15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 14, 2019

Saturday, July 13	11:30 am	St. Edmund's	Graveside Prayers for Walter Healey	
Saturday, July 13	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish	
Sunday, July 14	9:00 am	St. Edmund's	Larry Power	
(15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	11:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Freida Champagne	
Monday, July 15	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Evelyn LaVallée	
Tuesday, July 16	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Manuel Madelena	
Wednesday, July 17	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention	
Thursday, July 18	6:30 pm	St. Edmund's	J. Brian Johnston	
Friday, July 19	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Mass followed by scheduled Eucharistic adoration.	
(Third Friday)	3:00 pm		Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Sacred Heart Prayers	
			and Benediction.	
Saturday, July 20	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Cheryl Genereaux	
Sunday, July 21	9:00 am	St. Edmund's	Members of the Parish	
(16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	11:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Peter & Mary Bergeron	

Please Remember in Your Prayers: All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Sophia Hollister, Paul Hulsman, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Amanda Lake, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Sharon Butler, Leonard Kehoe, Terry Horrigan, Elinor McKenzie, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Germaine Wannamaker, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Janice Tracey, and Michelle Fobert.

Please let us know at the office if you would like to add to or remove a name from the list of the sick.

Offertory Collections:

St. Carthagh's	July 6 & 7	Regular Sunday	\$1,209
St. Edmund's	June 7	Regular Sunday	\$945

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTORS</u>	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	CHILDREN'S
		OF HOLY COMMUNION	LITURGY
St. Carthagh's	W = WELCOME		
Saturday, July 20	W – Sheila Toner Tara Harrison	Arthur Allore, Joan McTaggart, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, July 21	W – Sharon Eros Bob Eros	Bob & Sharon Eros, Don Kirkey, Greg Donohue	No Children's Liturgy during July & August
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, July 21	Bill Nash Donna Broek	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Bible Study will resume in the Fall.

<u>Presently, our Archbishop is conducting interviews with all his priests</u>. As soon as this exercise is completed, I will take a few days off beginning **Tuesday**, **July 23**, and be back on **Tuesday**, **August 6**, 2019.

On the weekend of **July 27/28**, Fr. Patrick Kelly will cover the Masses, while Fr. Joseph Machaj will cover the Masses for the weekend of **August 3/4**.

There is need to modify our schedule for Eucharistic adoration for August. We shall observe the regular **First Friday devotions on** *August 9* (not August 2), and the regular **Third Friday devotions on** *August 23* (not August 16).

Obviously, there will not be regular daily Masses, but the church will be opened for those who would like to drop in for personal visits and prayers.

Last Saturday, July 6, we had our annual Cemetery Mass. As usual, we are grateful to all who showed up, and even more grateful to those who played major roles to make it an all-round success. A justification for such a Mass for our departed dear ones lies in the question that the lawyer in this weekend's gospel, put to Jesus: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Yes, eternal life certainly concerns all of us. If there were a shopping mall offering it on sale, I believe all of us would troupe to it.

The response Jesus gave to the lawyer regarding how to come by eternal life isn't far-fetched. Jesus asked him to love God and to love his neighbour. This wasn't new to the lawyer. He already knew that love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable, but he did not have the capacity to love his neighbour. This is the reason why he was finding a way to exonerate himself by asking the question: "Who is my neighbour?" To answer him in a dramatic manner, Jesus told him the well-known story of the Good Samaritan.

The command to love God and one's neighbour is not so much an external law, but an internal one that comes from within one who has experienced the unconditional love and mercy of God. Consequently, it is not so much an obligation, but a love that springs from one's personal encounter with God, who is Love. Such love is given in freedom, not as a duty, because we see Christ in others. Unfortunately, the lawyer had not recognized Christ as the Good Samaritan. No wonder St. John wrote: "We love him because he first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19).

There are many who avail their talents, skills and resources to serve our faith community. Equally, many volunteer their time and energies in diverse areas, and still, others have commitments that build up our community in particular and society in general. Only the love of Christ in us can urge us on to truly love God and the neighbour to the end. We are therefore invited to continue to do everything out of love for God and neighbour, whether we live as parent, spouse, children, friend or colleague.

On Friday, July 12th, the highly acclaimed movie "Unplanned" was finally released in Canada. The movie is the story of Abby Johnson's conversion from Planned Parenthood's employee of the year, to one of the most highly sought-after leaders in the Pro-life movement, today. What she saw changed everything, for her and now for millions of others. This is a must-see movie for anyone on either side of the abortion issue and anyone in the middle. No one walks out of the movie unchanged. It's done wonders in the USA and now can do the same in Canada. Come and see God's Divine Mercy in action! Please bring someone with you. This is a great way to evangelize, just by taking someone to a movie. It can't get easier than that. The movie is showing in Ottawa at the Imagine Cinemas St. Laurent, Landmark Theater Kanata, and Cineplex-Scotiabank. Also in Cornwall at the Port Theater. For other locations check the Unplanned website."

<u>The Anchor of Hope is embarking on a "Baby Bottle Drive"</u> for this year. The bottles are at the back of St. Carthagh's church. Please, pick one up and return it with some coins. You will be supporting a very worthy cause. For further information contact Connie Hagerman, Centre Coordinator, *Anchor of Hope Pregnancy and Family Care Centre*, 135 Elgin Street Madoc, ON K0K 2K0. 613-473-0606.

Pilgrimage to Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac: Plan to attend the 81st annual pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Ann in Cormac on Sunday, July 28th, with Archbishop Michael Mulhall and Fr. Brian J.T. Clarke. The theme of the Pilgrimage will be "Ordinary Disciples, Extraordinary Call." The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with Archbishop Mulhall presiding, and a Mass of healing will be celebrated at 2:00 pm. Local priests will be assisting with the blessing with St. Ann's oil. A section of preferential seating in the shade will be given to those with lawn chairs. Religious articles, St. Ann's Mass League memberships, and food and refreshments will be available. Everyone welcome! For further information, please see: www.cormacpilgrimage.com

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