-inspired Art. Tax deductible donations welcome to assist in covering cost of series. Participants invited to read the Book before attending any session.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

- SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 – 7 pm – A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in the form of a vigil leading to the celebration of Christ's birth. Reception follows in the Parish Hall.
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 24 – 11 pm – Procession & Solemn High Mass, preceded by an organ recital by John Tuttle at 10:30 pm
- SATURDAY DECEMBER 25 & SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 – Masses at their usual times of 8 am (low celebration), 9:30 am (Sung, BAS), 11 am (Solemn High). NB: No Evensong on December 26th.
- SUNDAY JANUARY 2 – 7:00 pm Epiphany Carols at Solemn Evensong & Devotions of the Blessed Sacrament. Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

## Anniversary...

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sacramental and worshipping life. For two days, the whole of the interior of the church (as well as a good portion of the parish hall) was given over to this exhibition of nearly a hundred items. They spanned more than a century, from Gothic revival vestments (some made by our own Altar Guild and the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine) to the modern Passiontide red chasuble designed by Willem Hart and introduced in 1999. This project involved many hours of hard work by *Pat Kennedy* and members of the Altar Guild, as well as *John Gardham*, who fabricated the countless stands used to display the vestments.

Events continued on Michaelmas, traditionally one of the parish's "favourite feasts". Procession and High Mass in the evening was followed by a sumptuous roast pork dinner (prepared by *John Gardham and the Acolytes' Guild*). *Father Tony (F. Washington) Jarvis*, retired headmaster of the Roxbury Latin School and honorary assistant at All Saints' Ashmont in Massachusetts, gave the first of two talks on the current state of Anglo-Catholicism. While admitting that the movement has experienced some deep cleavages (over the ordination of women and issues relating to same-sex relationships), Fr. Jarvis optimistically declared that there is no better time than now to be an Anglo-Catholic. He situated the great achievements of the movement in its emphasis on transcendence – opening a door, through worship and sacrament, to the unseen world – and in its robust counter-culturalism.

In his second talk the following evening, Fr. Jarvis attempted to illustrate how both "conservative" and "liberal"

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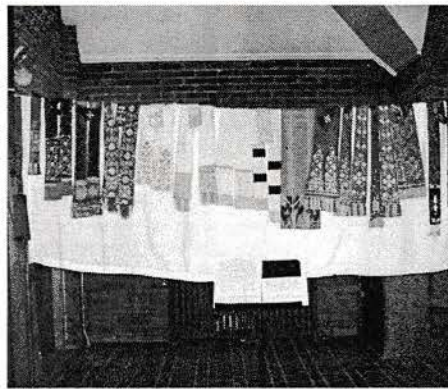
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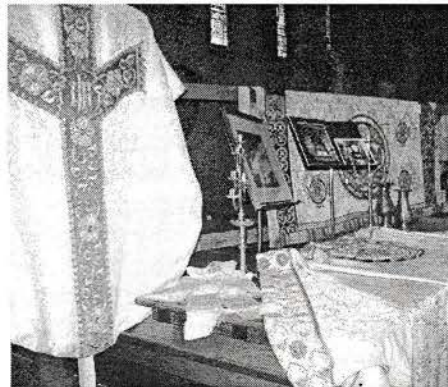
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## 130th Anniversary Vestment Display



*A concelebration of stoles, chasubles, a rare cope and other ecclesiastical furnishings: a small part of the vestments on display.*



emphases have played a role in the history of the Anglo-Catholic movement, and remain essential to its healthy life. He concluded by repeating an emphasis of his previous lecture: that whatever our disagreements, the unity we find ex-

pressed in the Mass should remain central and a governing principle in resolution of all issues.

St. Thomas's musical tradition was celebrated on Friday, 1 October, with a hymn sing in the church, with commen-



*Fr Tom Little and Margaret with their family at the 130th Anniversary celebrations, coinciding with their 40th Wedding Anniversary. The Littles' children kindly provided champagne for all parishioners at the post-Mass treble celebration.*



Members of the family join in honouring Fr Tom and Margaret's 40th Anniversary



Fr Paul McLean was one of the former curates bringing greetings at the 130th.

tary by *Dr. Giles Bryant* (formerly choir-master at St. James' Cathedral, and now at All Saints, Peterborough).

The following Sunday, 3 October, we kept our Feast of Dedication, and High Mass was followed by a reception in the parish hall, a "birthday cake", and reminiscences from clergy who had served or worshipped at St. Thomas's in the past. In fact, numerous clergy in the Toronto area with a connection to St. Thomas's returned to the Parish this Autumn to help us celebrate our 130th Anniversary. *Dean Wally Raymond* of Quebec made a special visit to Toronto to join us for Michaelmas.

At the October 3rd Luncheon, several individuals offered memories of their formative time at St Thomas's. Among those present were *David Mulholland*, one

of our honorary assistants, together with *Mary Lewis, Harold Nahabedian, Paul MacLean* and *William Whitla*.

Written greetings from clergy and laity were received from across the country and further afield. *Arthur Klassen* wrote from Winnipeg, where his parish was celebrating its own Patronal Festival. *Philip Baxter* wrote from Oxfordshire, with fond memories of the Parish which he left in 1961. *Victoria Matthews* from

Edmonton wrote of her fondness for St Thomas's, where she was baptized at five months – but to which she didn't return until an Evensong preaching series, *The Rumour of Angels and Hints of Transcendence* – brought her back as an undergraduate. Later she found that at St. Thomas's "the sense of mystery, the sublime music and excellent preaching allowed one the privilege of worship lost in wonder, love and praise."

## Fr Hoult Appointed Rector Emeritus



Fr Ross celebrates his 50th birthday at the Dedication Festival.



