

## THE BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 15/16, 2018

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### THIRD 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!

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

**WEEK-DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARY'S, FRENCHVALE:** Monday - No Mass. Tuesday & Wednesday - No Mass (Away in New Glasgow), Thursday - No Mass (Mass at Harbourview Hospital) & Friday - No Mass (Medical appointment).

**A CHRISTMAS MASS AT ALDERWOOD GUEST HOME, Baddeck,** will be celebrated on Sunday, December 23, at 2 p.m. All are invited to attend.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH** cleaning and Christmas decorating will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22. Please come out and lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated.

**ST. COLUMBA CHURCH** Christmas decorating will take place after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 22. Everyone is welcome to help!

**CHOIR PRACTICE - ST. MICHAEL'S:** Following Mass at St. Michael's on Sunday, December 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 16, 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.

**MIDNIGHT MASS FOR CHRISTMAS:** St. Joseph Parish, Bras d'Or, Monday, December 24, Continuing the long standing tradition reminiscent of the bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom at midnight. Please join us for Christmas Eve Mass at midnight.

**LITTLE NARROWS COMMUNITY CENTRE:** You're invited to "A Little Narrows Christmas" on Tuesday, December 18, from 7 - 8 p.m. Join us for live music, tea and light lunch, a visit from Santa and the annual tree lighting!

**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 would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, donated items and supported our school group. We had a very successful selling season and the beautiful gift basket was won by Heather MacInnis from Hazeldale. All the funds raised go directly back to the students, thank you again 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 22 - 4 p.m.** - Readers – Peggy MacNeil, James Redden. Eucharistic Ministers – Anne MacKinnon-Parks (The Bread), Angela MacDougall (The Cup), Elizabeth MacNeil (The Cup). Hospitality - John Neil MacLeod, Timmy MacNeil, Buddy MacNeil, Brad Parks. Altar Servers – Hannah K., Rory, Simon.

**MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, December 22 - 5:30 p.m.** - Readers - Fiona, Peggy. Eucharistic Minister - Marie. Hospitality - Rankin. Altar Server - Vince.

**MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, December 23 - 9 a.m.** - Readers - Charlene Ivany, Holly MacInnis. Eucharistic Minister - Jackie Gauthier. Church cleaner for the week of December 16 - Jeanette MacDonald.

<b>OFFERINGS</b> (Dec. 8/9)	<b>St. Columba</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>St. Andrew's</b>	<b>St. Michael's</b>
Envelopes	\$ 648.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 1963.00
Loose	39.00	1.25	10.00	22.25
Direct Deposit		245.00		
St. Col. Cem.	10.00			
Fuel	5.00			
Building Fund	5.00		200.00	
Christmas Offering				20.00