

Thurible

St. Thomas's Anglican Church * 383 Huron St., Toronto, M5S 2G5 * 416-979-2323 * stthomas.on.ca

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2007

THE LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES

of this period express the heart of Christian faith. The most important are the profoundly moving rites of

MAUNDY THURSDAY evening (8pm),
GOOD FRIDAY (10:30am), and
EASTER EVE (9pm).

PALM SUNDAY /

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: April 1

Early Eucharist 8am; Modern Rite 9:30am ;
Traditional Rite 11am

SOLEMN EVENSONG, WAY OF THE CROSS
& DEVOTIONS 7pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:

April 2, 3 & 4

EUCCHARISTS 7:30am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm

CONFESSIONS 6pm in the St Agnes Chapel;
WAY OF THE CROSS & DEVOTIONS 6:30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 5

CONFESSIONS 7pm in the St Agnes Chapel
SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
8pm, followed by the GETHSEMANE WATCH
at the Altar of Repose; CANDLELIGHT WAY
OF THE CROSS beginning at 11:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY: April 6

LITURGY OF THE PASSION 10:30am

CANDLELIGHT WAY OF THE CROSS 7:30pm

EASTER EVE: April 7

MATTINS & ANTE-COMMUNION 10am

THE EASTER VIGIL 9 pm

EASTER DAY: April 8

EUCCHARISTS at the usual Sunday times:

8am, 9:30am & 11am

SOLEMN EVENSONG, PROCESSION,
TE DEUM & DEVOTIONS 7 pm

EASTER CAROLS: April 15 at 7 pm

SOLEMN EVENSONG, Easter Carols,
Procession & Devotions

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE

Church Directory **Events**

Tel: 416.979.2323 Fax: 416.979.0261

Website: www.stthomas.on.ca

Email: saintthomas@rogers.com

Rector: The Rev'd Mark W. Andrews,
416.345.8787

Email: rector@stthomas.on.ca

Assistant Priests:

The Rev'd Canon Brian D. Freeland,
416.461.7025

The Rev'd Robert A. Ross,
416.268.9174

Rector Emeritus:

The Rev'd Roy A. Hoult

Honorary Assistant Priests:

The Rev'ds James E. Hunt, A. Thomas
Little, Ian D. Nichols and Canon W.
David Neelands

Theological Student:

Nico Montalbetti

Organist & Choirmaster:

John H. Tuttle, 416.516.2503

Organ Scholar:

Elizabeth Anderson

People's Warden:

Marlene Fader, 905.827.4718

Rector's Warden:

Kevin Toyne, 416.535-4941

Deputy Wardens:

Jim MacMillan, Charis Kelso

Financial Officer & Treasurer:

Peter Neelands

Bookkeeper: Greg Anderson

Church School Supervisor:

Diana Verseghy

Nursery School Supervisor:

Claire Fong

Webmaster & Computer Consultant:

John Meadows

Email: john@meadows.online.com

Pastoral Care Contact:

Phyllis Garden, 416.466.1879

Outreach Contacts:

Maggie Helwig, 416.537.7290

Email: maggie@web.net

Bill Thoms

Email: bill.thoms@senecac.on.ca

Coordinator of Sidespeople:

Suan Seh Foo, 416.928.6809

Vergers: Jean Paul Napier

Sexton: Colin Anderson

Administrator: Barbara Obrai

Church & Hall bookings

416.979.2323 x: 4

ST. THOMAS'S STUDY DAYS:

LENT 2007

What does it mean to be a catholic Anglican? At St. Thomas's, indeed in much of Parkdale Deanery, many of us identify ourselves as Anglo-Catholics and much of our liturgical practice is influenced by the Anglo-Catholic and Ritualist movements of the 19th century.

Anglicanism, itself, has been defined as a third unique branch alongside the Protestant and Roman Catholic branches of western Christianity; it is unique in its synthesis of those other two great branches. Understanding the sources of our tradition allows us to better appropriate aspects of our history, theology, and ritual so that we are renewed for the challenges of faith in our own time and in our own lives.

During Advent 2006, the St Thomas's Adult Education committee presented two study days giving an overview of the history of the Christian church from New Testament times to Reformation.

