

Fr. Robert's Remarks



FR ROBERT MANSFIELD, SSC
VICAR GENERAL

Greetings, The Lord be with you!

Some of you will have been aware that for the last week and a half or so, I have been down with COVID. My rapid test came back negative yesterday, something for which I am very grateful. I am feeling much, much better.

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This issue of the Newsletter begins on the Feast of the Dormition, the Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary and it ends on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The 17th-century Bishop, hymnographer, Thomas Ken wrote, "I commend my spirit into the hands of my Heavenly Father, and my body to the earth, in certain hope, through Jesus Christ my Redeemer, of a happy resurrection...I die in the holy catholic and apostolic faith, professed by the whole church before the division of East and West; more particularly I die in the communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all papal and puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."

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'And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery.' *Revelation 12:1-2*

There are many questions asked about the commemoration of this day. What is this all about? Why do we have this feast day anyway? Why is there all this reverence for Mary? I don't remember all this fuss years ago: when did it become so important anyway?

Much of the questioning is a factor that the concept of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord and Saviour, is not written in Holy Scripture, and is therefore in some way disputed, is doubted, by folk who seem to think that if it is not in scripture, then it is not the truth. Even though these people are quite willing to get on a plane and fly to their destination, a plane not being mentioned in scripture either.

The whole question of the Assumption goes back to the concept of motherhood, and back from there to our original mother, the mother of all mankind, Eve.

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Eve, who fell into temptation: Eve, who by her temptation, went against God's word, and brought sin into the world. Eve, to whom we look, when we think of the concept of original sin.

Because if Eve brought us sin, it was through Mary that our sins have been redeemed, for all time, for all who confess Jesus as Son of God and Saviour. Because it was Mary who said to the angel: 'Be it unto me according to thy word.'

Because it was Mary who became mother of our Saviour, who tended Him, who watched Him grow and develop, who stood at the foot of the Cross and saw Him die, die for the sins of the world, die so that we might be redeemed. And at the foot of the cross, had her heart pierced through by the sharp pain of the agony of her Son, in fulfilment of the prophesy.

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So in this way, Mary is the new Eve: she has brought to all of us, through the birth of her Son, salvation, the promise of eternal happiness and joy. It is Mary who heard the voice of the angel, and untouched by evil or sin, accepted God's will for her. 'Be it unto me as thy will.' It is Mary, who, as the mother of our Brother, Jesus, whom we are called to name as our brother, becomes mother to each and every one of us in our faith in Our Lord, Jesus. Mary is our Mother in Christ.

But this feast day of the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, the principal feast of Our Lady, is a recent development to many of us.

On Nov. 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed as a divinely revealed truth" that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, on the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

By the fifth century, August fifteenth was kept at Jerusalem as the Commemoration of the Mother of God. In the sixth century the feast of Mary's Falling Asleep spread throughout the East. Finally in the eighth century the day was celebrated as the Assmption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

But the strongest reason derived from the more than 1000 years of explicit faith and practice of the Church and the practically unanimous affirmative replies which Pope Pius XII had received from every diocese in the world to the two questions which he put to the bishops: "Do you judge that the bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin can be proposed and defined as a dogma of faith? Do you, with your clergy and people, desire it?" The definition is a practical expression of the belief that the Spirit of Truth dwells in the Church directing it to an ever more perfect knowledge of revealed doctrine.

It is the teaching of the Catholic Church that at the death of the blessed Virgin Mary her body was preserved from corruption and that shortly afterwards it was assumed into Heaven and reunited to her soul. It has been a subject of explicit belief for at least 1,506 years, being stated by Saint Juvenal of Jerusalem at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and the feast was already celebrated in the East in that century; it is referred to in writings of the same time. It is a matter of dispute whether our Lady died at Ephesus or Jerusalem; her tomb in the latter city is not

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mentioned before the beginning of the 5th century.

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, Mother of God, for thou didst believe the Lord; wherefore there hath been a performance of those things which were told thee; and lo, thou art exalted above choirs of angels: Plead for us with the Lord our God.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Mary has been the source of inspiration to so many, who see in her a direct link to Her Son, Jesus Christ, and, as a mother, a gentle intercessor for each one of us: we do not pray to her, but we know that, our biddings being valid and true, she will intercede for us at the throne of the Most high, and bring our hopes and desires, as any mother would, to Her Son, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death.

Bonnie's Reflections: SIGNS



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SIGN : Noun 1. An event, action or fact that something exists or may happen in future.