Fr Hoult, surrounded by friends at the Parish's 130th Anniversary celebrations. The Rector announced to a delighted congregation at the Feast of Dedication that, with the approval of the Bishop, former Rector Fr Roy Hoult had been appointed Rector Emeritus, and that he would henceforth be taking a regular part in the rota of Masses with the other Priests who serve Saint Thomas's. The title of Rector Emeritus is one of honour. An emeritus appointment is defined as applying to an individual who is "retired but retaining an honorary title corresponding to that held immediately before retirement," and derives from the Latin "meritus" a past participle derived from the verb "to earn by service," which service Fr Hoult most certainly has given this Parish !

# Heart, Visionary Leadership and Awesome Generosity Result in Renovated Kitchen

**Kitchen Blessing slated for December 19th**

by Charis Kelso

At the Reception following the Nine Lessons & Carols service to be held at 7:00 pm on Sunday, December 19th, Saint Thomas's will bless our newly renovated kitchen and formally recognize the outstanding efforts that brought our kitchen into the 21st century.

The kitchen in any home is a warm centre of loving activity. Children gather round the table to do homework while pots simmer on the stove. How many of us have been to fabulous parties where the best conversations take place in groupings in the kitchen? So too at Saint Thomas's, where the parish hall kitchen

is the centre of much activity. With our recent \$100,000 investment in the renovation project, this revitalized space will be at the heart of renewed activity including expanded parish social events and outreach efforts.

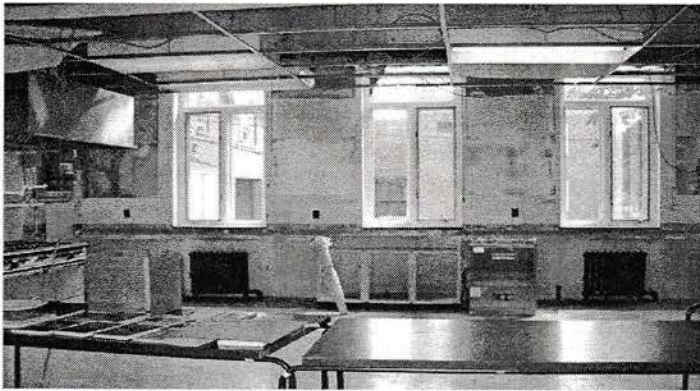
The project began with the spark of an idea in 2002 from one dedicated parishioner – *Marion Dorosh*. The spark grew into a flame as Marion brought aboard her co-chair *Carol Kysela* and gathered together a committee including *Janet Birnie, Phyllis Garden, Jennifer Grange, Margaret Hardacre, Carol Leggett, Myra Placounouris, Marilyn Ramsingh, Lindsay Squire, Mary Suddon, Diana Tuttle and Mary Wilson*.

The dedication and tenacity of this core team of parishioners, ably led for

two years by Marion and Carol, was matched only by the generosity of the donors to the project.

Whether people participated financially by buying hot cross buns, muffins and parish cookbooks; by attending the Smokey Tom's High Tea and Tastings featuring scrumptious culinary delights from the parish cookbook; by contributing to the Affordable Art Affair; or by making personal donations to the project, the way in which the parish answered the call for financial support was fantastic!

Many other parishioners added their special expertise, time and energy to each fundraising project mounted by the Kitchen Renovation Committee, and the *continued on the next page*



Before...



And after...The new Parish Kitchen in use at All Saints' Day Feast. (l-r) Fr Ross, Carol Kysela, Pat Leil, Margo Swiss & Charis Kelso

## KITCHEN FINANCES

Category	2002	Donations 2003	2004	Heritage Fund	Total Receipts	Total Expenses
Donations	\$13563.68	\$22322.75	\$11525.00		\$47411.43	
Fridge						\$1298.54
Dishwasher						\$6230.73
Cookbook	\$3276.75	\$2615.00	\$60.00		\$5951.75	\$3503.47
Affordable Art Affair		\$12947.50			\$12947.50	\$405.23
Kitchen Exhaust System				\$30035.70	\$30035.70	\$30035.70
Corporation Grant				\$6000.00	\$6000.00	
Humberdale Contract						\$57694.00
GST Rebate – Humberdale						\$-1887.00
Cutlery / Utensils						\$3037.19
Brama – other kitchen utensils etc.						\$332.01
Garbage cans, kitchen supplies						\$215.25
Replace Steam Vents on Kitchen Rads				\$708.36	\$708.36	\$708.36
Window Coverings						\$925.32
IKEA Shelving Units						\$1971.88
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$16840.43</b>	<b>\$37885.25</b>	<b>\$11585.00</b>	<b>\$36744.06</b>	<b>\$103054.74</b>	<b>\$104470.68</b>
Expenses in excess of receipts:						\$-1415.94

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Parish owes a huge debt of gratitude to every individual who assisted in this way. Special thanks go to *Willem Hart* for his design work on the cookbook and event posters; to every chef who made something for the Smokey Tom's High Tea and Tastings; and to *Melinda Cuthbert, Carolynn Lund-Mead, John Paul Napier* and *Catherine Spence* whose amazing abilities led to the tremendous success of the Affordable Art Affair.

As with the layers of an onion, new and unforeseen challenges arose as the project evolved. Once the scope of the renovation project was defined, it became clear that certain capital expenditures would be necessary to ensure that the kitchen met applicable codes and standards. In true Saint Thomas's fashion, a compromise emerged with a balance between parish fundraising efforts and monies contributed from the Heritage Fund to cover related and necessary capital expenses. Congratulations to the Kitchen Renovation Committee for raising \$73,059.04. The accompanying financial summary outlines revenue/expenditure details.

