

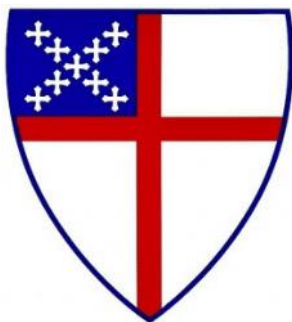


# THE ANCHOR

JUNE 2022

*St. Clement's by-the-Sea*  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcoming all since 1929



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*Follow Christ through the  
way we live and love,  
spreading the good news  
of God in Christ, opening  
our hearts to all, and  
experience and spread  
joy in the process.*



**“This Church of  
Ours is Open To  
All...There Will  
Be No Outcasts.”**

-The Most Rev. Edmund  
Browning Emeritus  
Presiding Bishop



## Pilgrimage...

It has been some time since my last pilgrimage. And I've been negligent in attending to my own need for renewal, for spiritual development and for continuing education. I'm planning to address these needs this autumn. The two years of pandemic were certainly a factor in my delay, as was all the busyness and adjustments that accompanied it. But, it is not good when we go too long without some spiritual renewal, and I've noted my own creativity and joyfulness diminished. It is times such as these that God calls us to himself, "Come away with me for a while." This is reflected in Jesus own example, of going off by himself from time to time to pray, and in his sometimes taking his disciples away to a place by themselves to pray.



Pilgrimage also often involves a journey to a holy place. It is an intentional time of prayer through that experience. You recall no doubt that my last such pilgrimage and continuing education was in January 2000, just before the pandemic hit, when I journeyed through the churches, cathedrals and galleries of Venice, Florence and Rome, studying religious art and experiencing the places where so much Church history took place. I even learned of a few saints with whom I was not familiar. That experience continues to inform what I preach and teach. A few years before that, in October 2018, I travelled to the Holy Land. That too was a life-changing pilgrimage, and one that still shapes my faith and ministry today.

In the fall, God-willing, I will be traveling to Ireland to make another such pilgrimage. I promised this to you back in March 2021, when we were celebrating our annual St. Patrick's Day event. Our Celtic Sunday is a wonderful tradition at St. Clement's and I think it important that I always preach and teach from first-hand knowledge, and so to the Emerald Isle I'll go. This journey will involve visiting many holy places, some of which I detail below, some sacred wells and so called "thin places." It is in Ireland where I hope to further deepen my comprehension of Celtic Christianity and come to terms with some of the aspects of that tradition that I find challenging. I also intend to get a more fulsome comprehension of how the Church grew there from its introduction to the formation of abbeys and where things are today.

Having said all this, I would add that I've been a student of Celtic Christianity for more than a decade. But there is what we read in books and then there is walking the actual ground, that is to say, experiencing it in the place where it blossomed. I look forward to walking in the footsteps of my patron saint and visiting the holy sites of other saints.

Some of the abbeys that I hope to visit seem to me more like citadels or fortresses. That's a bit different than we might expect when we think of monastics living in prayerful abodes. How involved, I've wondered, were those abbots or abbesses in administering a city or town surrounding their abbey, and under its protection, in relation to their role in spiritual matters and teaching? This is but one of my many questions

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Note that I included abbesses above. Women held important leadership roles in the Celtic Christian tradition. An abbess might well have had men under her command, and in some cases might have outranked a bishop. When, how, and why did these things change? I've got so many questions! I hope to answer a few. It was the Celts and the Irish particularly with their emphasis on abbeys as places of literacy and learning that has led some to claim that "the Irish saved civilization." Is that claim justified, I've asked myself. What they mean is that Irish abbeys kept people literate and learning through the dark ages, when much of the continent of Europe seem to be occupied with other things, and libraries and books were abandoned.

If all goes well, then I will arrive in Dublin on a Sunday morning. I'll make my way to St. Patrick's Cathedral, the 12th century, Anglican Church in that fair city, built upon the site where some claim that the good saint himself baptized some 1500 converts to the faith. After worship and experiencing the cathedral, I hope to see the following sites: Christ Church Cathedral, the Oratory of the Sacred Heart, and Trinity College with its famed *Book of Kells*, that beautifully illustrated 9th century Bible. Trinity College is undergoing some renovations and the *Book of Kells* may be too difficult to see. But if time allows I hope to see a few other sites in Dublin, and see the actual town of Kells.

From Dublin, I will make my way to Northern Ireland in route to Derry. I'll visit Belfast and then the coastal route to see some of the island nation's spectacular natural phenomena, including the geologic Giant's Causeway, as I contemplate the God of all creation. I'll stop off at a couple of castles along the way. There is also a hill in Northern Ireland where it is believed that St. Patrick was held captive during his first journey to Ireland, though I'm not sure I'll be able to get there. A bit further along is Derry, that town which straddles the line between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. I look forward to visiting St. Columb's Cathedral there, the wall and fortress that used to separate these peoples, and walking across the Friendship Bridge, which is a symbol of hope for their peaceful future together.