2. An object, quality or event whose presence or occurrence indicates the probable presence or occurrence of something else.

If someone driving on our local highway sees a yellow warning sign portraying a bull moose in full stride, he snatches his foot off the gas pedal and intently scans both sides of the road. The sign identifies this location as a place where these 1000 lb. animals habitually cross the highway.

Signs, indications, require a response. Discernment is needed as to what one's response should be. Jesus performed many signs both in his preaching and his actions. The gospels are full of incidents where someone recognized him as the promised Messiah because of what he said or did. The Old Testament is filled with Messianic prophecies which Jesus fulfilled. Not everyone was willing to accept him as such. Sometimes it was because of ignorance, for example discounting Jesus "the Nazarene" as the One sent by God, not knowing he had actually been born in Bethlehem, as prophesied. Other examples of rejection were based on darker motives.

Sometimes Jews reacted to Jesus with hostility because he broke "the Law of God." In Luke 13 we read of a woman whom Jesus healed during a service in a synagogue where he had been teaching. She had suffered a spinal deformity and was bent almost in two. As she stood up straight, rejoicing, some of the Jews objected. Healing was "work", which was forbidden on the Sabbath. Jesus, however,

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rebuked this crowd. They would lead their thirsty livestock out of the stall to the water trough, he said, doing their farm work on the Sabbath, but showed no concern for a suffering fellow-Jew. The tragedy is that while the woman rejoiced at her healing, the complainers missed the opportunity to rejoice in God's compassion. Their rule was bigger than their God, so grace and joy passed them by.

Sometimes the crowds challenged Jesus to show them "a sign". There had been numerous false messiahs and deceiving prophets through the years, some of them trying to stir up political unrest. People wanted proof before they would commit to believing in Jesus. He declared the only sign he would offer these challengers was "The sign of Jonah." He refers to the prophet who was sent to preach to a foreign nation, survived three days in the belly of the great fish, escaped death, and delivered his message to the people of Nineveh, who repented and received mercy from God. Jesus foresaw his own three days in the tomb.

Jesus healed more than one blind person. He freed those afflicted by evil spirits, made the deaf hear, and the lame walk. In these deeds he fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 25. When the Messiah comes, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shall shout for joy."

Jesus made this statement: "I have come into this world so that the blind will see and those who see become blind." The Pharisees perceived this was aimed at them. "What! Are we blind too?"

"If you were blind," replies Jesus, "you would not be guilty of sin. But now that you claim that you see, your guilt remains." This is Jesus the harvester, with his winnowing fork in his hands. He is sifting the attitudes of the people.

Jesus searches out people who are willing to receive him. He perceives what is in our hearts. One example of this is his calling of Nathaniel, portrayed in John's gospel, chapter 1, verses 47-51. A newly recruited disciple of Jesus, Philip, rushes to find Nathaniel. He is excited. "We have found Him of whom Moses and the Law and Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph!" Nathaniel does not want to be set up for disappointment. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" he asks, using a word that means "absolutely good-in-itself".

"Come and see!" replies Philip. Together they go to find Jesus.

"Behold," exclaims Jesus, "An Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" asks Nathaniel.

"Before Philip called you, I saw you, under the fig tree." The word Jesus used for "saw" has a particular meaning; "perceiving with the mind"; knowing, recognizing the quality of something or someone. What private thoughts had been in Nathaniel's heart? Jesus knew.

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In our present day we may be looking around at the bewildering events portrayed in the news. We wonder what spirit moves people to do things that threaten the safety and stability of nations. Others make decisions that threaten their own lives, and the lives of those they love most. Blame and lies seem to be the theme of what we see and hear. Some, known as “preppers,” look at the things going on around them and decide to prepare for the worst. They stock up on food, fuel and other emergency supplies, hoarding these things.

Jesus wants us to prepare our heart to receive him, not a stockpile. We need to have discernment; to seek to hear his voice amidst the clamor, and respond to him. We must see Jesus in any work of kindness or mercy we observe. We must ask him to allow us to perceive his hand in the events of our life, and heal the thoughts of our hearts.



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Rwanda

Congo.

Bishop Steven has sent a new photograph of the Parish of St. François d'Assise, Mosho, where the new roof framework can be seen. The Appeal is now sending more funds for a supply of 'tôles', the roofing sheets used across Central Africa. Funding for the framework was sent in mid-July.

However, the Mission Parish of Saint Augustin Nyalushozi Walungu, is seeking funds for '10,000 baked bricks to complete the building up to the level of the lintel. The total cost of the bricks including transportation is about US\$825', which is added to the 'to-do' list, waiting for your hoped-for support.