You start with a dash of the Holy Spirit, the iron determination of *Marion Dorosh*, and the architectural talents of *Catherine Friis*; add in cups of innovative fundraising ideas generated by the Kitchen Renovation Committee; stir in the special talents and energies of all who brought the fundraising events to fruition; fold in the commitment of the members of Corporation, in particular Wardens *Marilyn Ramsingh* and *Gene Stewart*; pour in gallons of financial generosity from parishioners at Saint Thomas's with corresponding generosity of time from Treasurer *Anna Kennedy* and Parish Administrator *Barbara Obrai* to process said donations; top with a few tons of excellent project management from our project consultant *Janet Stewart*; infuse with the generous devotion of *Tom Angellotti* and the team from *Humberdale Contractors* and voila – you have a fabulous new kitchen to be used and enjoyed by the entire parish.

Please join *Fr Mark Andrews* for the Blessing and special reception following the Nine Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 19th to honour the incredible contribution of all those involved with the kitchen renovation project. Do come and celebrate this wonderful parish achievement!

## Holy Smoke: Creating a Worshipful Atmosphere: Parishioners dine, get smoked!



Some of the Parish's well-used thuribles were on display and available for a trial swing after *Fr Craig's* informative lecture on the use of ecclesiastical incense.

by *Carol Kysela*

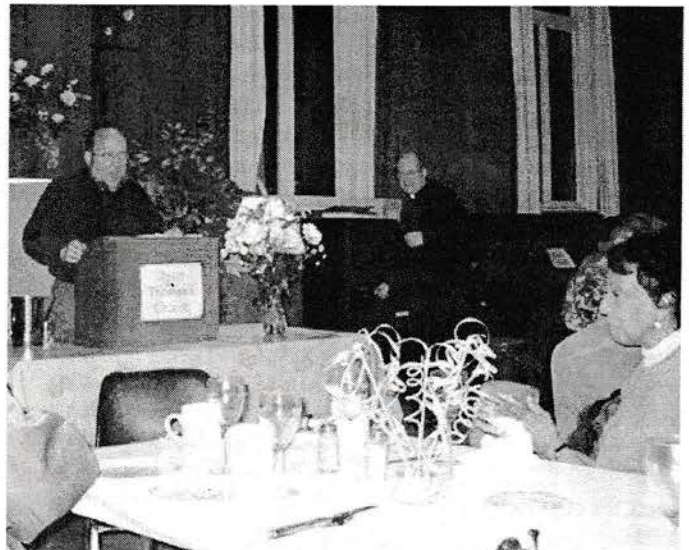
Keeping in mind that, "There are only two smells in the next world, Brimstone or Incense," about 70 St. Thomas's parishioners chose to learn about the latter as they gathered to keep the feast on All Saints Day. *Fr. Bill Craig's* presentation on the history and use of incense was followed by an opportunity for thurible swinging presided over by *Jean-Paul Napier*. Serving trolleys delivered dishes of Frankincense and Myrrh to each table for a tactile approach to incense examination.

*Fr. Craig* is a priest of the Diocese of Ottawa, a graduate of Trinity College, a Doctor of Theology candidate at the Toronto School of Theology working in the area of 17th century Anglicanism, as well as a regular member of St. Thomas's Sunday evening congregation.

*Fr. Craig* pointed out that incense has probably been used since the beginning of human use of fire and certainly was well established before Hebraic tradition incorporated its use during sacrificial

services. It is derived from the gum of trees common to Somalia and Ethiopia. Incense is one of the 6 points of Catholicity listed by *E.G. Cuthbert Ashley* in his 1909 encyclopedic *A History and Use of Incense*, still the definitive work on the subject.

The feast, provided by the Education Committee bolstered by assistance from *John Gardham* and the social committee, included homemade chicken pot pie with puff pastry, and pineapple upside down cake. Even the table decorations, whimsical clouds of curled ribbon, created by *Lindsay Squire*, paid tribute to the incense that we love so much at St. Thomas's!



# Financial Update

Cash flow consistent... \$40,000 to Heritage Fund via 130th Anniversary Pledges...  
Structural deficit challenges Parishioners

*Fiscal responsibility and prudence as well as greater self-reliance on income outside the Larkin Trust money to support and sustain our mission priorities of worship, music, outreach and education.*

by **Tim Wright**,  
Chairman, Finance Committee &  
**Anna Kennedy**, Parish Treasurer

As Advent approaches, it is timely to review the financial situation at St. Thomas's and reflect on the year. This report will discuss our revenue and expenses for the period ending November 4, 2004, with comparisons to 2003 and to our budget. Please refer to the Operating fund statement below. These figures represent the day to day operations of the parish, but do not include capital expenditures (e.g., kitchen renovation, 130th Foundation Stones, other).

## How are we doing?

As you can see, operating revenue and expenses this year are remarkably consistent with the previous year. Overall, income has risen slightly over last year (1%) while givings are down slightly (1%). The income of \$290,385 includes the investment income from the Trust and Endowment (Larkin) Fund which is transferred annually to the Operating Fund.

Our spending is at the same overall level as a year ago, although the mix is slightly different. While salary and benefits are up a little, maintenance and administrative costs are lower, due in part to lower audit costs and generally lower maintenance costs. Where we've increased our spending is on parish activities (for example, committee work and events), as well as outreach. In summary, we've maintained good control over administrative costs while supporting increases in the mission activity of the parish.

Our challenge is that we're still facing a structural deficit. As of September, that deficit stood at \$37,675. We are projecting a deficit of approximately \$18,000 for the full year, which means that we're draining our cash resources. This is an area for concern for all of us.

