

Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2020

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
Monday, Jan. 13	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Tuesday, Jan. 14	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Jan. 15	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Thursday, Jan. 16	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Friday, Jan. 17 <i>(Third Friday)</i>	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, Jan. 18	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Paul Larkin
Sunday, Jan. 19 <i>(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Joan Cassidy 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 Ligon, 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 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	January 4 & 5	Regular Sunday	\$1,499
St. Edmund's	January 5	Regular Sunday	\$1,213

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. 18	W – Karen LaVallée Arthur Allore	Arthur Allore, Sheila Toner, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Jan. 19	W – Dan Dafoe Olivia Dafoe	Lori Robinson, Carol Badluk, Shirley Kehoe, Don Kirkey	Marian Dolan
St. Edmund's	LECTORS	USHERS	
Sunday, Jan. 19	Bill Nash Donna Broek	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

There will be Bible Study on **Tuesday, January 14** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

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

Archdiocesan Workshop for all Parish Musicians: MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Facilitator: Fr. John Hibbard and Archdiocesan Music Committee

Two Locations - same Workshop on Saturdays:

February 1 – St. John Bosco Church, **Brockville** (175 Windsor Dr.)

February 8 – Holy Rosary Church, **Belleville** (169 North Park St.)

Time: 9:30am-2:30pm. Lunch included. Free will offering. **Registration is Required**, and due a week before each workshop. Please call Gorett at the Diocesan Centre 613-548-4461 or email ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

On Saturday, January 11, 2020, we had the baptism of Evelyn Erin Palmateer, the newest and youngest member of our faith community. It sets the tone for us to celebrate this weekend the Baptism of the Lord. With this celebration, we conclude the Christmas-Epiphany season, and begin the Sundays of Ordinary Time. From the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany, the Church fast forwards to the time of Jesus' calling when he was anointed to announce the Good News to all. It is therefore an opportune time for us to reflect on our own baptism.

For many people, it appears that the real reason for seeking baptism is to obtain access to a Catholic School for their child or ward. Well, that isn't a bad reason, but we should not stop there. So this weekend, let us take a shot at the meaning and implications of our baptism.

Firstly, baptism brings about the forgiveness of sins. That is what the baptism of John the Baptist did. This is true also of our baptism. When we are baptised, we are washed clean of our guilt and our past. As a result of this spiritual bath, we are reconciled with God and we put on Christ as our new way of life.

Secondly, baptism speaks of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is not just sufficient to say that our sins are forgiven, what is equally significant is the anointing of the Spirit. So Christ's baptism excels that of John in that it is also the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Christian baptism or to be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we share in the Spirit of the Father and the Son. For this reason, we are called sons and daughters of God. Christ is the natural Son, we are adopted children. The Spirit that is given to Jesus is given to us as well. Further, to be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we are chosen for service, we are not chosen for ourselves. This point is often overlooked by many Catholics. They think baptism is an individual and personal matter. Similarly, Confirmation is not just for oneself but a call to service. To be baptised and confirmed is always for service and for mission. This mission entails that we make things right with God and with one another; we set others free from, for instance, sin, addictions, anger, guilt, fear, selfishness and pride. To be baptised with the Spirit also invites us to do good, perform works of mercy and charity. As you see, Christian baptism calls and challenges us to live a Christ-like life and mission patterned on the life and mission Christ received in his Baptism and Confirmation. How seriously do you take your baptism and confirmation?

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.

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.