

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Nov. 24, 2019

Saturday, Nov. 23	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Nov. 24 <i>(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Gerald & Norma Cassidy Kathleen Cassidy
Monday, Nov. 25	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Joan Lent
Tuesday, Nov. 26	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Nov. 27	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	David Coates
Thursday, Nov. 28	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Jimmy Prevost
Friday, Nov. 29	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Living & Deceased Members of the James & Gertrude Courneyea Family
Saturday, Nov. 30	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Josie Romano
Sunday, Dec. 1 <i>(1st Sunday of Advent – Year A)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Helen Hicks

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

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	November 16 & 17	Regular Sunday	\$1,048
St. Edmund's	November 17	Regular Sunday	\$847

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>
St. Carthagh's	W = WELCOME		
Saturday, Nov. 30	W – Karen LaVallée Sheila Toner	Sheila Toner, Arthur Allore, Joan McTaggart	
Sunday, Dec. 1	W – Bob Eros Sharon Eros	Sheila Scott, Dan Dafoe, Don Kirkey, Greg Donohue	Leslie Paranuik
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Dec. 1	Cecilia Maines Patti Marlin	Vince Cassidy Jerry Cassidy	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

There will be Bible Study on **Tuesday, November 26** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

It is time again for the yearly K of C dues. Dues are \$35 if paid in 2019 and \$40 in the new year. Please place your money in an envelope marked K of C and put in the collection basket, or do an e-transfer to Durkin.shadyLane@xplornet.ca.

Community Soup Luncheon followed by an afternoon of games – cards, crokinole, crib, etc. **Mon., November 25**, 12-3 pm, at St. John's United Church, Tweed. Please join us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome, \$5.00 per person.

The Christmas church cleaning bee is scheduled for **Sat., November 30th**, at 9:00 am. All are welcome, as *“Many hands make light work!”*

The Annual Knights of Columbus Wine and Cheese Christmas Event will be held in Read Hall on **Tues., Dec. 3rd** following the 6:30 pm Mass in St. Charles Borromeo Church. An invitation is extended to all K of C members and their spouses and all widows in our parishes.

Tombstone inscriptions are some of the attractions in cemeteries. “Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal” is a popular one you will find on an Irish tombstone. Similarly, Jesus also had a tombstone inscription written by Pilate. It reads: “This is the King of the Jews.” Thus, *INRI*, the abbreviation for “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews,” at the top of every crucifix. The 4th Gospel tells us that this was the idea of Pilate. The title “King” was meant as an insult and cruelty, aimed, not at Jesus but at the Jewish leaders who had pressured Pilate to hand Jesus over to be crucified.

As we read the tombstone inscription of Jesus which identifies him as “King,” what images pop up in us? Perhaps we visualize a man of enormous power and wealth, an extensive estate owner, commander-in-chief of a large and great army. He lives in a palace, clothes himself luxuriously; travels in grand style, holds banquets and cocktails and his subjects obey him to the letter. This is the kind of king the Jews were hoping for. If Jesus had adopted this image of kingship, they would have accepted him as the Messiah, the Anointed One. Unfortunately, he did not. Rather, Jesus’ kingship **was** the direct opposite of an earthly king. He was born, not in a palace but in a stable; he grew up in a humble home, earned his living by manual work. He travelled around the country on foot, lodged with friends, shared meals with sinners and prostitutes. He owned no land, commanded no army and had no servants. He died in shame and obscurity.

When Jesus began his public ministry, he announced to everyone a kingdom: “The Kingdom of God is close at hand.” Many thought he was speaking of an earthly kingdom. Some started to follow him, expecting him to raise an army to free their land from foreign occupation and domination. When they saw Jesus feed the 5000 with a few loaves and fish, they were amazed at his power and wanted to seize him and make him their king. As time went by they were disillusioned. He had done nothing to fulfill their hopes, so they rejected him. They had completely misunderstood what he meant when he spoke of “his Kingdom.”

The Kingdom of God to which Jesus belongs is radically different from the world. Jesus tries to describe it in a number of parables:

- ❖ The kingdom is like a priceless treasure worth more than the most valuable pearl;
- ❖ It is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a huge tree providing shelter;
- ❖ It is a place where good and evil survive side by side;
- ❖ It is alive and active and expanding like a yeast in dough;
- ❖ Rich people find it difficult to enter and most highly regarded subjects are servants;
- ❖ It is located within you, no need to travel to it!

You, your family and all are invited to Jesus’ kingship. One man, the Good thief, did acknowledge Jesus as his king. He is our model and example. Jesus walked with him on the road to Calvary. This thief saw how soldiers taunted him, humiliated him and placed a crown of thorns on his head and labeled him “King of the Jews.” Yet Jesus bore all this calmly and bravely. He did not protest his innocence nor respond angrily to the shouts of the bystanders; but forgave his tormentors. There is dignity and majesty in his bearing. For him, Jesus’ kingdom is a place where sins are forgiven, enemies reconciled and death overcome. It is ruled by a loving, gentle and humble king who came principally to “save others.” For this reason he asked to be part of Jesus’ kingdom: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

As we come to the end of our year of worship, we have a special invitation to accept Jesus as the king of our hearts, families and parish. Being his subjects, we are expected to be loyal and serviceable. What is the reward? When we meet him in death, he will say to us: “I promise you; today you will be with me in paradise.” Long Live Christ Our King!

Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program: Adopt-A-Family information is now available on the table at the entrance of the church. Due to the renovations at the old Salvation Army Church and lack of space available, they have decided to provide PC gift cards in lieu of food donations this year. Please sign up to donate a clothing/gift item or leave a monetary donation toward a gift card. Please remember to take the corresponding tag and return it with your donated gift. Also, we are requested NOT to wrap the children’s gifts. Please have your donations delivered to the church on or before **Sunday, December 15th**. Thank you once again for your generosity.

The Sunday Missals for our next Liturgical Year (A) are at the back of the churches. Please pick one up for your personal use. A donation of \$3.00 will be much appreciated to help defray the cost.