We have just completed another two study days that focused on two critical periods of the Anglican Church -- the development of Classical Anglicanism, presented by Dr David Neelands, and the Anglo-Catholic movements of the 19th-century, presented by Dr Brad Faught. Study days continue in the fall and the committee is now considering possible topics and speakers for those sessions.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Following all masses: Fourth Annual Education Committee Hot Cross Bun Sale.

SUNDAY APRIL 15

At 4:30pm, Fr. Brian Freeland presents "The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting: Fleshing out the words of the Creed." Fr. Freeland reflects on the life to come. Light supper follows for \$8 or PWYC. Choral Evensong at 7pm.

"This phrase, of course, comes at the end of the Creed and concerns the end of our earthly life and the hope we have in Christ of a future," Fr. Freeland explains. The presentation is an opportunity to consider what the difficulties are in belief and to reflect on that reality to which saints and theologians have borne witness through the centuries.

As always, Fr. Freeland enthusiastically looks forward to the question period following his comments.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 15, 4:30pm in the parish hall. A light supper follows for \$8 or PWYC. Choral Evensong at 7pm.

THE SOCIETY OF MARY

is chanting the Rosary, followed by Benediction, in the Church at 7:30pm every Tuesday in Lent. This is followed by fellowship in the parish hall. Come and discover an ancient prayer at work. Join in or just sit and listen if you wish. All are welcome.

MAY 12: MAY FESTIVAL MASS

10am: Solemn High Mass with procession and coronation of the statue of Our Lady. Lunch to follow in the parish hall. 1:30pm: Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



The Rector's report

REFLECTIONS ON A POSITIVE VESTRY

The annual vestry meeting, held on March 4, was well attended and had a positive air. Even my comments about controversies in the parish, notably the issue of women celebrants raised at last year's Vestry Meeting, were received with good humour. There was a sense that everyone in the parish wishes to deal with controversies and potential sources of division prayerfully and generously.

Positive reports were received from parish groups and committees including one from the newly formed Friars' Guild. The outgoing Treasurer, Anna Kennedy, gave the Financial Report for 2006 (see article page 7). I was pleased to be able to thank her for her generous contribution to the parish over many years and she was greeted with a standing ovation. While envelope contributions were down from the previous year, it was nonetheless a very good year financially, with the second-highest level of envelope givings in over 10 years. A tight rein on expenses meant that the parish balanced its books in 2006 for the

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Elected to other positions in the parish are Synod delegates: Dr Melanie Bedford, Rachael Harwood-Jones, Willem Hart, and Dr Carolynn Lund-Mead; Alternate delegates: Ronwen Guest, Bonnie McKenzie, and Wendy Woodworth. Elected to the Advisory Board: Jeffrey Creighton, Anthony Dale, Charles Laver. Elected to the Parish Tribunal: Charles Laver and Jamie Tuttle. Elected Chair of Sidesmen and Sideswomen: Dr Suan Seh Foo.

second consecutive year, which again, as Anna pointed out, was a rare achievement for St. Thomas's. Anna then presented the budget for 2007, which was her third consecutive balanced budget. It was approved unanimously. The budget calls for an increase in givings of 5% over last year, and fundraising initiatives of \$5,200.

The Corporation remains unchanged from last year. Kevin Toyne was appointed Rector's Warden, Charis Kelso will complete her fourth year on Corporation in the office of Deputy Rector's Warden. Marlene Fader was elected People's Warden, and James MacMillan

There was a sense that everyone in the parish wishes to deal with controversies prayerfully and generously

Deputy People's Warden.

I noted that they all, despite possessing strong beliefs on various issues, have the greater interests of the parish as a whole as their primary motivator, and gave thanks for their ability to distinguish between their private and our corporate interests. The Corporation is pleased to appoint Peter Neelands to the Office of Treasurer. Peter works at Deloitte & Touche, and is working toward his CA accreditation.

At the request of Bishop Colin Johnson, Vestry voted in favour of a motion, moved by Maggie Helwig and seconded by Carol Guen Hart

and Nigel Wright, "That this Vestry urges the Provincial government to make affordable and supportive housing a high priority in the 2007 provincial government."

