

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 26, 2020

Saturday, Jan. 25	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Michael Gannon
Sunday, Jan. 26 <i>(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)</i> <i>(Sunday of the Word of God)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Joan Cassidy Members of the Parish
Monday, Jan. 27	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Tuesday, Jan. 28	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Jan. 29	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Sister Monica (Agnes Rosetta) DeMarsh
Thursday, Jan. 30	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Joan Cassidy
Friday, Jan. 31	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Saturday, Feb. 1	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Feb. 2 <i>(The Presentation of the Lord)</i> <i>(World Day for Consecrated Life)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Paul Larkin Norman & Pearl 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 Ligon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Germaine Wannamaker, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Janice Tracey, Michelle Fobert, Mary Stafford Cassidy, Ben Paul, and Sharon Butler.

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 18 & 19	Regular Sunday	\$690
St. Edmund's	January 19	Regular Sunday	\$697

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, Feb. 1	W – Karen LaVallée Sheila Toner	Maria Cockburn, Greg Donohue, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Feb. 2	W – Bob Eros Sharon Eros	Sheila Scott, Carol Badluk, Don Kirkey, Shirley Kehoe	Marian Dolan
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Feb. 2	Cecilia Maines Patti Marlin	Gerard Whalen Bill Marlin	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

There will be Bible Study on **Tuesday, January 28** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

There will be a Turkey Stew Luncheon on **Monday, January 27** from Noon – 3pm, followed by an afternoon of games of your choice at St. John's United Church, Tweed. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Please come and join us for an afternoon of good food, fellowship and fun.

The next K of C meeting will be **Tues., Feb. 4**, 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.

A great THANK YOU to St. Charles, Read, Knights of Columbus! They have donated \$1000 to St. Carthagh's Church, and \$1000 to St. Edmund's Church to go towards heating costs.

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As you already know, we are currently in Year A of the Liturgical Year. The Sunday Gospel for this particular Year is the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Matthew's Gospel was written during the second half of the first century in order to encourage the small and fragile communities of converted Jews who lived in the region of Galilee and Syria. They suffered persecution and threats from their Jewish brethren who saw them as traitors for accepting and believing Jesus as the true Messiah. In order to ground them in their faith, the Gospel of Matthew emphasizes that Jesus is really the Messiah and that the salvation which Jesus brings is not only for the Jews, but also for all people of all races and cultures. The readings for this weekend, present this universal salvation to us as a divine initiative.

In the gospel, the news of the arrest and imprisonment of John the Baptist compels Jesus to immediately take up the torch of the Gospel, the Good News of Salvation. Jesus continued exactly from where John had stopped. John had said: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt.3:2). So Jesus continued with the same message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt. 4:17). In other words, the preaching of the Gospel entails risks but Jesus did not allow himself to be frightened and intimidated. Besides, nobody has the capacity to quench the light of truth or drown the power of the Good News! In this way, Matthew encourages these Jewish Christian communities which were running the same risk of persecution for their faith.

Additionally, Matthew quotes the text of Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone." Matthew makes it clear that the light of Christ which shines in "Galilee of the Gentiles" shines also outside the frontiers of Israel. Jesus is light not only to the Jews but also to the non-Jews. He is light for all. Like Jesus, these communities were invited to be light for others. This invitation is equally true for Christians of all denominations. In other words, all Christians are called to reach out to others in their need, to bring consolation to the housebound, to be voice for the voiceless and to bring the compassion of the Lord to others. Perhaps the question to ask is, how are you trying to live today, the universality of salvation?

In the universal Church, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time has been designated by Pope Francis as "**Sunday of the Word of God.**" By it, the Holy Father is inviting Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his word. All of us are encouraged to make the Scriptures part of our everyday lives.

May the Word of God always give us joy, nurture our Christian lives, console us in times of need and call us to deeper service when we are lukewarm. One practical thing you could do is to intensify your reading of the "*Word Among Us.*"

One practical way of diffusing the light of our Christian faith is to adopt a lifestyle of "see-judge-act." In this line, it has been observed that some of the most vulnerable in our community, seniors whose OAS payments barely cover their rent and groceries, are in need of toiletries. The Committee for the Tweed Community Dinners is asking for donations of soap, toothpaste, deodorant, powders, shampoo, washcloths, towels, etc. Together with Sheila Toner, our rep on this Committee, the Committee members will collect these items, put them in individual boxes and send them to the Food Bank for distribution to those who need them. They also need empty shoe boxes or similar sized boxes to put the items in. Hopefully, this will be an ongoing project until there is no longer a need. It takes a village! Be part of that village that puts a smile on the needy! Please bring donations to the back of the churches and put them in the Foodbank containers. Sheila Toner and Marian Dolan will collect them.

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 Goret at the Diocesan Centre 613-548-4461 or email ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

CWL Membership dues can be placed in the special collection envelope that is included in your envelope boxes. Please note that the dues are still \$20.

Income Tax receipts for 2019 are now available at the entrance of our churches. They are arranged in alphabetical order by last name.