Last year givings increased a very

respectable 9% over the previous year (2002). This year, the expectation was that givings would increase a more modest 6%. This increase has not materialized: in fact, parish givings to the operating fund have been slightly lower than last year.

This does not, however, include donations to the Heritage fund which has shown a strong and gratifying response, at over \$40,000 (September year to date).

## Some statistics for perspective...

Average monthly givings per member: \$66  
Percentage of total income derived from givings: 65%  
Approximate monthly operating cost per parish member: \$125

## What can we do?

Firstly, we would encourage all parishioners to reflect on their personal givings to date and consider their givings plan through the balance of the year.

Secondly, we can all look toward the new year, consider prayerfully how we will support the ministries of the Church and other charitable causes, and respond accordingly. The annual pledge campaign will commence shortly, at which time we'll be asked to make our pledge for next year. While the pledge is not legally binding, it will help the Corporation prepare the 2005 budget and facilitate our individual thinking about our level of support for the parish.

Thirdly, along with our pledge, we can think about committing to the pre-authorized giving programme. Last year we initiated pre-authorized giving (PAG), whereby parishioners can set up an automatic deduction from their bank account or credit card. This program has numerous advantages for both parishioners and the parish:

- No need to worry about having the cash for the envelope – tokens are provided to place in the collection plate
- No need to worry about making up for absences from mass (vacation, sickness, etc.)
- Visibility of donations on bank or cred-

it card statements

- Even cash flow for the parish – better matching of revenues to expenses and less need for cash reserves
- Less time to count plate givings

This year, the first year the programme was available, approximately 11% of contributors chose PAG. We would encourage any parishioner who has not chosen this option to consider it for the new year. Grey forms are available in the narthex.

## What's next?

There are many signs of renewed activity at St. Thomas's, as evidenced by the kitchen renovation, the expanded Out of the Cold programs, reenergized committee work, expanded education programs, and much more. This level of activity suggests that we seek to expand our sources of revenue rather than attempt to scale back expenditures. We can all examine our givings pattern and determine how we can help reach our collective goal of a balanced parish budget.

## Income / Expense

January 1 – November 4, 2004

Income / Expense	
January 1 – November 4, 2004	
<b>Income</b>	
Congregational Givings	\$192,280
Miscellaneous	\$4,781
Memorials & Bequests	\$5,760
Parish Committees & Fundraising Events	\$11,261
Rental Income	\$24,871
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$238,952</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administrative/Operational	\$28,943
Outreach	\$63,976
Maintenance/Insurance/Utilities	\$51,033
Staffing Costs	\$184,107
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$328,060</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$-89,108</b>
Transfer from Trust & Endowment:	\$51,433
Net Income after transfer:	\$-37,675
Beginning Year cash balance:	\$33,051
Balance at 4 Nov 04*	\$-4,624

\*monitor cash flow as we approach Nov month-end. As of 28 Nov 04, money being held temporarily for other purposes is actually keeping us in a positive cash position.

Coming Soon: "The Upper Room"

## Annual Education Programme Set

by Carol Kysela,  
Chairman, Education Committee

A new annual publication from St. Thomas's will be hitting the bookshelves soon. The Adult Christian Education Committee in conjunction with St. Thomas's clergy is producing a pamphlet covering adult educational events in the parish from Advent I, 2004 through the Reign of Christ celebration in 2005. It also draws attention to the growing number of study and devotional groups sponsored by St. Thomas's.

Whether it be "Revelation in Advent", the Bible study series that will include both outside speakers as well as the intimate, solid discussion of the text hosted by Fr. Andrews in the rectory; or a book club-style look at the claims of *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown's bestselling suspense novel, scheduled for Epiphany and led by two St. Thomas' associates; or the Retreat Day away from the parish planned for Reign of Christ weekend 2005, the adult Christian education program for the upcoming Church Year seeks to provide events which stimulate parishioners' spiritual, moral, and religious development.

St. Thomas's is blessed with devotional and study groups that have been quietly committed to spiritual development, some for decades, as well as a whole new crop of interest groups. *The Upper Room* presents an index of these groups as well as contact people, meeting times, and group focus.

St. Thomas's was one of the first churches in Toronto to have a Christian Meditation Group and recently interest in that form of spiritual development has been renewed with a group that meets every Thursday evening except for the last Thursday of the month. Our Society of Mary group includes parishioners from both St. Thomas's and our sister parish of St. Mary Magdalene. Besides engaging in monthly Rosary devotions and study, its members will be hosting a presentation on the Ecumenical Mary and the theme of Mary as a unifying force at Candlemas in February.

We hope you find much to whet your appetite for thought and participation in *The Upper Room*. Shortly we'll be starting to develop our programming for 2005-

2006. If you have ideas or would like to join our committee, please contact Carol Kysela.

### Saint Thomas's Book Club: The Da Vinci Code

Sunday afternoon: January 23, 2005,  
4:30 pm. Talk & Tea/Supper,  
followed by Evensong at 7pm

Reputable history and the substance of Christian Theology immediately show that much of *The Da Vinci Code* is silliness at best and offensive at worst. Nevertheless it has remained firmly ensconced on the best seller list in hardback for almost two years and, despite a somewhat trivial plot, is a page turner par excellence.

Why is it so popular? What does popular culture tell us about our faith and about the needs and delights of society?

Join us for some general debunking and some deeper discussion, for, as Canon Martyn Percy, principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon in Oxford is quoted in the *Globe and Mail* as saying, "...tracts, myths, tales and folklore have always competed with 'official religion'. The only difference between now and 500 years ago is the sheer scale of popular culture and its globalization. But popular culture has always given religion a run for its money, and the synergy between the two probably benefits both parties." Let's find out what we think.