In their report the Wardens noted how many new parishioners are becoming involved and beginning to take leadership roles in the parish. This is an encouraging sign of growth and allows us to move forward with greater confidence.

I reviewed the previous year, noting with gratitude the very positive financial position, the increase in overall attendance, and a noticeable increase in the number of students involved in the Parish. The increase in student involvement is due partly to the work of John Tuttle and David Neelands at

Trinity College, and me at Wycliffe College. It was noted also that the students becoming involved are not only studying divinity. A student-led Bible study starting up after Easter, for example, will be led by non-divinity students.

Other highlights include the diverse ways in which members of the Choir are spearheading new initiatives at St Thomas's, including John Meadows' development of podcasts, Suzanne Brooks' creation of an urban Garden (see article page 4), and Rob Kennedy's work with

continues ON PAGE 6

Outreach

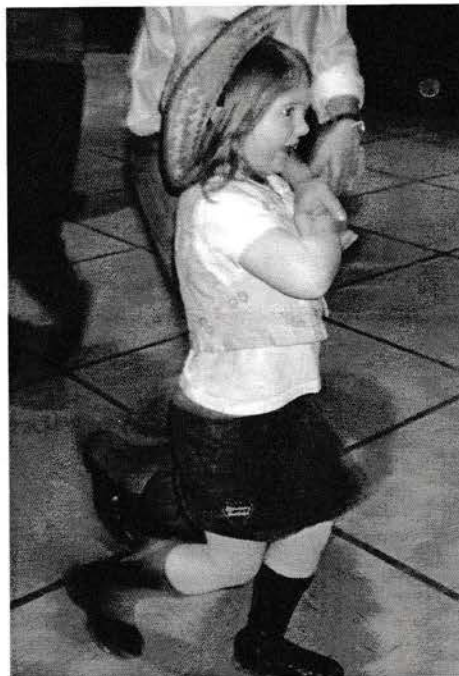
Fiddle fever on Shrove Tuesday

The pancakes were flipping, the hash browns were frying, the sausages were sizzling and real maple syrup was on the table. At 6pm on February 20th, everything was set to go. It was the Pancake Supper and Square Dance at St T's! Many hands helped make it a pancake supper to remember.

We had our fill of good food, then quick as a wink, we whisked the dishes and tables away and kicked up our heels as the fiddle music started. Norm Wilcox, our caller, made it fun for novice and pro – what a hoot! Best of all we exceeded our fundraising goal. In the end we raised \$2,300 for the HIV/AIDS initiative of the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) called "Partnership for Life." The money raised will go to their work in Africa.

Many thanks to the donors and to the volunteers who made this all possible. ROB KENNEDY

Friday evening meal programmes, thanks to the enthusiasm shown by Maggie Helwig and other Out of the Heat volunteers. Meal programme guests expressed excitement and gratitude for the new additions to their menu, with over half of regular guests taking home produce on a weekly basis. The garden also sparked conversation about food and nutrition among both meal



A spirited young square dancer kicks up her heels.

Parish garden springs into action

Spring is just around the corner, and once again St Thomas's is gearing up for garden season. Last year's garden was very successful: we distributed nearly 900 servings of fresh, organic vegetables to guests of the Out of the Heat programme. Lettuce was our most prolific crop (despite many attempts by various rodents to eat it all!), but we also grew carrots, beans, peas, leeks, cabbages and herbs. Produce distribution was smoothly integrated into regular

programme guests and volunteers.

In total, roughly 30 parishioners helped last year with weeding and harvesting. Volunteers enjoyed the chance to get outside while at the same time meeting new people and contributing to the positive impact of the garden project. The Garden Committee developed a volunteer regime that would spread tasks among many people, and would be fun at the same time. One example of this is our weeding roster, which requires volunteers to weed

the garden for one week, usually amounting to roughly an hour-long commitment. Spring and fall work days provide another opportunity to lend a hand to garden tasks along with several other people in a very social environment.

I am especially pleased with the community-building opportunities the garden has provided, not only within the parish, but beyond our walls. The garden was recently profiled in a video produced by Greening Sacred Spaces, which allowed us to forge links with other faith communities involved in green projects.