I'll then head South and West, visiting various abbeys and castles on my way to Westport in County Mayo. This is the closest major town to Crough Patrick, a famous pilgrimage mount. There I will hike, ascending to the place it is said that Patrick spent 40 days and nights on the mountaintop, like Moses and later Elijah had done (in other places and times). In Patrick's case, they say he contended with torment from a female serpent, whom he eventually banished. Well, there may not have actually been any snakes in Ireland before Patrick, but there certainly weren't any after him! Probably a metaphor, but we shall see.

From Crough Patrick, I will continue South toward Galway, stopping at various holy and historic sites and the Kylemore Abbey (here "Abbey" in the sense of a mansion house, like Downton, though it is presently occupied by nuns). There I'll walk the grounds and hike up to the life-size statue of Jesus in the pastor (complete with grazing sheep). The Lord is my Shepherd indeed! From there I will make my way to Galway in County Claire, where I plan to see the grand Galway Cathedral and the famous Spanish Arch, built by 16th century Spanish traders.

Not necessarily related, but there is a part of Spain, Galicia, which of course is from the word Gaelic. There were Celts in Spain and probably trade was substantial between these peoples. What other influences came to Ireland or went from Ireland to Spain, I have wondered. Galway is known for its music scene too and I hope to hear some "Trad Music" as it is known, for I find Celtic music inspires my soul. Think about those Celtic hymns that we have today. They are in some ways so simple, and at the same time so spiritually meaningful. They seem to capture in the sweetest of verses things we've struggled our whole lives to put into words. Perhaps it is because the Irish are at heart a poetic people.

From Galway, I'll continue South toward Killarney in County Kerry. I'll stop into the 7th century Kilmacduagh Monastery and resting place of St. Coleman (himself known for poetry and music), as well as Thoor Ballylee (or Yeat's Tower) where the more recent poet laureate wrote some of his famous verses. Once in Killarney, I will visit the 15th century Muckross Abbey. And I hope to hike in the national park to see the wildlife that so often finds representation in Celtic art (and to visit some of Ireland's beautiful waterfalls, if time allows).

The next day, I'm scheduled to be on the boat to Skellig Michael, a UNESCO world heritage site. These are remote islands where early Christian monks had their hermitage, and tried to live separate and apart from the world. In time, they discovered it was just too hard. If you've seen the Star Wars movie, *The Last Jedi*, you may know this is where Luke Skywalker hid himself, supposedly at the hardest place in the universe to find, where he hoped, nobody would come looking for him. He was wrong.

From Portmagee, I'll head to Cork, where on Sunday, I will worship at the 18th century St. Anne's Church (of Ireland) with its famous Shandon bells and tower. There are other sites to see in Cork, but I won't tarry too long, as I make my way to Cashel, where it is said that St. Patrick used the shamrock to describe the Holy Trinity, and converted the King of Munster. Cashel is also rumored to have one of the most impressive collections of Celtic art and medieval architecture to be found anywhere in the world. I'll then continue on to Glendalough.

If you haven't stopped reading by now, and if you're familiar with the geography of Ireland, you know that I will have almost circumnavigated the island by this point. I'll have slept in a different place every night and driven at least two hours each day. Rising early, praying and heading out (perhaps not always in that order). At Glendalough, I'll stay two nights at a hermitage which offers time for prayer and spiritual direction, if desired. I'll reflect upon this experience. I will visit the monastic city founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century, and the two lakes from whence Glendalough gets its name (Glen of two lakes), and where the good saint himself would retreat. And I'll recuperate a bit before driving to Dublin for the return flight.

I was aided in planning for this journey by several people who were knowledgeable, but I'm always open to your insights if you've been there and I've missed something significant. No doubt you'll hear a lot about this pilgrimage in the months ahead as it bears fruit in sermons, stories, eblasts, and in other places. I'm grateful to Judy Johnson, our Junior Warden, and Pat Warren, our Senior Warden, and many others who wish to remain anonymous for helping to make all this possible and for their gentle pushing to get me to finally do it. This is not for some months to come, but I hope you'll keep me in your prayers as it approaches, as I keep you in my prayers too.