The three children will start school again on September 2nd, 2024. The Appeal has received generous donations from bene-



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factors which we have sent this month, so that Elijah, Gloire, and Anaweza will be able to start their new school year. Bishop Steven has others in his Cathedral parish, who need similar support: Pray that their voices might be heard, and they might have pencils and paper, a school to attend, so that they too will 'change the world', for the betterment of all.

Congo East.

Bishop Mmokywa Mtundu had good news from the Diocese of the Holy Trinity, with funding for a health centre, and, it is hoped, for a training centre. We are well aware of the need for adequate education and training for the Ordinands needed, as this new Diocese expands further, and have now sent C\$1332.00 to enable this.

Not too long ago, violence once again affected several parishes, as you can read here: 'Mai-Mai Yakutumba: Resistance and Racketeering in Fizi, South Kivu, Author: Jason Stearns et al. [Rift Valley Institute \(RVI\)](https://www.refworld.org/reference/countryrep/rvi/2013/en/97963): 2013. (<https://www.refworld.org/reference/countryrep/rvi/2013/en/97963>) (UNHCR) Pray that people will have peace to rebuild their communities.

The school building also seeks completion, where the local community is working to rebuild the school damaged by a windstorm. Hopefully we will be able to support this project in due course.

Kenya.

Bishop Ndegwa writes, 'Thank you for your continued support and prayers towards the missionary Diocese of Kenya and particularly towards the long journey of having in place a Kiswahili Prayer book. The much awaited mission week was completed successfully and now it is my joy to share some reports.

Our guest from Australia arrived on Tuesday 23th July and we commenced our **mission week** on 24th July 2024. We visited missions and projects as the attached mission timetable will explain. It was a successful mission week.

As I may have reported, we have been busy trying to strengthen the existing missions instead of focusing on attempting to open new ones. As a result and through your support, Good Shepherd Korogocho is taking a facelift that can be attributed to that decision. Apart from having a new toilet block, new security fence and a refurbished rectory, we now have a **tiled Altar area** as can be seen in the attached photo. The next idea is to install pews other than the normal benches which disappear mysteriously, especially when they are allowed to be used in village and community activities.

We had also embarked on changing our name from Anglo Province of Saint Jude mission of Kenya to Saint Anectus Missionaries, since the first name was long, ambiguous and not friendly for local mission outreach. We are glad to report that we already have a **new registration certificate** under the new name as attached. The next two steps in order for the whole house keeping process to complete as time and funds will allow, are, to call a special general meeting and initiate a change of objectives in our constitution and file the same with the office of the attorney general and to initiate a name change in our banking account to reflect the new name.

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Please continue praying for the smooth flow of the process.

The main activities were to take place on Sunday 28th July 2024. One was the **ordinations** of a priest and a deacon; there was also the **launch of our Kiswahili Book of Common Prayer**. We thank God that both processes went well as can be seen in the photos. We had guests from Australia and Uganda as well as representatives of most of our missions. This is a milestone in the worship life of the Church in Kenya, and we thank God for everyone who in any way participated in this project.

Having successfully assisted our two main missions (Resurrection church, Kayole and Good Shepherd, Korogocho) take a parochial shape and having an active BCP in place, my focus going forth shall be on **Saint Mary's Kinangop**, with an effort to establish the mission as an income generating backbone of our young Diocese. We shall continue updating you and requesting for your prayers as one would from friends and mission partners.

NB: We had hoped to receive additional support from your side. Although we secured enough support for the mission week and the 28th July function, any additional will help us send the books to our far away missions that could not make it to Nairobi.

Wishing you God's blessings

In Christ

John Ndegwa

Nairobi, Kenya.'

Note that we had sent the C\$150.00 to Bishop John in July. Given the list of 'needs' Bishop John sent last month, we have several things we could have sent, but the cost of shipping by reliable companies are incredibly high: a 10Kg. box would cost over C\$1600.00, which is far more than the value of the contents. We hope to send the 'additional help' which Bishop John has suggested, in September 2024.

