

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2019

Saturday, Dec. 14	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Ray Rivers
Sunday, Dec. 15 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year A)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas Members of the Parish
Monday, Dec. 16	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Jimmy Prevost
Tuesday, Dec. 17	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Dec. 18	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Thursday, Dec. 19	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Special Intention of the Bissett Family
Friday, Dec. 20 (Third Friday)	9:00 am 3:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Mass followed by scheduled Eucharistic adoration. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Sacred Heart Prayers and Benediction.
Saturday, Dec. 21	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Evelyn LaVallée
Sunday, Dec. 22 (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Year A)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Paul Larkin Members of the Parish

**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, 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	December 7 & 8	Regular Sunday	\$1,434
St. Edmund's	December 8	Regular Sunday	\$845

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>
<b>St. Carthagh's</b>	<b>W = WELCOME</b>		
Saturday, Dec. 21	W – Natalie Harrison Tara Harrison	Sheila Toner, Carol Genereaux, Arthur Allore	
Sunday, Dec. 22	W – Shirley Kehoe Emily Morton	Bob & Sharon Eros, Shirley Kehoe, Lori Robinson	Marian Dolan
<b>St. Edmund's</b>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Dec. 22	Marian Nash Andre Cassidy	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**There will be Bible Study** on **Tuesday, December 17** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

**Mr. David DeSantis, the Director of Education** for Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, was scheduled to address us following the **9:00 am** Mass at Stoco and the **11:00 am** Mass at Tweed. Some urgent matters have come up and he has to attend to them. He has therefore postponed his visit with us until the next **Sunday, Dec. 22**. Please, let us look forward to him next Sunday at the end of our Masses.

**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.

**How do you feel?** Well, some of us may be feeling like we are in the wilderness, lost and confused, under wintry conditions. Feeling tired, life becomes monotonous, anemic and we cannot feel the presence of God. We cannot pray and God seems so far away.

Then there are those who are sick, physically, emotionally, spiritually. Their health is failing. Many are losing their memory and some are losing their hearing. Then there are those who are in depression and leaning towards despair. Those who are care-givers are stressed because looking after the sick and the elderly can be very challenging; not only in having to attend to their physical and medical needs but trying to understand their emotional and psychological make-up as well. Still, others are bereaved and are on the journey of pain and grief. If we feel this way, then the prophet Isaiah says, “Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you.”

As we enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent this weekend, the liturgy wants to assure us that the Lord is indeed coming to save us and restore us to fullness of life. The promise made to the Israelites is also ours. “The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.” This prophecy is fulfilled with the coming of the Messiah, that is, Christ the Lord. In the gospel, Jesus neatly carried out this prophecy in his message to the delegation sent by John the Baptist: “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have good news brought to them.” This is part of the crucial evidence Jesus is offering John the Baptist and us that he is truly the Messiah sent and empowered by God to lead us to the fullness of life. If we sincerely seek God, then, we must come to Jesus Christ in humility and trust in his mercy and love. The nearness of our Saviour to us is a reason for joy and gladness within ourselves, between us and in our community. Let us light people's hearts with the joyful smile of the nearness of Christ our Saviour.

**This Sunday, Dec. 15, St. Edmund's CWL members** will be at the back of St. Edmund's Church to receive your kind donations for Christmas Flower decorations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**The last two Sundays, St. Carthagh's CWL members were at the church doors** to receive your kind donations for flowers for our Christmas decorations. Jointly with them, we would like to thank all of you for your generous donations towards the beautification of our sanctuary. Your donations are expressions of your eagerness to give Christ a fitting welcome into our community. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

**St. Carthagh's & St. Edmund's Collection Envelopes for 2020** are available at the back of our churches. Please pick up your box. If you did not get a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact the church office.

**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.

**Quick reminder and invitation to visit** <http://www.carthagedmund.org>. It is easy to navigate and you will find it spiritually and socially uplifting. Please, don't wait to be told, dive into it and experience it yourself.

## Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

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