In addition, several of our neighbours have shown interest in the garden, and have even expressed a desire to become more involved. Thanks to John Meadows and Rob Kennedy, the garden now has a new dedicated section on the St Thomas's website. By making such connections, we hope to encourage other churches to start gardens of their own, as a means of providing at-risk individuals with access to fresh produce.

Despite our initial successes, last year's experiences taught us many things. One thing we hope to do is better target our garden produce to the needs and tastes of our Out of the Heat guests. We would also like to explore installing a rain barrel to harvest water from the church roof. In addition, we hope to better tackle our pest challenges, continuing in the spirit of Rob Kennedy's and Andy Coultres' creative, "on-the-fly" pest control measures begun last season. Suggestions and comments on these or other aspects of the project are always welcome.

If you are interested in learning more, or in becoming a volunteer, please contact me by email at suzanne.brooks@utoronto.ca. SUZANNE BROOKS

Full steam ahead for Freeland room

Funds have poured in since the Property Committee announced plans to transform the annex south of the Kitchen into the Father Brian Freeland Room.

Slated for completion by September, this will be the new home for our Parish Library, Committee Meetings, Altar Guild and St. Agnes Guild Teas, and promises to be as elegant as its namesake.

New flooring, new lighting, new furnishings and built-in furniture are all in the works, and items of particular distinction will be available for dedication.

The improvements will also rectify our lack of storage space for tables, chairs, cleaning supplies and much-needed space associated with kitchen activities.

We will be seeking your comments and input, so look for drawings to be on display in several weeks.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

GOSPEL CHOIR SOARS AT ST THOMAS'S

*Sit laus plena, sit sonora,
sit jucunda, sit decora*

(from *Lauda Sion*,
Thomas Aquinas, c. 1264)

I like to think that Aquinas, that other St. Thomas, would have perceived the above exhortation to have been heeded by the sonorous, resonant and delightful voices raised in praise to God — praise appropriate to an occasion in honour of Black History Month on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17, attended by some 100 guests.

From Rhonda Toussaint, manager of this choir of 30 young voices of exquisite purity and power of proc-

lamation, I received the following letter:

"I don't know whether it was the warmth of your sanctuary, the right combination of guests or any other number of factors but the Lord's presence was truly at St. Thomas's on Saturday.

The feedback has been outstanding. I truly hope that our small contribution to your church will resonate His glory for years to come."



Father Freeland will lend his name to the south annex.

Those present at this event were struck by the profound sincerity of individuals giving witness to their faith. Lisa Toussaint, their gifted director, rather than choreographing these voices into a uniform production, allowed each to perform in unison.

Aside from the notable solos, various moments of the performance focused on different choristers. The a cappella moments were extraordinary, as was the range and diversity of tone and emotion.

The constant throughout this performance was the transformation of original material into praise for God, overturning and challenging

conventional expectations of Gospel music.

This musical ministry is the third in a trilogy of educational outreach events at St. Thomas's aimed at enriching our knowledge and appreciation of both the historical and contemporary Afro-Canadian spiritual contribution to our Anglican community and to the larger Body of Christ.

From our library, you may borrow our first selection, Phillip Daniels award-winning film *Seeking Salvation: The History of the Black Church in Canada*, as well as a video by David Kent of the address by George Elliott Clarke in 2006.

In 2001, Clarke was the winner of the Governor General's Literary award for Poetry for his book *Execution Poems*.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to making this event a memorable occasion.

CAROLYNN LUND-MEAD



Worship

(see cover for special services)

SUNDAYS:

Masses 8am (BCP, Said Rite); 9:30am (BAS, Modern Sung Rite); 11am (BCP, Solemn High Rite)

Said Mattins: 10:30am

Solemn Evensong & Devotions: 7pm

WEEKDAYS:

Daily Mass 5:30pm Mon & Fri; 12:15pm Tue & Thu; 7:30am Wed; 10am Sat

Mattins: weekdays 8:30am; Sat & statutory holidays 9:30am

Evensong: 5pm Mon, Thu & Fri; 5:15pm Tue & Wed

Meditation follows Wed Evensong, finishing at 6pm

Confessions: At times announced, or by appointment with any of the parish clergy.

Rector's Report FROM PAGE 3

the Parkdale Deanery (see article page 7).