As always, I welcome your feedback: [frpatrick@scbythesea.org](mailto:frpatrick@scbythesea.org)

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Patrick

# THE MARTINI CLUB

ON A SUNDAY IN 2003 A LONG TIME PARISHIONER, NORM KLEBER, WAS AT THE ALTAR RAIL FOR HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY BLESSING. TO A QUESTION REGARDING HIS LONG LIFE HE RESPONDED....AND A MARTINI EVERY DAY AT 5 O'CLOCK. A COUPLE IN THE CONGREGATION, JON & KARIN SHERMAN SAW THIS AS A MISSION OPPORTUNITY! THEY STARTED PICKING UP NORM EVERY THURSDAY AND WENT TO DIFFERENT RESTURANTS IN TOWN TO SEE WHO MADE THE BEST MARTINIS. THEIR FIRST STOP WAS IVA LEE'S. DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS THEY MET AT VARIOUS RESTURANTS ALL OF WHICH ARE CLOSED TODAY. THE GROUP WAS BEGINNING TO FEEL THEY WERE BAD LUCK. FORTUNATELY THEY WENT BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN, IVA LEE'S AT 555 N. EL CAMINO REAL. THIS TURNED OUT TO BE THE RIGHT

FIT AND THEY HAVE BEEN GATHERING THERE ON THURSDAYS FROM 5-6 O'CLOCK FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS.

WE ALWAYS START EVERY THURSDAY WITH A TOAST TO OUR GOOD HEALTH, OUR FRENDSHIPS AND THE REMEMBRANCE OF NORM. WHILE SEVERAL MEMBERS DO ORDER MARTINIS, OTHERS ORDER THEIR DRINK OF CHOICE. THE GROUP HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SOURCE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND OVER THE YEARS MANY STRONG FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN FORMED. NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: ROGER MORRISON, 949-361-0031

## You can help Ukrainian Refugees through Episcopal Relief & Development



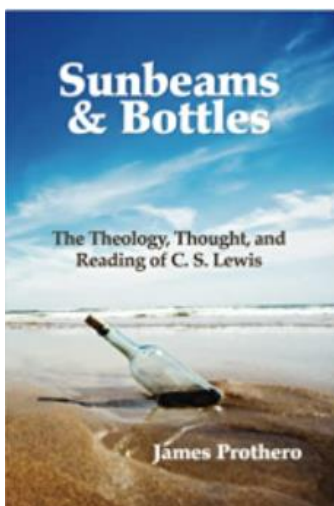
Your gift will help provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance to families from Ukraine.

Many have received an e-mail from Episcopal Relief and Development asking for donations to provide emergency assistance to the Ukrainian refugees. Episcopal Relief is supporting Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance) as it works through ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and other local organizations to provide emergency assistance such as food, shelter, water and basic supplies to refugees and people displaced within Ukraine. They have set up refugee support points on the Ukrainian side of the border where volunteers are providing refreshments, blankets and hygiene items for families waiting to cross into Hungary. HIA is in contact with its network of churches and organizations, as well as local governments in Hungary, to coordinate cash assistance, shelter, food and medicine for people who have been displaced. It is working through local partners to provide aid for refugees in Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Poland.

If you would like to continue to support these efforts, you can donate directly on their website at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>. Please continue to hold the people of Ukraine in your prayers and thoughts as they face this ongoing crisis.

## MY NEW BOOK IS OUT!

We have a published author in our midst!! Jim Prothero's new book on CS Lewis is out and available on Amazon as we speak! *Sunbeams and Bottles: the Theology, Thought, and Reading of CS Lewis* and looks at Lewis's broader theology, but principally in the fact that he resisted being pinned down by labels and thought-systems such as conservative, liberal, libertarian, evangelical, and even Anglican.



*"I think you'll find it challenges your thinking because Lewis always challenges our thinking. He once said that trying to systematize Christ's teaching was like trying to 'bottle a sunbeam.' I think the same is true of Lewis himself, and thus my title. The link is below. Enjoy."*

*Jim Prothero  
President, Deanery 10  
Parishioner and former Senior Warden*

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## Sunday School-Year in Review

Sunday School is the place to be on Sunday mornings at 10 am if you are a kid in Elementary School! Or if you are a just a kid at heart and like to have fun, I need a few more volunteers to help in Sunday School and Nursery. Please talk to me about this opportunity to serve St. Clement's!

We have had a very good year. We have studied the Gospel readings that go along with the Lectionary, as well as some Old Testament lessons. We have made crafts, played games, and even watched some funny videos too. We have twelve regular students and an occasional visitor or two. Our attendance has almost outgrown our room when everyone makes it to class on the same Sunday!

This year we offered a Communion Instruction Class that was well attended. The children learned what the Eucharist is about and why we celebrate it every week. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the children from the class were recognized at the Youth Service. We had made Communion Banners and they were hung in the church. Some children took their very first communion that day! What a special time!



