

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2020

Saturday, Feb. 8	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Paul Larkin
Sunday, Feb. 9 (5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Leonard Kehoe
Monday, Feb. 10	6:30 pm	St. Carthagh's	Thanksgiving on the occasion of Patricia Kirkey's Birthday
Tuesday, Feb. 11	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Feb. 12	10:30 am	Moira Place	No Intention
Thursday, Feb. 13	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Special Intentions
Friday, Feb. 14	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Saturday, Feb. 15	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Feb. 16 (6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Patrick Cassidy Leonard Kehoe

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, 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, and Karen Kiefer.

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	February 1 & 2	Regular Sunday	\$1,391
St. Edmund's	February 2	Regular Sunday	\$1,002

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. 15	W – Natalie Harrison Tara Harrison	Sheila Toner, Arthur Allore, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Feb. 16	W – Shirley Kehoe Emily Morton	Sheila Scott, Shirley Kehoe, Don Kirkey, Greg Donohue	Marian Dolan
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Feb. 16	Bill Nash Donna Broek	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

There will be no Bible Study this week.

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

Our next Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19**, at 7:00 pm, in the rectory. If you have any agenda points, please submit them to Fr. Aidan.

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

February 11 will be the World Day of the Sick. None of us is a stranger to sickness. The ministry of Jesus to the sick and the vulnerable is central to the life of the Church and therefore to the life of every Christian. **February 11** (*Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes*) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us all that service to the sick and suffering is an expression of our faith. One fundamental aim of the World Day of the Sick is to recognize the great efforts of all who are in the health profession and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

The High School I attended, had as motto in Latin, “Lumen Splendeat,” which means, “*Let your light shine.*” I believe it must have been based on the Gospel for this weekend in which Jesus addresses Christians as salt and light: “You are the light of the world...you are the salt of the earth.” I think this is a very high compliment Jesus paid to his followers. By implication Jesus knew very well that there were some people who had inside them some genuine goodness that wasn't yet made visible to others. Their lives were like burning lamps hidden under the bushel basket. The light was there but they kept it hidden! It was for this reason Jesus appealed to them, “*lumen splendeat*” (“*let your light shine*”). When Jesus called his disciples ‘the light of the world,’ he wasn't talking to a select group of superior men and women. Rather, he was talking to ordinary Christians like us at St. Carthagh and St. Edmund. The compliment of Jesus is therefore applicable to all of us in our faith community. We need to consider the possibility and likelihood that each of us possesses some light. It may not yet be shining on others; we may not even be aware of it, but somewhere inside each of us is a burning lamp, some radiance, some ray of light which a dark world desperately needs. It could just be your conviction to do good to others irrespective of how people receive you or reject you.

May be this idea will become more believable if we consider how Jesus was using the word ‘light.’ He was speaking symbolically. Throughout the Bible, light is used as a symbol for truth, goodness and beauty. Jesus was using it that way. We ourselves use it that way. And so Jesus was telling his disciples and us that we all have within us some goodness, some truth and some beauty that could light up the life of a brother or sister. Our responsibility is to let that light shine, to take the light out of its hiding place, and put it on a stand where others can benefit from its radiance.

Yes, each one of us has within us some light, but we should not lose sight of the fact that we also may have some darkness. Our lives are a strange mixture of both light and darkness! The question is which one are we putting on public display? Jesus reiterates this weekend, “***Lumen splendeat!***”

Many of you will recall that St. Carthagh's annual breakfast fundraiser came off on **Sunday, January 19**. It was a grand success. It yielded \$1,500. The proceeds have gone to the parish to supplement the heating cost of the church. As usual many people have made generous contributions and many have worked very hard in varied areas. The Parish Finance Committee would like to join its voice to that of Shirley Kehoe to thank everybody. Special thanks to our generous contributors, all the great people who availed their time and energies and particularly the younger ladies who went the extra mile. In varying degrees, we have all profited of the occasion of this fundraiser to be “salt and light” in our community. Let us keep up our collaborative spirit!

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching. Lent begins on **Feb. 26, 2020**. With its focus on repentance, change of heart, prayer and almsgiving, it will be important for all of us to begin Lent with the Ash Wednesday Mass and the imposition of the ashes. To this end, we shall have two Masses, one in the morning at St. Carthagh's at 9:30 am, and the other in the evening at 7:00 pm at St. Edmund's. The morning Mass will also accommodate the School community.

The ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the palm branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It will be appreciated if you can please bring back your old palm branches to the back of the church by **February 23**.

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.