Discussion leaders: Greig Dunn, parishioner; Editor for the Anglican Book Centre, retired teacher & Ed McDonough: MBA: Systems Architect and Educator.

## Education for Ministry Graduates Two Parishioners

Janet Burney & Carol Kysela complete programme

by Carol Kysela

For the first time in a number of years St. Thomas's Education for Ministry Program graduated a class of lay seminarians. In June, Fr Robert Ross presented diplomas to Janet Burney (St. Thomas's Parish), Kim Malcolmson (St. Anne's Parish), Vaino Keelman (Lutheran), and Carol Kysela (St. Thomas's Parish). The four students completed the 4 year program of study by meeting every other Saturday morning.

The curriculum, created by the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee, is intended to prepare lay people for the ministry to which all baptized Christians are called. The curriculum includes reading of both Old and New Testaments, Christian history and theology. Students learn methods of theological reflection and discuss what focus their ministries should take.

St. Thomas's hosts one of four seminar groups of Education for Ministry students in Toronto; two others are hosted by the Sisters of St. John the Divine at their Convent. Distinguished alumni from previous St. Thomas's classes include *Walter Hardacre*.

If you are interested in participating in any future EFM programme, please contact Fr Ross after Mass or via the Parish Office.



The EFM graduates include St Thomas's Carol Kysela (back l.) and Janet Burney (front r.) – the group was instructed by Fr Ross.

# CHOIR AUCTION RAISES \$7,000 FOR UK TOUR

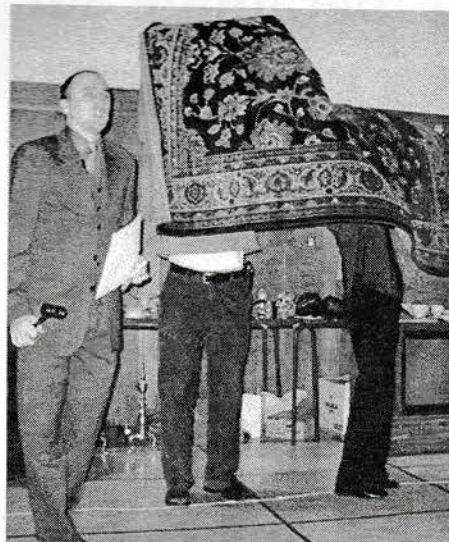
by Suzanne Brooks

For the Choirs of St Thomas's Church, it seems that the road to England is paved with bidding wars, heckling parish priests and runaway bike tires. The latest incarnation of our fundraising efforts, a live and silent auction held 13 November in the Parish Hall proved a great success. With the generous support of the parish, the community and our sponsors and donors, we raised over \$7,000 towards our trip to York Minster and Gloucester Cathedral set for August 2005.

Aside from the financial aspects, the auction was an extremely lively, amusing and enjoyable evening for all who attended. Things kicked off with the silent auc-



Marilyn Ramsingh co-convoked the highly-successful Auction



Auctioneer Teige Reid raises Choir Trip funds with bidding on oriental rug

tion, where many otherwise gentle parishioners were observed looming menacingly over certain items to discourage competing bids. At the live auction, the bidding got quite heated over several items, including a dinner cruise aboard the Rector's sailboat, *Footloose*, which thanks to the rabble-rousing of Father Ross evolved to include several

varieties of food, on-board entertainment and Champagne ("For an extra \$100 he'll even open the bottle!"). Our auctioneer Teige Reid had a singular talent for finding the potential in everything: "This guitar is your ticket to coolness – and if you don't want a guitar, think of the possibilities for this case!" Other highlights were provided by choristers Jamie Tuttle and Mairi Cowan, who gave Vanna White a run for her money with their modelling prowess, despite the aforementioned troublesome bike tire. Plenty of delicious food and drink flowed throughout the evening, thanks to the contributions of choir members.

Many hours of work went into the organisation of this event, and all who helped are to be congratulated. The choir particularly wishes to express thanks to Elizabeth Anderson and Marilyn Ramsingh for their time and talents, and to the many people from the congregation and the community who donated and bid on items in support of this event. Stay tuned to the tour bulletin board in the parish hall and to the church website for details on the tour and upcoming events.

## The Windsor Report – A Brief Overview

by Kevin D. Toyne

With our Diocese's special Synod on blessing same sex unions happening at press time, and our Primate's encouragement to study it, members of our parish may be interested in learning more about the Windsor Report. Here are a few of my thoughts:

The Lambeth Commission on Communion (also known as the Eames Commission) recently released its Windsor Report. The Archbishop of Canterbury established the Eames Commission in response to growing tension within the Communion regarding the blessing of same sex unions, the consecration to the episcopate of persons living in same sex relationships, the exercise of episcopal functions by some bishops in certain dioceses without consent of the relevant diocesan bishop and the lack of Christian charity by some in the Communion towards gay and lesbian members.

The report stresses that when consid-

ering potentially contentious matters, churches must remember that their actions affect all in the Communion. Each church must avoid jeopardizing the Communion by entering into dialogue, consultation and discernment with other members of the Communion. While acknowledging that "legally speaking" member churches are free to do as they please, the report quotes from the Lambeth Conference in 1920: "*The Churches represented in [the Communion] are indeed independent, but independent with the Christian freedom which recognises the restraints of truth and love. They are not free to deny the truth. They are not free to ignore the fellowship.*"

The report expresses regret that the interests of the wider Communion did not receive greater attention in the decision of the Diocese of New Westminster approving the blessing of same sex unions and the resolution of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada

affirming the integrity and sanctity of committed same sex relationships. A moratorium on the approval of such blessings is recommended. Bishops who approve same sex blessings should consider withdrawing from their broader functions within the Communion, and bishops who have already approved blessings of same sex unions should also withdraw unless they express regret for breaching the "proper constraints of the bonds of affection". During the moratorium, the wider Communion should be engaged when dioceses are studying the blessing of same sex unions.