I identified several areas for increased attention in 2007. A meeting will be called for members of the 9:30am congregation to consider ways in which to re-invigorate that service.

The work of the Parkdale Council continues through the early part of this year, and may have a significant impact on the way St Thomas's employs its resources. Twenty-five parishioners are involved in helping the Council develop a plan for the Parkdale Deanery, some by attending one meeting, others by investing many hours as leaders and participants in one of the sub-committees.

Later in the meeting, Robert Kennedy, St Thomas's lay member of the Council gave a report to Vestry providing background information on the Deanery and the work of the Council.

Another opportunity to become more involved in our community is by participating in events like Nuit Blanche. Parishioners have expressed interest in making an application to participate, which would make St Thomas's one of the sites open to the public for an all night festival of the arts, along with parts of the University, the museums, and our

neighbouring Coach House Press.

Plans are beginning to form for two future tours. The choir is beginning to consider options for touring in 2009 or 2010. The Rector intends to revisit the possibility of

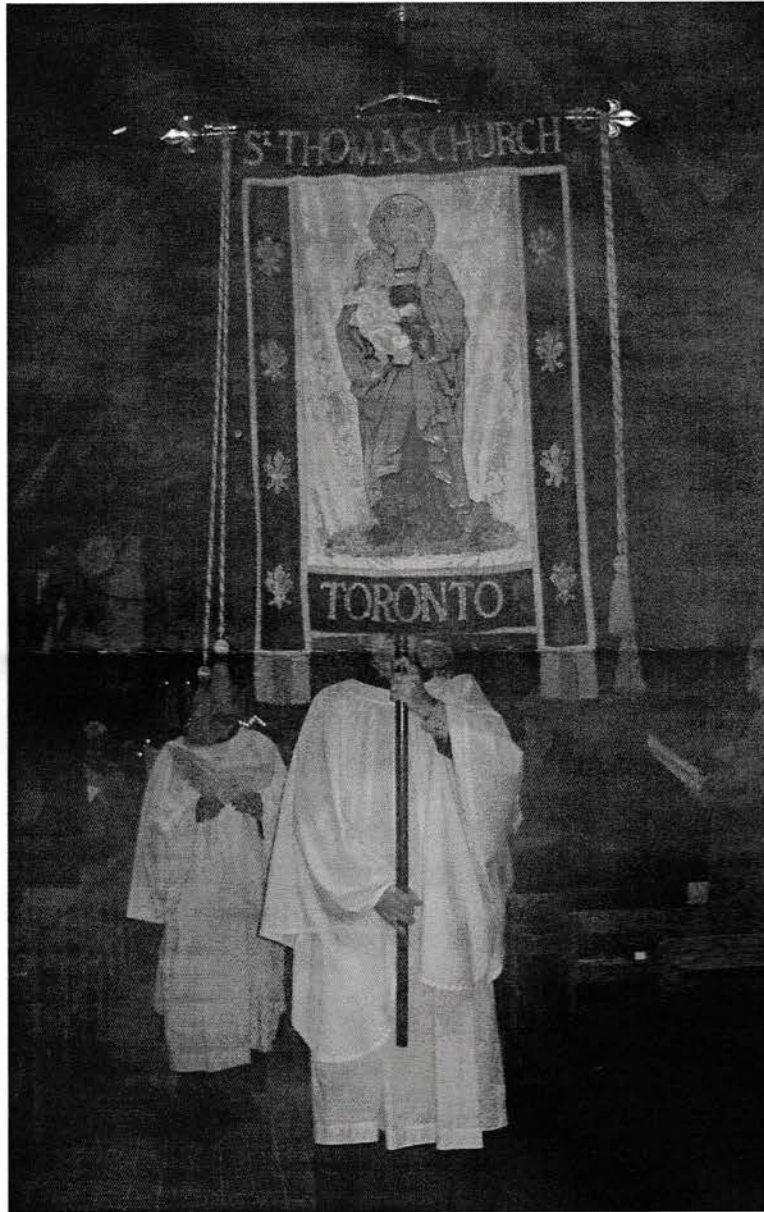
way to reduce our dependency on non-renewable resources, and to seek further grants and donations from foundations, individuals, and different levels of government. Construction on the Fr Freeland Room will begin this summer (see article, page 5).