On August 3rd, Father Chadrack sent me this 'link', from the BBC in the UK, which, as Father Chadrack writes, 'We are yet in another catch and run between church and state': <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c6p2p9dkdzxo>

The Rwandan government exerts control over church buildings, which has led to the need to build using relatively high standards, because Rwanda is very hilly, where the risk of landslides is high. Relief web reports in August 2023, 'According to the first assessment made on May 6 by the Rwandan Red Cross with the support of local partners, Rwanda's western, northern and southern provinces were the areas hardest hit by the floods that struck the country as early as May 1, with 14 districts experiencing shocking floods and landslides affecting 51,905 people in 10,381 households.' (<https://reliefweb.int/report/rwanda/rwanda-floods-and-landslides-operational-update-mdrrw022#:~:text=Rwanda's%20western%2C%20northern%20and%20southern,51%2C905%20people%20in%2010%2C381%20households.>)

Fr. Chadrack also adds, 'Lack of theological qualification has been hindrance to many. More funds are needed to meet such requirements such metal detectors, soundproof system and large quantities of lands and more.' 'Soundproof system' refers to some 'fundamentalist' church congregations using loud music and singing far

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into the night, so perhaps as Anglican Catholics, we might avoid that risk!

On July 24th, 2024, we sent a further C\$1600.00 for Ramba parish expansion, and intend to send more to complete the project in the fall.

South Sudan.

Bishop Garang called me from Nairobi on July 31st, telling me of the terrible situation in the Diocese of Aweil, where the already serious situation affecting many in the population was now approaching catastrophic levels



of starvation, where even the meagre diet, gleaned from the land has been lost by flooding, as the photographs show.

Bishop Garang writes on July 30th, 2024: ‘I hope you are doing well and all is well with you. Thank you very much for your concern, continued support and the work you are doing for us. May God bless you and the donors for your concern all for the work you are doing for us. We have no words to express our gratitude and thanks but to say may God bless you more and the donors and may God grant you all abundance, good health and many years for your concern. I am sorry to report that there has been heavy rains and flooding in various locations in the Diocese and this has caused displacement of people and destruction of crops and

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houses. The forecast from the meteorology department was that there is going to be heavy rains and flooding which will be devastating and destructive in the whole country. The heavy rains and flooding will continue until October and we need to pray for God's intervention and make the needs of the displaced population, known to people and organizations who can be of assistance. Thousands of lives are at risk from water borne diseases, starvation and malnutrition among adults, mothers and children and thousands of lives may be lost due to flooding and starvation if there are no interventions to assist them. It is my prayer and hope that God will touch the hearts of the people you will be talking to so that they can give generously for the affected flooding and starvation victims. May God continue to bless you and the donors for their concern and continued support. Attached are pictures of the flooding and the appeal.

Thank you once again for your concern. Wishing you many blessings and many thanks for your concern.' The Bishop is well aware that our 'Appeal' is not, in any meaningful way, able to resolve this situation. However, the Diocese of Aweil has established an '[ACC Aweil Diocese Flood Victims Project - July 2024.docx](#)': if any reader of this has contact with agencies that might be able to resolve this challenge, please 'click on the link'...

Cameroon.

As you the Appeal has sent funds subsequent to Bishop Alphonse's accident, falling from a motorbike taxi, and his admission to hospital, with injuries to his legs and feet. Of course, we need proof of his treatment, and receipts wherever possible, to comply with Canadian regulations. Bishop Alphonse was finally able to send handwritten physician notes and receipts from 'Medi-Aid', as shown in this photograph.

In North America, we have become dependant on electrical power being available: the computer always works! (However, when things go wrong it can be a major problem: a major department store here in Surrey BC had to close for a week or more, when a control system failed.) Bishop Alphonse has often spoken of the difficulties caused by power cuts, common across central Africa.

On July 15th, Bishop Alphonse wrote, 'Following my back disease, which, until today, I can't stand up well, my mother's case also became more and more alarming until she was taken to another city for her care but without improvement, at no cost. I came back the day before yesterday, but the mother is staying there.' However, when I asked who was assisting him at the Cathedral, he replied, 'You don't need to worry about my episcopal administration service. I am at work as a bishop, and I ask Jesus to support me in doing my service. I am not a retired bishop. No.' Which we have accepted as good news: it seems he was the celebrant of the Mass, assisted by another priest, and a Deacon. (However, he has since written requesting help to provide a better diet, which we have done.)



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I am grateful, each year for Bishop Ken's comment and for the Matin's hymn for the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Faithful Crosss, above all other
Only and only noble tree:
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Thou alone was counted worthy
This world's ransom to uphold
For a shipwreck'd race preparing
Harbour, like the Ark of old:
With the sacred Blood anointed
From the smitten Lamb that roll'd in it.

Tod the Trinity be glory
Everlasting as is meet,
Equal to the Father, equal
To the Son and Paraclete:
Trinal Unity, wjose praises
All created things repeat.. Amen.

May God Bless you and keep you!

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