The Eames Commission also recommends the adoption of an "Anglican Covenant" by national churches. The Anglican Covenant would formalize relationships between member churches of the Communion.

A copy of the Windsor Report is available at <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/windsor2004/index.cfm>



# Advent & Christmas Music Notes

by John Tuttle, Organist & Choirmaster

There is wonderful music for Advent and Christmas, and at St. Thomas's we sing many beautiful motets and carols as part of our repertoire.

On Sundays at 11 am in Advent it has been our custom to sing several of the Plainsong masses, which we will do again this season. One of my favourite motets is the Tallis *Audivi vocem de coelo*, which will be sung at the 11 am Litany and Solemn Mass on Advent Sunday, November 28.

That night, as is the custom on the First Sunday in Advent, we will sing carols and anthems in procession following the Office. The beautiful *Hymn to the Virgin* is a very early composition by Benjamin Britten for double choir. The choir will also sing Baird's incomparable setting of *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* at Devotions, while the organ postlude is the first movement of the *Symphonie-Passion*, improvised by Marcel Dupre at the John Wanamaker Store in the 1920's, then later written down for publication.

On December 19th (Advent IV) the theme turns to Mary and the Annunciation. At the 9.30 am Mass, the choir will sing *Ave Maria* by Josquin des Prez, an exquisite little motet from the Renaissance. At 11 am the same text will be sung in the short and powerful setting by Anton

Bruckner.

The same evening at 7 pm the Choir will sing the Nine Lessons and Carols. Although originally meant to be sung on Christmas Eve, the "Nine Lessons" begin with prophecy of the Birth, which make them a sort of "vigil," and it seems a good way to make the transition from the Advent themes to those of Christmas.

On Christmas eve the music of the Mass is the noble *Missa 'O magnum mysterium'* of Victoria, and the Choir will sing for the first time (in my years, anyway) two carols by Derek Holman. Dr. Holman is, in my opinion, the Dean of Canadian Composers in our time, and we are very fortunate to have some of his music in our library, including his very fine *Mass of St. Thomas*, which he wrote for the parish many years ago.

I will again play a short organ recital before the Christmas Eve Mass, beginning at 10.30 p.m., which will this year include the *Variations sur un Noel* by Marcel Dupre, a well-known and unique set of variations on *Noel Nouvelet*.

This would be a good place to remind you that there is *no* Evensong on Sunday, December 26, but on January 2, at Evensong, the Choir will offer Epiphany Carols at the Office, and there will be a Procession, as well.

## Molto Allegro: Parish & Choir Trip to England Funds Raised, Plans Laid

by David Montgomery

The England Planning Committee has been very active with a wide variety of choir fundraising initiatives. On the heels of a very successful book sale we held an auction which you will read about elsewhere in this issue. Other events to watch for include a choral concert, an organ recital, a cabaret night, a gourmet night, and a CD to be recorded in February. Check out the flight path on the England bulletin board in the parish hall that tells you how close our fundraising is getting us to England, and the Choirs'



York Minster, where the Parish Choir will sing daily services for a week next summer. While on vacation, Choir member and Webmaster John Meadows came across this model in a park on Prince Edward Island.

## Inquirers' Group Formed

Confirmation candidates and 'refreshers' in faith meet Sundays

by Fr Robert Ross

A group of 'inquirers' – consisting of eight adults and one young person – has begun meeting every Sunday after the 11 o'clock Mass in the Rector's study. Classes continue until mid-December. Like most groups at St Thomas's, this group consists of people from a wide variety of backgrounds, all the way from complete newcomers to Anglicanism to "lifers" who simply want a bit of a refresher course on some of the essentials of the faith. While most of the inquirers are not seeking Baptism or Confirmation, the classes are required preparation for those who are seeking these sacraments of initiation. To this end, we expect that the Bishop of Toronto, or one of his suffragans, will be available to administer baptism and/or confirmation some time in the new year.

The 'curriculum' of the group is divided into two 'units'. The first part uses the

Apostles' Creed as a 'spring-board' for a discussion of the essentials of the Christian faith (belief in the triune God, belief in Jesus Christ, life in the Spirit, the nature of Catholic Church, the Resurrection, the Communion of Saints and so forth). The second 'unit' looks at the origin and nature of Holy Scripture, liturgical and private prayer, Anglican structures, and the Eucharistic liturgy (especially as it is experienced by the various congregations at St Thomas's).

Fr Ross is primarily responsible for the group; however, both the Rector and Fr Freeland hope to share in instructions and leading of discussion. While there is no "textbook" for the course, we will be examining the Book of Common Prayer, the Book of Alternative Services, various 'introductions' to Anglicanism (representing a broad spectrum of churchmanship), as well as – of course – the Bible!

two-weeks' offering the daily services at York Minster and Gloucester Cathedral. As you read this, our travel agent is holding charter flights for us with Air Transat that will leave Toronto on August 12, 2005 and return on August 29, 2005 (some travellers may be deviating slightly from these dates). For anyone still wishing to travel with the parish on this very exciting tour – and we highly recommend it – there is still time to sign up. However, effective December we can't promise that you would be traveling on the same flights as everyone else, but we would do everything we could to accommodate you. Please contact us if you have questions, wish to join the tour, or have any fundraising ideas. This will be a tour the parish will be talking about for years to come. Thanks for your support.

