

## THE BULLETIN FOR DEC. 7/8, 2019

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### SECOND 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.

**THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OFFER PRAYER & SYMPATHY TO:**

The Family of Adeline (MacNeil) Gillis, Brookline, Mass., formerly of Benacadie Pond.

The Family of Catherine Harvey, St. Michael's Parish, Baddeck.

The Family of Nelson MacLean, Little Narrows.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & PRIVATE CONFESSIONS:**

Friday, December 13 - Queen of the World, Wagmatcook - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 15 - St. Columba Church, Iona - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 15 - St. Andrew's Church, Boisdale - 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ST. ANDREW'S, BOISDALE:** Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24. Christmas cleaning and decorating will take place on Sunday, December 22, at 2 p.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!

**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.

**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. 8 - Fr. Douglas MacDonald. Monday, Dec. 9 - Fr. Hugh D. MacDonald. Tuesday, Dec. 10 - Fr. John Joseph MacDonald. Wednesday, Dec. 11 - Fr. Peter MacDonald. Thursday, Dec. 12 - Fr. Stanley MacDonald. Friday, Dec. 13 - Fr. Angus MacDougall. Saturday, Dec. 14 - Fr. Martin MacDougall.

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

**ST. BARRA PARISH** will be presenting the Christmas Eve pageant and planning is underway. Please contact Liz MacNeil at 902-295-8483 or [lizm1964@icloud.com](mailto:lizm1964@icloud.com) if your children wish to participate. There will be one practice prior to December 24. Date and time to be determined.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** All parishes ... Anyone wishing to donate towards the purchase of Christmas flowers may do so by including it in a separate envelope and putting it in the weekly collection. Please include your name, parish and envelope number.

**THE HILLS OF BOISDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** thank the many community members who supported our recent CHRISTMAS TEA/SALE . Your attendance and the efforts of our many volunteers made for a very successful fundraiser. Congratulations to our Major Prize Winners: \$1,000 prize: Reg Bezanson, Ironville. Iona Heights Inn Getaway: N. Jackson, Sydney.

**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](mailto:sumners@hotmail.ca).

**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](mailto:jamesville520@bellaliant.net). Hope to see you all there!

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, Dec. 14 - 4 p.m.** - Readers – Liz, Peggy MacNeil. Eucharistic Ministers - Kaye-Anne (The Bread), Bernadette (The Cup), Wendy (The Cup). Hospitality - Patsy & Lorne, Neil James, John Neil. Altar Server – Grace.

**MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, Dec. 14 - 5:30 p.m.** - Readers - Peggy, Fiona. Eucharistic Minister - Marie. Hospitality - Rankin. Altar Server - Gerard.

**MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, Dec. 15 - 9 a.m.** - Readers - David Fraser, Charlene Ivany. Eucharistic Minister - Jim MacDonald. Church cleaner for the week of December 8 - Dorothy MacLean.

<b>OFFERINGS</b> <b>(Nov. 30/Dec.1)</b>	<b>St. Columba</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
Envelopes	\$ 554.00	\$ 532.00
Loose	72.00	
DD	50.00	245.00
Building Fund	25.00	
St. Columba Cem.	40.00	
St. Barra Cem. Cemetery	50.00	
Christmas Flowers	75.00	
Talbot House		10.00

### **REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK**

Today's First Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10 speaks of the Rule by the Messiah. Among the many aspects of his rule, the one I propose for reflection for the coming week is Equity mentioned in verse 4. Equity is different from Equality. The secular society usually believes in and promotes Equality, whereas God believes in Equity. Equality promotes fairness and treats everyone (both the rich and the poor, the mighty and the weak) the same, whereas Equity is giving everyone what they NEED to live a decent life. Equality or equal distribution of wealth is unjust in an unequal society. In an unequal society, what is needed is Equity (that is, giving more to those who have less). Let us pray for the world leaders and for ourselves that we all may promote Equity in the society. God bless us.