

1st Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2019

Saturday, Nov. 30	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Josie Romano
Sunday, Dec. 1 (1 st Sunday of Advent – Year A)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Helen Hicks
Monday, Dec. 2	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Benedict & Evelyn LaVallée
Tuesday, Dec. 3	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Dec. 4	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Thursday, Dec. 5	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Friday, Dec. 6 (Eucharistic Adoration)	9:00 am 6:40 pm 7:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by scheduled adoration. Sacred Heart Prayers and Benediction. Mass
Saturday, Dec. 7	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Terry Meeks
Sunday, Dec. 8 (2 nd Sunday of Advent – Year A)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Norman Champagne

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, Irene Newman, and Pat Kirkey.

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 23 & 24	Regular Sunday	\$1,057
St. Edmund's	November 24	Regular Sunday	\$686

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, Dec. 7	W – Karen LaVallée Sheila Toner	Maria Cockburn, Greg Donohue, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Dec. 8	W – Don Kirkey Emily Morton	Bob & Sharon Eros, Lori Robinson, Carol Badluk	Maria Cockburn
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Dec. 8	Marian Dolan Arthur Allore	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

New Lector & Eucharistic Minister Lists for St. Carthagh's are now available to be picked up at the entrance of the church.

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.

On Dec. 15 we shall have the visit of Mr. David DeSantis, Director of Education for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. Following the **9:00 am** Mass at Stoco and the **11:00 am** Mass at Tweed he will briefly address the congregation.

This weekend, we begin a new liturgical year with the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent, Year A. The Lectionary Readings, until next Advent, for Sundays will be taken from Year A and for the weekdays from Year II. What is Advent? The Collect or Prayer of the Assembly answers this question: *Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.* Advent is a period of preparation given to us by the Church to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Christ. This special time extends over four Sundays, before Christmas. The season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. First of all, it is our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, it directs the mind and heart to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is also a season to be aware of Christ's coming in our daily lives through grace. May be a point that should be dear to us is the understanding that more than ever, Christ wants to be born, not so much in Bethlehem but in the Bethlehem of our hearts and lives. This is the reason why we need to prepare our hearts so that Christ can find a fitting place in them. One practical way to get ourselves ready for the Lord's coming is by making an Advent Confession. Our Advent confessions for the parish are scheduled for **Friday, December 13**, at St. Carthagh's. We shall start with a *Penitential Service* at **6:30 pm** to dispose us more favourably for *individual confessions* at **7:00 pm**. There will be altogether 3 priests.

A typical feature of Advent is the Advent Wreath. The Wreath is a popular religious custom whose use should be encouraged in homes, schools and churches as a means of highlighting the Church's joyful prayer as she waits for the return of her Lord and Saviour. It can assist families to maintain a prayerful atmosphere in the home. In the Church it helps to connect the religious practice of the parish to the home and school. Shirley Kehoe has generously put together our Advent Wreath for 2019. As usual, we are deeply indebted to her for her time, skill, sacrifice and pastoral zeal.

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.

A number of people turned up for the church cleaning bee on Sat., Nov. 30, at St. Carthagh's Church. It remains true that "many hands make light work!" We are much appreciative of the sacrifice of their time and energies for the church and for the community.

Christmas Flower Donations: St. Carthagh's CWL members will be at the back of the church following Mass on the weekends of **Dec. 1st** and **8th** to receive your kind donations for flowers for our Christmas decorations. Any personal donations of a Christmas floral is certainly welcome as well. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

<i>Dec. 24</i>	St. Carthagh's	5:00 pm
<i>Dec. 24</i>	St. Edmund's	7:30 pm
<i>Dec. 25</i>	St. Carthagh's	10:00 am
<i>Dec. 31</i>	St. Edmund's	5:00 pm
<i>Jan. 1</i>	St. Carthagh's	10:00 am