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## Two New Poetry Books Well-Launched

by David Kent, General Editor and Publisher, The St. Thomas Poetry Series

On Friday, October 29, two new books in *The St. Thomas Poetry Series* were launched with readings by the poets in the church and a reception following in the parish hall. About 75 people attended the event, making it one of the most successful in the sixteen years of readings here at St. Thomas's. Toronto's new poet laureate, *Pier Giorgio di Cicco*, *Kildare Dobbs*, *A. F. Moritz*, *W. J. Keith*, and *John Reibetanz* were among well-known writers who were present. Thanks to *Ann Welsh's* promotional efforts, *The Anglican* was persuaded to send a reporter and photographer, so we can at last expect some coverage in a forthcoming issue of the Diocesan paper.

*Hannah Main-van der Kamp* is a poet from Victoria, BC. *According to Loon Bay* (her fourth book of poetry) is firmly rooted in the natural setting of the west



Hannah Main-van der Kamp launched her fourth book of poetry

coast. She styles herself a contemplative by temperament, and so many of her poems address the spirituality of birding. She writes with flair and wit, but she has a serious message. *With Averted Vision* (2000) was also published in our series.

*Richard Greene* gave a stirring reading of his work from *Crossing the Straits*, his second book of poetry. Born and raised in Newfoundland, he writes poignantly about life there and about his journey to the mainland (via Oxford) and life in Toronto. Among his poems are meditations on early Christian martyrs and a poem about his search for a vocation during which he encounters poet Peter Levi and the future Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. Richard lives in Cobourg and teaches English at the University of Toronto.

Parishioners *Susan Clark*, *Pat Kennedy*, and *Margo Swiss* helped prepare the refreshments, while *Hugh and Betty Anne Anson-Cartwright* managed the busy book table where books were signed and sold. For the past two or three years, readings had been held in the parish hall, but this night marked a return to the church. We were able to use the same speakers and amplifier from Long and McQuade that were used during the 130th anniversary events. Everyone was very complimentary about the quality of the sound.

These volumes are the twentieth and twenty-first books in the series published since 1996. Information about the series and about ordering books can be read on the St. Thomas website ([www.stthomas.on.ca](http://www.stthomas.on.ca)).

## New Books in the Parish Library

This resource is open Sundays after the morning Masses and at other times by arrangement with *Marion Dorosh*, Parish Librarian

*The Spiral Staircase: my climb out of darkness*, by *Karen Armstrong*. The author tells with candour of her life in the Roman Catholic convent where she spent seven years and her present situation as a celebrated author writing about world religions.

*The Oxford Movement* by *Brad Faught*. This is a thematic history of the Tractarians and their times. It offers an up-to-date and highly accessible overview of the Movement. The author is a former St. Thomas's parishioner who was a reader at the 9:30 am mass.

*Radical Compassion: the life and times of Archbishop Ted Scott*, by *Hugh McCullum*. A frank examination of the controversial Primate, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident.

*God's Secretaries: the making of the King James Bible*, by *Adam Nicholson*. An illuminating account of the creation of the beloved version of Scripture, and of the times surrounding this paradigm text.

## Videotapes Added to Parish Library

by David Kent

Miss one of the 130th Anniversary Events? Curious about issues facing the Church? The following four videotapes are now available for borrowing from the parish library:

- The two addresses by Fr. Tony Jarvis on the Anglo-Catholic tradition given in the parish hall, the first following Michaelmas dinner September 29 and the second on the subsequent evening.
- A short tour of the vestment display on September 25, together with the speeches made in the parish hall at the 130th anniversary reception on The Feast of Dedication, October 3.
- Fr David Neelands' address entitled *Perspectives on Christian Marriage*, a talk given on September 19, 2004, in the parish hall.
- The Very Revd John Kevern's lecture *Sectarianism or Catholicism*, an address given on May 8, 2004, at Trinity College.

## Foundation Stones...

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### PROVIDING FOR OUR FUTURE

Worship • Education • Music • Outreach

The 130th Anniversary celebrations in the Fall of 2004 were enjoyable in and of themselves. But their significance would be diminished if they did not lead to a lively understanding of the needs of the Parish, and a faithful re-commitment by all members of the Saint Thomas's family towards four areas of its corporate life.

The special nature of Saint Thomas's today is possible only because many others – notably our greatest benefactor, Gerald Larkin – made provision for the financial well-being of the Parish. Prudence suggests and faithfulness requires that we in our turn act in a provident way to build on the foundation they laid with love and commitment.

Our Anniversary reflections have led the Parish to establish a FOUNDATION STONES programme which provides both a vehicle for some current needs of the Parish, and also one element of a more permanent structure to encourage members and friends to support the ongoing work of Saint Thomas's. It offers opportunities for givers to honour 130 years of faithful witness, a new avenue

## Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent!

Calendar available after Mass

by *Marion Dorosh*

Some of you are familiar with this poster which I have made available to parishioners previous years. This Advent calendar has suggestions for each day: good deeds, prayers, thoughtfulness, reminders of the real meaning of Christmas. I have ordered 75 copies which will be available for cost, not more than \$2.00 a copy. Watch for it at the library table.

whereby all may join in the work of benefaction which has made viable the Parish we know and love.

