

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020

Saturday, Mar. 14	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Owen Durkin
Sunday, Mar. 15 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas Members of the Parish
Monday, Mar. 16	6:30 pm	St. Carthagh's	Margaret Mernagh
Tuesday, Mar. 17	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Wednesday, Mar. 18	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Leonard Kehoe
Thursday, Mar. 19	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Patrick Cassidy
Friday, Mar. 20 (Third Friday)	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, Mar. 21 (Parish Mission)	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Stanley & Maria Perek
Sunday, Mar. 22 (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) (Parish Mission)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas 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, 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, Karen Kiefer, and Brian Langabeer.

*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	March 7 & 8	Regular Sunday	\$903
St. Edmund's	March 8	Regular Sunday	\$699

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	<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, Mar. 21	W – Tara Harrison Natalie Harrison	Maria Cockburn, Sheila Toner, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Mar. 22	W – Sharon Eros Bob Eros	Don Kirkey, Sheila Scott, Shirley Kehoe, Carol Badluk	Marian Dolan
<b>St. Edmund's</b>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Mar. 22	Marian Nash Andre Cassidy	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**There will be Bible Study on Tuesday, March 17** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

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

**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.

## Our 2020 Lenten Confessions are scheduled as follows:

Parish: **Friday, March 27**, starting at 6:30 pm with a Penitential Service followed by individual confessions at 7:00. The venue is St. Carthagh's. There will be three priests.

**Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Fry** will be **Fri., March 27<sup>th</sup>**, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, at Holy Name of Mary Parish Centre, 7288 Old Hwy #2 Marysville. Adults: \$15; Children under 12: \$7; Under 6: Free; Family: \$45.

**In the Holy Scriptures**, there is always a great change in the person who has truly met Jesus. The Samaritan woman of the gospel of this weekend is a classical case in point. The conversation between Jesus and the lady is on the subject of water. It is important to note that Jesus uses the word **water** in two senses: the material or normal sense (drinking water, washing, bathing, etc.), and the symbolic sense – source of life and gift of the Holy Spirit (Action of the Holy Spirit cf. Jer. 2:13).

Just as Jesus talks of water in two senses, superficial (quench thirst) and symbolic (image of New Life), so also he uses husband both superficially and symbolically. **Husband:** at superficial level refers to the woman's actual husbands. At the deeper level, it refers to Jesus. He is the bridegroom and he effects the union between *God and people*. He brings the New Life the woman has been seeking all her life.

The Samaritan woman is nameless because she represents each person with whom Jesus has a personal encounter. This woman was despised and lonely. Her life was drying up and meaningless because of sin. At first the woman was suspicious of Jesus and defensive, but as Jesus revealed her **inner** need to her, the woman changed her attitude completely and her faith in Jesus was correspondingly progressive. She addressed Jesus Sir, later Prophet, recognized him as Messiah, and finally saw him as her Personal Saviour. Indeed, there's a great change when we truly meet Jesus!

As a result of this radical change, the woman became a missionary disciple of Jesus to his fellow villagers. Leaving her water jar behind, she ran off to tell people in the village that she had found the Lord. Many believed on the strength of the woman's testimony.

Jesus helped the woman to examine her life especially in areas where she was thirsting for God. This was an excellent and effective examination of conscience. During Lent and especially as we gear up towards Lenten Confessions, we are also invited to examine areas of our lives where we are thirsting for God – relationships (marriage and friendship), business transactions, health, hopes and aspirations, values, etc. We are encouraged to open up to God and allow his word to scrutinize and help us to overcome sin in our life. The Samaritan woman was able to do it and we too, like her, can do it.



**Our Parish Mission is scheduled for Saturday March 21 - Monday March 23, 2020.** Patrick Sullivan will be the preacher. Patrick is a lay person, an author, and founder of *Evango* ("Go Evangelize"). As a Catholic Lay Evangelist, he and his team have been actively evangelizing in diverse ways, including preaching, in the Archdiocese of Ottawa and elsewhere. He has been recognized by the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops. His website is [media@evango.net](mailto:media@evango.net). You'll recall that in praying for vocations, we ask God to choose from among our people many priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters and lay people who will gladly devote their entire lives in making God known and loved. Well, Patrick is one fruit of this prayer. His zeal as a lay person and commitment to a radical living of his faith in today's world might just be the inspiration some of us need.

Regarding the content of the Mission, Patrick will present three talks. First, "*Finding The Traitor Within.*" This talk is an invitation to fight our lesser selves. Second, "*I Want To See.*" This is an exploration of seven virtues that can empower us to fight and regain our sight and relationship with Jesus. Third, "*What Do You See?*" This is a call to bring every person in our lives back to God. The session sounds like a plan of renewal in the faith and mission.

**The Tweed News (Vol. 134, No. 10, of March 11, 2020)** informs us that on March 6, 2020, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, confirmed four new positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the total number of cases in Ontario to 26. Happily, COVID-19 risk to Ontarians remains low. However, one practical thing all of us could do to collectively help minimize the surge among us is to take to washing our hands with soap especially when we return home after interacting with others. If you have not started the practice, it might be good to consider it. *In addition, both of our parishes will have hand-sanitizer available at the entrances of the churches as soon as it becomes available for purchase. Currently, the stores have none in stock.*

**St. Michael's Lenten Parish Mission**, "*The Healing Presence of Jesus*" begins **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** with Fr. John Gillis, pastor of Marmora, Madoc, and Ormsby. All are invited to enter the spirit of Lent by experiencing the love of Jesus which restores us in mind, body and spirit. The healing of Jesus continues in the Church and through the Church. Please feel free to attend and invite others on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** a 7:00 PM at St. Michael's Parish Church, Belleville, Ontario.

**During the March Break, Dan will be out of the Parish Office.** The Office will close on **Friday, March 13** at noon, and will reopen **Tuesday, March 24**. If necessary, please feel free to leave a message on the office voicemail, or contact Father Aidan for any matters requiring more immediate attention. ☺