

THE BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 8/9, 2018

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

A Communal Reconciliation Service is being organized at every Parish in preparation for a meaningful celebration of Christmas. The maximum the service will last is 40 minutes. Afterwards Fr. Vargheese will be available for private confession. All of you are most welcome!

Monday, December 10 - 7 p.m. - St. Mary's Church, Frenchvale.

Friday, December 14 - 5:30 p.m. - Queen of the World Church, Wagmatcook.

Friday, December 14 - 7 p.m. - St. Michael's Church, Baddeck.

Sunday, December 16 - 2:30 p.m. - St. Columba Church, Iona.

Sunday, December 16 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Andrew's Church, Boisdale.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	St. Columba Iona	3:30 p.m.	Fr. Vargheese
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	St. Andrew's Boisdale	6 p.m.	Fr. Vargheese
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	St. Mary's Frenchvale	4 p.m.	Fr. Douglas MacDonald
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	St. Mary's Frenchvale	Midnight	Fr. Vargheese
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	St. Michael's Baddeck	7 p.m.	Fr. Angus MacDougall
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day	St. Michael's Baddeck	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Vargheese
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day	Queen of the World Wagmatcook	11 a.m.	Fr. Vargheese

THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OFFER PRAYER AND SYMPATHY TO:

The Family of Carl MacKenzie, Sydney Forks/Washabuck.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

FR. VARGHEESE will be leaving for India on January 2 and will be back on February 3.

WEEK-DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARY'S, FRENCHVALE: Monday - No Mass. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Mass at 9 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE - ST. MICHAEL'S: Following Mass at St. Michael's on Sunday, December 9, 16 and 23...please stay for choir practice.....Thank-you!

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT: Planning is underway for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Christmas Eve pageant at St. Columba Church, Iona. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to participate in the meaning of Christmas. To ensure we have enough outfits for everyone please contact Liz MacNeil at 902-295-8483 if your children are planning to participate. Thank you for your support.

ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR PRACTICE for Advent and Christmas will be held prior to Saturday Mass at 4:45 p.m. for the next few weeks. New members always welcome.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 9, on CTV.

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.

THANK YOU: The Family of the late Edna MacLeod would like to thank everyone who reached out to us during our recent loss. Every gesture, card, visit and call was sincerely appreciated. We wish you all a healthy and happy New Year. Sincerely, Liz, David and Grace.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE: Frenchvale Senior's Club, 3099 Frenchvale Rd, Saturday, December 8, \$10 Adult, \$5 Child. Dinner at 7 p.m. Dance at 8:30 p.m. Music by Pam and Tim. Traditional Turkey Dinner with Dessert, Rolls, Coffee and Tea. As there is limited space, please call (902) 794-2940 if you plan to attend.

LEGION LEGENDS CHRISTMAS TEA & SALE & CEILIDH on **Sunday, Dec. 9, from 2 – 5 p.m.** at the Iona Legion. Come out and enjoy the holiday spirit with Christmas Carols, Christmas bake table, craft/gift tables. Admission is \$5 and will include a light lunch and sweets. Pre-ordered Fruit Cakes may be picked up.

BOISDALE CHRISTMAS TEA & SALE on December 2 ticket winners were: \$1000 Raffle - Cheryl MacNeil, Shenacadie; Christmas Fruit Cake - Christina Doyle, Mira Road. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported our event.

FAMILY SQUARE DANCE with Wendy MacIsaac on Saturday, December 29. Workshop 6 to 7 p.m. Dance 7 to 10 p.m. Branch 124, Grandona Legion, Iona. Come kick up your heels at our family square dance and help us reboot the square dance tradition of our area. For those that don't know the Sydney/Iona set, we will have a workshop to teach you. Come on out for an evening of culture, kinship while burning off some of those Christmas calories. This is an event for everyone. Admission: \$8 for 19 years and older. 18 years and under are free (must be accompanied by a parent/guardian). Workshop is free. Sponsored by the Branch 124 Legion. Members and guests of all ages are welcome. The bar will be open.

RANKIN SCHOOL OF THE NARROWS HOME & SCHOOL GROUP is selling tickets on our Annual Christmas Basket, which is filled with seasonal items donated from the parents and community members. Please reach out to a student to purchase tickets. We welcome any donations to our basket, they can be dropped off at the school. Home & School provides support to the school and students by providing scholastic bursaries, student sponsorships for extracurricular activities and educational trips. We also provide the luncheon following graduation for the Grade 12 students each year as well as playground upgrades. Thank you for your support.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are held in Boisdale, St. Andrew's Church - upstairs - every Friday night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Iona Parish Hall - every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please call 902-562-8019 for more information.

CARD GAMES: Tuesdays – Senior’s Club, Frenchvale – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Boisdale Fire Hall – 7:30 p.m.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, December 15 - 4 p.m. - Readers – Shelly Redden, Peggy MacKinnon. Eucharistic Ministers – Florence MacNeil (The Bread), Barry George (The Cup), Wendy MacNeil (The Cup). Hospitality - Cynthia & Austin MacKenzie, Brad Parks, Neil James MacNeil. Altar Servers – Sarah, Katherine, Simon.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, December 15 - 5:30 p.m. - Readers - Joe, Kenny. Eucharistic Minister - Anne. Hospitality - Joe. Altar Server - Emma.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, December 16 - 9 a.m. - Readers - Marie Hanam, Marlene MacLean. Eucharistic Minister - Charlene Ivany. Church cleaner for the week of December 9 - Holly MacInnis.

OFFERINGS (Dec. 1/2)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Andrew's	St. Michael's
Envelopes	\$ 560.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 685.00
Loose	34.45	7.50	15.00	104.20
Direct Deposit		245.00		
St. Col. Cem.	10.00			
Special Collection				200.00
A.D.S.	10.00			
Fuel	5.00		150.00	
Flowers			45.00	