

THE BULLETIN FOR NOV. 30/DEC. 1, 2019

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays - St. Barra Parish - St. Columba, Iona - 4 p.m.

Saturdays - St. Barra Parish - St. Andrew's, Boisdale - 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays - St. Mary's Parish, Frenchvale - 6 p.m.

Sundays - St. Michael's Parish, Baddeck - 9 a.m.

Sundays - Queen of the World Parish, Wagmatcook - 10:30 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH: Please pick up an Advent daily reading booklet & make a donation to cover costs if possible. Also sticker books for the children to take home. Kris Kringle sheets are available: Fill out your family information & put in basket, pick another one & pray for that family during advent. Call or send a card at Christmas to let them know you were their Kris Kringle!

THIRD ANNUAL ADVENT RETREAT: Start a new tradition with your family and join the Aucoin family (Claudia, Bert, and Janelle) for an afternoon of reflection and Music at Our Lady of Fatima, in Sydney River, on Sunday, December 1, at 2 p.m.

2019 PARISH MISSION: Saint Theresa's Parish, Sydney, on December 9, 10 & 11, with Mission Speaker, Fr. Mark Cherry, at 6:30 p.m. each evening. The Mission is for anyone seeking meaning and purpose in life. It is designed to facilitate a personal experience of the love of God through Jesus Christ. Come and hear about God's love and how we can experience it each day in our lives through the Holy Spirit. Come and find wisdom and direction for your life. Come and discover how to live your Divine Mission. Missions Talks: Monday, Dec. 9 - Beloved of God. Tuesday, Dec. 10 - Called and Chosen. Wednesday, Dec. 11 - Appointed and Anointed. Telephone 902-564-4222 for more information.

PAUSE FOR ADVENT: Take a PAUSE during this busy time of the year. On Sunday, December 15, Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines at 2 p.m. Come join us with Father Oliver to learn more about the Eucharist, and to discuss what it means in our lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR A PRIEST/DEACON EACH DAY: Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests, deacons and others serving in our diocese, by praying each day. Sunday, Dec. 1 - Pope Francis. Monday, Dec. 2 - Our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Brian Dunn. Tuesday, Dec. 3 - Seminarians. Wednesday, Dec. 4 - Candidates to the Permanent Diaconate. Thursday, Dec. 5 - Fr. Conrad Edwards. Friday, Dec. 6 - Deacon David Lewis. Saturday, Dec. 7 - Fr. Daniel J. MacDonald.

THE GIFT SHOP at the Shrine in Mabou will reopen for two days for a Christmas Shopping Sale on December 7 and 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All merchandise will be 50% off. Thank you for your support throughout the year. Have a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: 11:30 a.m. on Sundays on CTV.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT: Our recent campaign to “Raise The Roof” was a wonderful success. We are very grateful for the contributions we received from our catchment area. Everyone was so gracious at the door and we have received many donations by mail and e-transfer. We welcome donations at any time at 4372 Hwy. 223, Iona, NS B2C 1A2 or ivfd4372@gmail.com Thank you very much. Iona Volunteer Fire Department.

POWER OUTAGE INFORMATION (IONA & AREA): As we are all aware winter is quickly approaching. In the event of a prolonged power outage EMO will request we open the St. Columba Church Centre, Iona, as a warming centre for anyone requiring assistance. If you require assistance before the warming centre is open you can call EMO Coordinator Lyle Donovan 902-578-1994, Colin MacNeil 902-371-0598, Gregory MacNeil 902-295-7843 or any Fire Department Member.

CHRISTMAS TEA & SALE at the Boisdale Fire Hall on **Sunday, December 1**, 2 - 4 p.m. Bake and Novelty tables, Crafts, Parcel Post, Ticket Draws and Door Prizes. Major Prizes: \$1000 Draw and a GETAWAY at the Iona Heights Inn including an overnight, dinner voucher, gift basket. Event sponsored by The Hills of Boisdale Community Association.

ST. F. X. U. ALUMNI: The annual gathering of alumni of St. Francis Xavier University will take place **Dec. 3** at St. Theresa Parish Hall at 7 p.m. All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis Xavier will be followed by a short AGM. Of course, there will be something to eat and then door prizes will be drawn around 8 p.m. Hope to see y'all there!

ALDERWOOD WORKING COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BAKE & CRAFT SALE will be held on **Wednesday, December 4**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alderwood Community Hall. Any donation of baked goods or craft items would be greatly appreciated.

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held at the Inverary Inn Conference Centre, Baddeck, on **Wednesday, December 4**, beginning at 7 p.m. Students from the Baddeck School Band will be a feature guest in this evening presentation of the Sounds of the Season Music.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE on **Saturday, December 7**, at the Frenchvale Seniors Club. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dance to follow. \$10 pp. Music by Bobby MacDonald and the Crew. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling 902-794-2940 or email at sumners@hotmail.ca.

PIES: There are still a number of pies available for purchase from St. Barra Parish. If you wish to do so please call Wendy at 902-725-2525 or Gregory at 902-725-2840 to order apple or mincemeat pies.

GRANDONA LEGION BRANCH #124 AND THE LEGION LEGENDS will be hosting a Christmas Tea and Sale on **Sunday, December 8**, between 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit, Christmas Carols, Bake table and local crafts/gift tables. Admission is \$5 that will include a light lunch and sweets. We will also be selling white Fruit Cakes (Approximately 1½ lbs). White Fruit Cake \$12 each. Cakes must be pre-ordered and can be picked up at the Legion on the day of the Tea and Sale. To order, please call Janet at 902-725-2046 or 902-371-0446 or email: jamesville520@bellaliant.net. Hope to see you all there!

THE CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY PIPE BAND has a Christmas CD for sale! The album features the CBU Pipe Band (recent winners of the Grade 5 North American Championships), Redmond MacDougall, and Carol Ann MacDougall. CD's are \$10 each and are available at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop on Charlotte St, downtown Sydney, or through band members. All proceeds of this album go towards our fundraising efforts to fund uniform purchases, and a trip to the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.

CARD GAMES: Tuesdays – Senior’s Club, Frenchvale – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Boisdale Fire Hall – 7:30 p.m. Washabuck Community Centre – Thursdays – 7:30 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE: The last game for Washabuck Community Centre this year will be Dec. 5. Be back in the spring. Thank-you for your support.**

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, Dec. 7 - 4 p.m. - Readers – Shelly, Elizabeth. Eucharistic Ministers - Anne (The Bread), Florence (The Cup), Angela (The Cup). Hospitality - Pauline & Pius, Brad, Timmy. Altar Server – Colin. **MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, Dec. 7 - 5:30 p.m.** - Readers - Kenny, Joe. Eucharistic Minister - Anne. Hospitality - Kenny. Altar Server - Emma. **MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9 a.m.** - Readers - Holly MacInnis, Mary Ivey. Eucharistic Minister - Bernice Grant. Church cleaner for the week of December 1 - Harriett Macleod.

OFFERINGS (Nov. 23/24)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Andrew's
Envelopes	\$ 805.00	\$ 347.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 370.00
Loose	77.00	2.95	86.05	25.00
DD	50.00	245.00		
Building Fund	31.00	10.00		
St. Columba Cem.	80.00			
Cemetery		5.00		5.00