

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 5, 2020

Saturday, Jan. 4	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Jan. 5 <i>(Epiphany of the Lord)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Joan Cassidy John Edmund Cassidy
Monday, Jan. 6	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Tuesday, Jan. 7	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Jan. 8	10:30 am 6:00 pm	Moira Place St. Carthagh's	No Intention Parents' Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 9	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Joan Cassidy
Friday, Jan. 10	9:30 am	St. Carthagh's	School Mass
Saturday, Jan. 11	10:30 am 5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Carthagh's	Baptism of Evelyn Erin Palmateer John Munro
Sunday, Jan. 12 <i>(Baptism of the Lord)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Jimmy Prevost

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, Pat Kirkey, and Deacon Peter Kelly.

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 28 & 29	Regular Sunday Christmas	\$2,063 \$1,803
St. Edmund's	December 29	Regular Sunday Christmas	\$1,568 \$1,135

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, Jan. 11	W – Tara Harrison Natalie Harrison	Greg Donohue, Joan McTaggart, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Jan. 12	W – Sharon Eros Bob Eros	Sheila Scott, Lori Robinson, Carol Badluk, Dan Dafoe	Maria Cockburn
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Jan. 12	Marian Dolan Arthur Allore	Vince Cassidy Jerry Cassidy	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Bible Study will resume after the Christmas Season.

The next K of C meeting is **Tues., Jan. 7**, with Mass at 6:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo in Read, followed by the meeting at the home of Ron Durkin - 1149 Read Rd.

The next meeting of the St. Carthagh's CWL will be **Monday, February 10**, at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Tweed Community Dinner: Be our guest on **Tues., Jan. 21**, 5 – 6 pm at the White Building. This is a 'pay what you can' dinner, with this month's receipts going to pay for next month's dinner. January's main course is Shepherd's Pie, prepared by the Roman Catholic Church team. Reserve your place by calling Lynda at [613-478-3181](tel:613-478-3181), leaving your name, phone #, and the number attending. Cut-off date for **reservations is Jan. 14**, or 100 reservations, whichever comes first. These dinners are sponsored by the Tweed Area Churches and THAS.

Have you ever given a serious thought to your faith in Christ? Do you realise that it is fundamentally a gift God has blessed you with? The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend offers you an opportunity to thank God for the gift of faith and to make conscious efforts to grow in your faith.

The readings insist very much that faith is divine light, it is grace for our life. We do not merit it, it is free. Faith is like a lamp, a torch lighting up our way. The first reading emphasises that in the child Jesus "your light has come." Thus in this light, Christ, we can "arise and shine." We see this light at work in the activity of the guiding star of the Gospel which led the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Your faith should lead you to Jesus and your faith should enable you to worship Jesus in spirit and in truth. Your faith should lead you to offer your heart and your life to Jesus. Your personal relationship with Jesus solidifies your faith in Christ.

Faith then is the source of joy in our life. For instance, the sight of the star, the light of faith, filled the wise men with joy. What is thrilling about the Magi and inspiring for us is their dedication. They dedicated themselves to seeking and worshipping the Son of God. They were passionate and committed to finding him no matter how far away he might be and no matter the cost to them. When they found him they humbled themselves before him – a newborn baby – and offered royal gifts. Obviously in the child, they saw a king! This is what faith enabled them to see and to worship!

These Magi were the first non-Jews, therefore, pagans, to be led by God's grace to worship the Saviour of humanity. We have followed later and many more will follow if we also reflect God's grace to them. So we can pray, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Like Paul the Persecutor, we do not deserve to know Christ and to have a personal relationship with him, but it is by his grace that we are who we are (cf. Eph. 2:8). We have "become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. On account of this divine light of faith, we too can look forward confidently to the fullness of life promised to all who believe in him. "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life" (Jn. 3:36).

One of the parishioners complimented me on the quality and quantity of Christmas cards displayed in the sitting room. I think the compliment should come to you my parishioners and friends. These cards come from you. They come in various colours and shapes, messages and inspirations. Some of their envelopes contain monetary gifts and gift cards. Some come along with hampers. Still others contain Mass intentions for my personal intentions and ministry. I would like to thank each of you very sincerely for your kindness and active participation in the life and mission of our parishes. I have benefited immensely from these encouraging messages presently and over the years. It was from a Christmas card message that I got the inspiration to pray to the Holy Spirit each day for guidance. I have done this faithfully for 10 years. This year, I received from one of my Maltese friends the following prayer, "Daily Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary." The prayer resonates so well with my spiritual cravings and I have decided to adopt it as part of my daily prayer. Please, find it below should you also want to take it on board.

Daily Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, I consecrate my entire self to the Most Holy Love of Your Two Hearts. I wish to make reparation for all the sins of the world, including my own. I offer these things for the love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. I will keep my mind on beauty and turn my thoughts from evil things. I will hold my temper and bear the mistakes of others with love and a forgiving heart. I will admit when I am wrong and ask others to forgive me. I will not show off, but remain humble. I will offer up all my sufferings, sicknesses and hurts and seek God's Will, not my own. I will show appreciation for

the kindness and blessings that I receive, and thank God for all things. I will do everything in my life for love of God and I will love others as God has loved me. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, receive the offering and consecration I now make of myself to You. Keep me faithful until death and bring me one day to the happy home in heaven. I desire to live forever with God the Father and the Most Holy Spirit and You my Lord Jesus, together with Your Most Immaculate Mother. Amen. **Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary**, please protect us.

St. Carthagh's Parish Annual Breakfast Fundraiser

Scheduled to take place on **Sunday, January 19**, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, at the White Building across from the Arena. It is \$10.00 per person, and free for children under 5 years. All are cordially welcome to a sumptuous breakfast, and to socialize with others.