*The children's Communion Banners*



*Some of the children from the class*



*Celebrating the Eucharist with their family*

We are approaching the end of our Sunday School year. Our last day will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>-The Day of Pentecost. We will end the year with a Happy Birthday to the church party! We will start up classes again in the fall with that date TBA.

Just a note that the nursery will be open during the summer for the 10:00 service and ready for children ages 0-4 years. Also, there will be children's bulletins and pencils available every week during the service. Ask the usher for one for your child!

Laurie Baxter

Vestry Member-Christian Education

# SUMMER COVENANT GROUPS

## A Great Time to Drop In

By popular demand, we will continue with our meetings this summer.  
If you aren't already in a group, please consider joining us for Bible study, fellowship and prayer.

For more information or the Zoom link to join in, contact:

WOMEN: Monday, 7 p.m. Contact Laura Casellas: [Laura.casellas@yahoo.com](mailto:Laura.casellas@yahoo.com) (203)451-7598 or

WOMEN: Friday, 11 a.m. (in person). Contact Hilary Viscount: [hviscount@gmail.com](mailto:hviscount@gmail.com) (714)932-2210

MEN: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Contact Beto Casellas: [betolaura@mac.com](mailto:betolaura@mac.com) (704)661-6994

CO-ED: Thursday, 7 p.m. Contact Ken and Laurie Baxter: [kbaxter@choc.org](mailto:kbaxter@choc.org) (630-674-5017)



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## PALM SUNDAY & EASTER WERE AMAZING

Thanks to our many volunteers, only a few of whom are pictured here, who helped to make these Sundays so spectacular







**JUNE 5TH**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
The Youth Group is  
preparing a  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
for you after the 10:00 am  
service.

**Wear Red !!!**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

All proceeds benefit the  
Navajoland Mission Trip  
-the Youth leave 6/20!

Your  
generosity is  
greatly  
appreciated !



## ANCHOR'S POTLUCK DINNER

Date: Friday, June 3, 2022

Time: 6pm—9pm

Location: Brigitte Bower's Home

RSVP and sign-up below!

B.Y.O.B

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ae2ba5f85-anchors2>



## New Dishwasher Completes Appliance Upgrades

The 15 year old dishwasher in the kitchen, which started leaking last month, has been replaced with a new and improved appliance. This completes the kitchen appliance upgrade project, made possible by year-end donations. The 20 year old ovens and range were replaced last month and reports are very positive for the newer, safer unit.

Operating the dishwasher is different than using a home dishwasher, and a detailed instruction sheet is being prepared.





## Summer Picnic Social

Sunday, July 10th

Immediately following the 10am service

**Save the date!**

**FUN!**  
**FOOD!**  
**GAMES!!**



Opportunities for contributions and dedications still available!

The sign-up poster will be available at coffee hour, along with envelopes for the donation and dedication information. You may also call or drop by the office to sign up. Donations can be dropped in the drop box, mailed, or use the QR code and indicate "Sunday Flowers". Please contact Katrina Soto with any questions.



St. Clement's parishioners love socializing after services at Coffee Hour!

We need more volunteers to host our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Coffee Hours!

Pick a date to host on the website  
Sign Up Genius!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040445a5ae2ba5f85-coffee>

Our Sunday Ushers are a vital part of who we are as a welcoming community of faith, and we need your help in this ministry. Ushers pro-



vide a warm welcome to our services, distribute bulletins, and guide visitors to our Sunday School, Nursery, etc. We need a minimum of two ushers for each service at 8am and 10am. These times require all of us working together to ensure a warm welcome to all.

Please sign up to help us.

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## *June Birthdays*

3-Melanie Grigg

5-Peter Knapp

9-Diana Olmedo

12-Christina Crerar

12-Kate Spencer

14-Mike Badstubner

14-Tom Seminoff

16-Robert Hagstrom

17-Anna Brownell

17-Amanda Patterson

18-Judy Johnson

20-Judy McDonald

22-Bishop Diane Bruce

22-Jo Mothershead

22-Cindy Young

24-Kent Adamson

24-Jerry McDonald

27-Pat Kensler

30-Brooks Spender

## *June Anniversaries*

7-Tom & Christi Seminoff

13-Matt & Debbie Hawblitzel

17-Bill Green & Bill Major

19-Will & Tatia Wallett

23-Fred Robinson & Claire Morrison

27-Mark & Sherilee Pocino



# *St. Clement's by-the-Sea* EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **San Clemente's First Church**

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8am Sunday: Holy Communion Rite I (spoken)  
10am Sunday: Holy Communion Rite II (with choir)  
12 pm Sunday: La Misa en Español

*as well as streaming on our YouTube channel*

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