A Building and Fire Safety Assessment Report has been received and will enable short and long-term plans to be developed to create much needed meeting space, environmentally sensitive storage space, and to make our facilities accessible to all.

I concluded by saying that my report to Vestry was largely about community, and about those elements which constitute St Thomas's as a unique community within the communion of the Body of Christ and as a unique member of the various communities in which St Thomas's exists — the University, the Annex, the Parkdale Deanery, and the Diocese of Toronto. Through prayer and worship and our participation in the Sacraments we are formed into one

communion and fellowship with God and one another. It is important for us all to take advantage of the opportunities to be formed into a more cohesive community, and thereby to become a healthier and more valued member of our wider communities.

FR. MARK ANDREWS



a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early 2008.

There are several significant initiatives relating to property. Members of the Property Committee and others, are exploring the best options for "Green Energy". An anonymous gift to the parish of \$45,000 provides the base for the parish to examine the most effective

Growing deep roots



LOGO BY WILLEM HART

Deep Roots ... New Growth is a project for the Anglicans of the Parkdale Deanery to develop new and sustainable ways of being an effective church in Toronto.

This spring, through a series of four consultations, the seven parishes of Parkdale are considering how to reshape their ministries of compassion to the most vulnerable, their congregational life and worship and their sharing of the Gospel to those seeking faith. Volunteers from each parish are collaborating in the research, the presentation and the review of the challenges and opportunities that face us in these key areas:

- Context for ministry and social needs (Feb. 22)
- Congregational life and development (March 20)
- Christian presence and evangelism (April 24)
- Models for partnerships in urban ministry (May 24)

The results of the research and the consultations will be made available

to all members of the parish. And by the end of the summer we will see scenarios for action to re-invigorate the Parkdale Deanery as an Anglican presence in our neighbourhoods and beyond.

Fr. Andrews and I are representing St. Thomas's on the council which is guiding Deep Roots ... New Growth. Over the past few months more than 25 people from St. Thomas's have become involved. Please contact Rob Kennedy at kennedy@sympatico.ca if you'd like more information or if you'd like to participate. ROB KENNEDY

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the second year running, we are pleased to have met the balanced budget goal set by Vestry. Thanks to many of you who responded to the plea in the Advent *Thurible* when we were at risk of falling short of the target.

We have about 215 envelope givers to the Operating Fund. This is the fund that supports our day to day

activities. Here is a table showing the range of givings in 2006:

Donation range for 2006	
7	> \$5,000
17	\$2,500-\$5,000
54	\$1,000-\$2,500
51	\$500-\$1,000
64	\$100-\$500
22	<100

One other item to note is that we are blessed to have good financial support from St Thomas's "Friends." These are people who have moved away but still support St Thomas's. Also, we should not forget that we have many visitors and their contributions help considerably.

It costs almost \$1,200 a day to maintain what we do here — before any capital expenditures. This is inclusive of cost-of-living increases for the clergy and lay staff which ensures we don't fall behind paying acceptable wages. It is challenging to balance parish needs in terms of rising utility and insurance rates. With careful management, the year ended with expenses kept in line with budget expectations.

We are well into 2007 and anticipate that we'll have another good year. The budget Vestry approved relies on fundraising activity of about \$5,000 to help supply the additional funds to keep us in the black. Perhaps we'll have a "Wine Away the Deficit" or some other fun social event which will emerge from within St Thomas's creative parishioners.

As of Vestry, Peter Neelands will be ably taking on the Treasurer role. I've enjoyed being part of Corporation and consider it a real privilege to have been able to serve St Thomas's in this way.

ANNA KENNEDY

ARCHBISHOP TO VISIT TORONTO

On Monday, April 16 at 3 pm, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams will give a public lecture at MacMillan Theatre at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music. The theatre is at 80 Queen's Park, just south of the ROM.

Dr. Williams is in Toronto briefly, on his way to the April meeting of the House of Bishops in Niagara Falls, where he will participate in a day-long retreat on April 17. The meeting itself will go on until April 20. It is the bishops' last gathering before General Synod in June.

