

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 2020

Saturday, Feb. 22	11:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Carthagh's	Parents Meeting Allan Kirkey
Sunday, Feb. 23 <i>(7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Leonard Kehoe
Monday, Feb. 24	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Lorna DeMarsh
Tuesday, Feb. 25	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No intention
Wednesday, Feb. 26 <i>(Ash Wednesday)</i>	9:30 am 7:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Edmund's	School Mass Patrick Cassidy
Thursday, Feb. 27	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Intentions of the Johnston & LaBerge Families
Friday, Feb. 28	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Thanksgiving Mass to mark the 55 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Don & Patricia Kirkey
Saturday, Feb. 29	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Owen Durkin
Sunday, Mar. 1 <i>(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Margaret Mundy

**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, Karen Kiefer, and Marilyn Sherrow.

*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 15 & 16	Regular Sunday	\$1,096
St. Edmund's	February 16	Regular Sunday	\$667

*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, Feb. 29	W – Tara Harrison Natalie Harrison	Greg Donohue, Arthur Allore, Sheila Toner	
Sunday, Mar. 1	W – Don Kirkey Bob Eros	Sheila Scott, Shirley Kehoe, Don Kirkey, Dan Dafoe	Marian Dolan
<b>St. Edmund's</b>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Mar. 1	Cecilia Maines Patti Marlin	Vince Cassidy Jerry Cassidy	

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**There will be Bible Study** on **Tuesday, February 25** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

**Community Soup & Games** at St. John's United Church, Tweed, on **Monday, February 24** from Noon – 3pm. Enjoy a lunch of hearty soup, followed by games of your choice, euchre, crib, checkers. Cost is \$5.00 per person, with take-out available for the lunch.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting: Tuesday, March 3.** Mass at 6:30 pm, at St. Charles Church, in Read, followed by the meeting in the home of Ron Durkin, 1149 Read Rd.

**The World Day of Prayer** is scheduled to take place on **March 6, 2020** at St. Edmund's at 1:00 pm. The theme is: *"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"* (Jn 5:2-9a). The materials have been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Theirs is a fearless call to act decisively in love for peace and reconciliation. Refreshments will follow after the service in St. Edmund's Hall. All are cordially welcome!

**The next meeting of the St. Carthagh's CWL** will be **Monday, March 16**, at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

**Many of us, I believe, would agree that two wrongs never make a right!** Jesus also endorses this thinking, making it a foundational teaching of Christianity: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." So this weekend, we may want to explore what makes Christians different from others; and what makes Christianity distinct from any and every other religion? It is grace – treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wants them to be treated; with loving-kindness and mercy; for two wrongs never make a right!

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend, "The Lord is merciful and gracious," is the Psalmist's testimony of how he experiences God. God is mercy! He is gracious! He is good to the unjust as well as to the just. His love embraces the saint and the sinner alike. God always seeks our highest good, and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love, even of those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown us.

Admittedly, it is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so, but certainly much harder when we can expect nothing in return. But it is precisely in this that Jesus is different and unique. This is the way of Christ, the way of grace, benevolence and forgiveness. He wins people over with love, kindness and mercy. For him, love is stronger than hate, generosity is stronger than greed and selfishness, and light always stronger than darkness. This also has been the secret of St. Francis of Assisi captured in his famous prayer: "Make me a channel of your love."

When we pray for those who do us harm, as the Lord instructs, our prayer breaks both the power of revenge and releases the power of love, God's love, to do good in the face of evil. Such is the power of God's love. It conquers even our hurts, fears, prejudices and grieves. It brings freedom, pardon and reconciliation. This weekend, with St. Francis, we can pray:

*"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; when there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying [to ourselves] that we are born to eternal life."*

**Archdiocesan Celebration of the Rite of Election and Rite of Calling Baptized Candidates to Lenten Renewal:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, **March 1**, at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Archbishop Mulhall will celebrate the Rite of Election with Catechumens from the Archdiocese of Kingston. Following this, all Candidates Baptized in other Church's traditions who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church will be celebrating the Rite of Calling to Lenten Renewal. Parishioners, sponsors, RCIA team members and pastors are welcome to attend this special event and to support our new brothers and sisters in faith. Refreshments will be served afterwards at St. Mary's Parish Centre.

**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**.

**As part of our Lenten exercises**, as a community we shall resume *the Stations of the Cross* in each church on Sundays of Lent, 30 minutes prior to Mass time. Regarding Lenten resources, you will find some excellent ones on our website, notably, Lenten reflections by Bishop Barron and Lenten video series by the Knights of Columbus (*"Into the Breach"*). There is also a handy booklet, *"Daily Reflections for Lent,"* available at the entrance of the church. Lent as you know is built on three pillars, namely, prayer, penance and almsgiving. Please, pay attention to these three. Those under 60 and all who are able to, should please note that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. It should be observed accordingly.

**First Friday Eucharistic adoration for March** will take place on **Thursday, March 5**, and not on Friday March 6. This is to express love and solidarity with the World Day of Prayer taking place on **Friday, March 6** in St Edmund's, our own Parish church. Apologies to all who may have to do a bit of adjustments.

**Tweed Community Dinner:** Be our guest on **Tues., Mar. 24**, 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. February's menu is braised beef. 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 Mar. 17**, or 100 reservations, whichever comes first. These dinners are sponsored by the Tweed Area Churches and THAS.