

# ST. KEVIN'S & ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN

## FOR THE WEEKS OF MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> & June 1<sup>ST</sup>

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

**For the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>**

<i>Mon., May 25<sup>th</sup></i> (St. Joseph's)	<i>Special Intentions of Fr. Jeff Kolonel Junior Whitten Francis Hearn</i>
<i>Tues., May 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Edwina Fitzgerald Fr. Pat Power Special Intentions of MM</i>
<i>Wed., May 27<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Special Intentions of Brandon Special Intentions of Diane Special Intention for the end of COVID-19 &amp; conversion of the world</i>
<i>Thurs., May 28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>For all Holy Souls Peg Frizzell Elizabeth O'Dea</i>
<i>Fri., May 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Brenda Giesler Theresa Hanlon Bill Power</i>
<i>Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Elizabeth &amp; William Ryan &amp; deceased family members Jimmy Walsh Gus Williams</i>
<i>Sun., May 31<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>For All Parishioners</i>

**For the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>**

<i>Mon., June 1<sup>st</sup></i> (St. Joseph's)	<i>Jack Walsh Noel Maher Henry Harnett</i>
<i>Tues., June 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>John Dinn Josephine Furlong Robert Keough</i>
<i>Wed., June 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Thomas Earle Danny Sullivan Marilyn Power</i>
<i>Thurs., June 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Sadie Trainor Len Sullivan Tish Carew</i>
<i>Fri., June 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Bill Carew Chris Melvin Scott Collins</i>
<i>Sat., June 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>John &amp; Mary J. Walsh Richard &amp; Elizabeth Dalton Jim Maddigan</i>
<i>Sun., June 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>

**Sanctuary Lamps:**    **May 24<sup>th</sup> :**    **St. Kevin's Church:**    Uriel Critch  
                                  **May 31<sup>st</sup> :**    **St. Kevin's Church:**    George Hatfield

**Baptism Preparation** - All Baptism Preparations have been cancelled until further notice.

**Tax Receipts & Lenten Folders** - If you didn't get a chance to pick up your tax receipt, please call the Parish Office and I can give you the amount over the phone or scan or fax it to you.

**Marriage Preparation Course** - For info call Theresa Whiffen 726-3660, ext 236 or email

[twhiffen@rcsj.org](mailto:twhiffen@rcsj.org)

**Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Fr. Jeff**

**Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Jeff as he celebrates his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Mon., May 25<sup>th</sup>. We have been so blessed to have Fr. Jeff as our Pastor for the past 7 years. His kindness, compassion and willingness to help anyone in need is an inspiration to us all. We ask God to continue to give him guidance in his ministry, good health and happiness especially during these unprecedented and uncertain times.**

### Message from the Archbishop

RE: Precautions during the time of Alert Level 4

Dear People of the Archdiocese of St. John's:

At the April 30<sup>th</sup> Newfoundland Covid-19 briefing it was tentatively announced that the province will move to Alert Level 4 on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>. At Alert Level 4, it will still be everyone's responsibility to follow the Public Health Guidance for All Alert Levels and to stay home as much as possible, except to get essentials like groceries and medications. However, gatherings at funerals, burials, and weddings will be expanded to 10 people as long as physical distancing can be maintained. Visitations and wakes will remain prohibited.

In consultation with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council and ensuring that we adhere to the Special Measures Orders of the Department of Public Health, the following decisions regarding pastoral ministry and public worship have been made for the time period that this province is at Alert Level 4:

1. All people of the Archdiocese are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
  2. All churches are to remain closed to the public.
  3. Access to diocesan and parish administrative buildings will be limited to staff and those individuals conducting essential repairs (social distancing protocols to be followed in their dealings with staff).
  4. Diocesan and parish meetings involving non-staff members are to be hosted virtually or postponed.
  5. "Private" celebrations of funerals, weddings and baptisms may take place in the church within the context of a Liturgy of the Word service (i.e. no Mass) provided that:
    - a) No more than 10 people are present including the celebrant.
    - b) Safe distancing protocols are adhered to.
    - c) Before the celebration begins, a list of the names of those present is obtained (in case needed for contact tracing).
    - d) In the case of a baptism, the celebrant wears a face mask for those parts of the celebration where physical distancing cannot be maintained and wears a glove when performing the anointings.
- At the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Presbyteral Council a subcommittee was formed to review all the Alert Levels and to prepare recommendations regarding pastoral ministry and public worship at each level. We are being told that it may still be a long while until this pandemic is behind us and things are back to "normal". In the mean time, I ask that you please join with me in praying for serenity in dealing with our present situation, for courage in facing the challenges that confront us, for charity in reaching out to those in need and for steadfast faith in God's goodness and love.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

+Peter Hundt,    Archbishop of St. John's, NL

**ST. JOSEPH'S CIBORIUM DONATION** - Thank you to Joan Lewis for her kind donation of \$100

**MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMPS** - Anyone wishing to request a Mass Intention (Fr. Jeff has been saying Mass privately every day since COVID - 19) or have the Sanctuary Lamp lit at St. Kevin's for a loved one, can still do so by calling the Parish Office 9 - 12 noon, Mon. - Fri. to schedule an available date.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES** - If you would like to drop off your church envelope donations, you can still do that by placing them in an envelope and dropping them in the mail slot of the Parish Office door. If you are interested in direct deduction from your bank account instead, please call the Parish Office for information on how to set this up. Thank you.

**CANCER CAN BE EXHAUSTING!** Have you been diagnosed with cancer? Do you have trouble sleeping and experience difficulty with your memory, concentration, and attention? Our research team can help! For more information please call 709-864-8035 or email [sleeplab@mun.ca](mailto:sleeplab@mun.ca)

**BID ON TENDERS** - The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's is inviting all interested parties to bid on the tender for: 'Burial Plot Opening/Closing and Ground Maintenance in Cemeteries'. All interest parties can obtain copies of the tender documents by sending an Email to '[cemetery@rcsj.org](mailto:cemetery@rcsj.org)' or by contacting the cemetery operations office at 730 8752 or 691 6620. Tenders close on Friday May 29, 2020. All details and requirements for bidding are contained with the tender documents.

### **Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's, NL**

May 11, 2020,

To Young People preparing for Confirmation and to their Parents/Guardians and Catechists

Dear Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

I hope that you are keeping well and are not missing school and your friends too much during this time of self- isolation due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Among the many things that have had to be postponed due to this pandemic has been your celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. I know that this postponement has been disappointing for you. Like you, your families and your catechists, I was looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with you. Although at this time we do not know how long social distancing will be necessary, as soon as it is safe to do so, we will reschedule the parish celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the meantime, I ask that you and your families stay safe and pray together, remembering in your prayers those who are sick, those who are caring for them and those who are working so hard to keep us all safe. Also, please continue your religious studies and your preparations for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Along with the resources that may have been made available to you in your parishes and by your parish catechists, every Saturday the weekly edition of our Archdiocesan catechetical resource Living Faith is posted on our Archdiocesan website [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org). It includes a variety of resources, links and activities for people of all ages and, if you wish, you can sign up on the website to receive the weekly edition of Living Faith free of charge via email.

Hopefully, in the not too distant future, it will again be safe for us to gather in our parish churches for worship and we will be able to reschedule your Confirmation celebration. In the meantime, our prayers for each other are powerful and are a wonderful way to stay connected and supportive of each other.

With prayers and best wishes for God's blessings upon you during this challenging time and always,  
Yours in the Risen Lord,

+Peter Hundt  
Archbishop of St. John's, NL