*As in so much of Anglican practice, the old saying remains apt: ALL MAY, SOME SHOULD, NONE MUST. The Parish presents its needs, and a programme whereby congregants and friends may feel called to support that witness. Neither clergy nor wardens will call on anyone to solicit their help; they will of course be delighted, on request, to explain any aspect of the plan and to explore means of creative giving and specific needs with anyone who may be interested.*

### FOUNDATION STONES

*Blessed With The Gifts Of Yesteryear, Today's Saint Thomas's Provides For The Future*

Gifts to this Fund received during the Anniversary Year – September 1, 2004 – September 1, 2005 – reflect the thank-offering of Saint Thomas's people during the 130th Anniversary celebrations. Funds will be, in the first instance, devoted to the renewal of the White High Mass set of Vestments, and then to other urgent needs of the Parish as outlined below. Over the years, any surplus in the Fund will grow, and so add to the financial foundation which supports the wellbeing and traditions of the Parish as do the existing Larkin and Heritage Funds.

### THE 130th ANNIVERSARY FUND

*WORSHIP "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"*

Worship through the 130th Anniversary Fund provides for the renewal of Saint Thomas's beautiful vestments, whose exquisite workmanship reveals the determination of their creators to offer the best of their talents to God. Whether through the renewal of the white High Mass set, the provision of a purple High Mass set, or the refurbishment of many historic items now consigned to a vault and rarely seen, the Parish emphasizes its own commitment to offer the praises of the Almighty with solemn dignity. As always, it maintains the expectation of donors by valuing our heritage through commissioning only the highest standards of design and workmanship. The Anniversary Fund will thus help to sustain the worship of the Parish through the living tradition of its vestments.

*EDUCATION "And He sat down, and taught them."*

Education through the 130th Anniversary Fund reflects the traditions of the Parish as a centre of informed teaching about the

traditions of Catholic Christendom, and the application of the Sacramental life of the Church to the lives of Christian men and women in the world. Reflecting St Thomas's long-standing relationship with Trinity College, a cardinal element of the Parish's teaching ministry is the Larkin-Stuart Lecture Series, presented annually as gift and inspiration to the wider community. Through the Anniversary Fund, the Parish will be better equipped to maintain the trust of those who established the Series, and broaden its outreach, by engaging the most distinguished speakers and promoting the Lectures as broadly as possible.

*MUSIC "Sing ye praises with understanding."*  
**Music through the 130th Anniversary Fund**

maintains the choral and organ programme as integral to the liturgy of the Parish, and to its growth as a gathered community, justly known for the highest standards of music and musicianship offered to the praise of the Almighty. The eventual endowment of an organ scholar and choir section leads will assure the continuity of St Thomas's musical tradition. The concomitant removal of these and associated items from the Parish's operating budget will in time free funds for other aspects of its work. The Anniversary Fund will help to assure that

the beauty of holiness found within Saint Thomas's walls will continue to be known to all whose footsteps lead them to Huron Street.

*OUTREACH "Love thy neighbour as thyself."*  
**Outreach through the 130th Anniversary Fund**

enables the spread of the Gospel imperative to those who come to Saint Thomas's seeking material assistance. It builds on the traditions of yesteryear: Humewood House for unwed mothers, Camp Artaban for children, St Thomas's House for seniors. It affirms the current outreach projects such as the "Out of the Cold" experience, the offering of dinners on Thanksgiving and the provision of Friday evening sandwich suppers in summer and hot meals throughout the winter. This burgeoning emphasis of the Parish's life envisions future programmes made possible through a Parish Nurse, a Parish Visitor and a portion of a Curate's responsibilities. So Saint Thomas's will continue to welcome to its doors not only those seeking sustenance, but also that unqualified accepting love so central to the Anglo-Catholic urban tradition. The Anniversary Fund encourages parishioners and friends to realize that at this Church the social Gospel will continue not simply to be preached, but to be acted upon.

## FOUNDATION STONES NEED BUILDERS!

Our 130th Anniversary offers every parishioner and friend of Saint Thomas's the opportunity to be a builder. We invite you to respond in faith at one of the suggested levels – or at any amount which you feel reflects your appropriate and responsible gift to the Parish at this time. *Most helpful are unrestricted gifts, but, as always, the opportunity is provided for you to designate an area of special concern, if you prefer to do so. "This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvellous in our eyes."* **Please place coupon with your gift in the collection plate or send to the Parish Office.**

- I wish to pledge \$13,000 in honour of the Parish's 130th Anniversary
- I wish to pledge \$ 1,300 in honour of the Parish's 130th Anniversary
- I wish to pledge \$ 130 in honour of the Parish's 130th Anniversary
- I wish to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in honour of the Parish's 130th Anniversary

*I wish to designate my gift*

IN THANKSGIVING FOR \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

*(the names of all those remembered through such gifts will be remembered at Mass during the Feast of Dedication Octave in 2005 and provided to Vestry at the conclusion of the Anniversary Year.)*

My pledge:  cheque enclosed herewith for entire amount

enclosed post-dated cheques totaling the entire amount  
*(Receipts will be issued at year-end for all contributions)*

**Please indicate if you would like to discuss any aspect of your gift, or designating it for any particular need of the Parish with the Rector  or with one of the Wardens**

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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

### KEY CONTACTS

CD/ROM project

John Meadows:

loans of archival materials

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Church School

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teaching, enrolment

(416) 979-2323

Communications Committee Ann Welsh (416) 972-1930 – [awc@interlog.com](mailto:awc@interlog.com)

Writers, copy-editors, proof-readers. Desk-top publishing and word processing

support (need own computer and software) to assist in creating flyers and posters.

Parishioners with media relations expertise and fax/internet access capability.

Confraternity of the

Fr Freeland

Blessed Sacrament

Daily Offices

Any of the Parish Clergy (416) 979-2323

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Event planning and kitchen volunteers

The Society of Mary

Fr Ross, David O'Rourke



David Kent with Out of the Heat clients during the Fall season's Friday evening suppers. This principal element of the Parish's works of mercy continues throughout the year, with one highlight being a well-attended turkey dinner served on Thanksgiving Day.