

THE BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 16/17, 2019

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Blessed
are the Poor
in Spirit*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	Holy Trinity, Waycobah	6 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	6 p.m.
Sundays	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m.
Sundays	Queen of the World, Wagmatcook	10:30 a.m.

THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OFFER PRAYER AND SYMPATHY TO:

The Family of Frances MacLennan, Sydney, formerly from Gillis Point.

The Family of Donald John (DJ) MacDonald, Fredericton, brother to Sandra Ellis and Mora Nicholson of Little Narrows.

The Family of Fr. Thomas Lathigee, a Priest of our Diocese.

The Family of Fr. Peter Piva, a Priest of our Diocese.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

WEEK-DAY MASSES at St. Mary's, Frenchvale, on Wednesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. and Tuesday and Friday at 10 a.m. at the AA Building on the Bourinot Road, Boisdale, with Fr. Vargheese presiding.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Fr. Vincent Travers from Ireland will be arriving in Cape Breton on February 27 until March 4. While he was serving our family of parishes he wrote a book about his time here, his experiences and his insights into life in Cape Breton and the mission of Talbot House. Fr. Vincent has asked for the opportunity to participate in our weekend services and to introduce his book to the congregations. Fr. Vargheese, Fr. Conrad and Fr. Doug have kindly agreed to support Fr. Vince by making changes to their schedules. On **Saturday, March 2**, Fr. Vince will accompany Fr. Vargheese to St. Barra and St. Andrew's at the scheduled times. Then, they will go to St. Mary's, Frenchvale, to **celebrate Mass at 7 p.m.** which is a change for that date only. Therefore; **please note: there will be no 6 p.m. Mass on March 2, at St. Mary's.** On **Sunday, March 3**, Fr. Vargheese and Fr. Vincent will go to St. Michael's and Queen of the World at the scheduled times. From Wagmatcook they will go to Holy Trinity, Waycobah, to **celebrate Mass at 12:15 p.m.** This is a change for this date only. **There will be no 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 2, at Holy Trinity.** Fr. Vince is very eager to meet as many of his former parishioners as time will permit.

175TH DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Dunn will be leading a group of people to the Holy Land in September. The trip will take place from September 1 - 12, 2019. Cost will be around \$4000. Brochures are available at the Emmaus Centre and at the Chancery Office. The Diocesan website has a registration form. Half registration is due on March 1. Limited space is available, so register soon. This pilgrimage will give participants an opportunity to grow tremendously in their relationship of faith.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Join us on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and enrich your relationship for a lifetime of love. May 3 - 5, 2019, at Between The Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS. Open to husbands and wives throughout Atlantic Canada. For more information, or to sign up email renewmarriage@gmail.com or call 902-314-8541.

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: The Annual Silent Directed Retreat, usually held in Mabou, and sponsored by the Cape Breton Local of Atlantic Spiritual Directors, has been cancelled for this year. We are hoping to be able to offer this Retreat once again in the Spring of 2020.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m. at Alderwood Guest Home, Baddeck. Volunteers to participate or bring food are needed. Please see Bernice after Mass if able to help out.

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

8TH ANNUAL VICTORIA COUNTY WINTER ACTIVEFEST 2019 - Join us for a Snowshoe Hike, Snowman making and Skating (*weather permitting*), Rankin School of the Narrows, Saturday, Feb. 23, 1 - 3 p.m. Limited number of snowshoes available – Please pre-register by Feb. 20 and book snowshoes or bring your own - Contact ccbcvi@gmail.com or phone Anne MacKenzie 902-322-4682. FUN for the whole family! Hot chocolate and healthy snack provided. Sponsored by Central Cape Breton Community Ventures, Wellness Committee and Naturally Active Victoria County. Supported by Hike Nova Scotia and Rankin School of the Narrows.

CULTURAL GAELIC GATHERING: Songs and Stories in Irish, Gaelic and English. Special Guest Fr. Sean Coyle, Dublin Ireland. An afternoon of culture, music, songs and stories. Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. Boisdale Fire Hall. Admission by Donation.

WINTER YOGA RETURNS – St. Columba Church Centre, Iona - daytime classes, starting Tuesday, Feb. 26, 10 - 11 a.m. and evening classes starting Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7 - 8 p.m. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, blanket and water. Certified Yoga Instructor: Amber Buchanan. If school is cancelled at Rankin School of the Narrows the class will be cancelled for the day. Cost: \$5 per class. Sponsored by: CCBCVI, Wellness Committee. For further information email: ccbcvi@gmail.com

ADULT CHAIR FITNESS CLASS: Thursdays until April 11, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., St. Columba Church Centre, Iona. Participants will do aerobic, strength training and stretching exercises while seated in a chair. Bring light weights or two bottles of water to use as weights. Class suitable for persons with all ranges of mobility. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Bring a bottle of water. Instructor: Theresa MacLean, PTS, FIS. If school is cancelled at Rankin School of the Narrows the class will be cancelled for the day. Cost: \$5 per class. Sponsored by: CCBCVI, Wellness Committee. For further information email: ccbcvi@gmail.com

YOGA is back for the winter session at the Boisdale Fire Hall on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & on Fridays at 10 a.m. Classes are \$5 per session. Bring a mat, blanket & wear comfortable clothing. Call Anita at 902-871-2074 for more information.

EXERCISE CLASSES have resumed at the Boisdale Fire Hall on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Please wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear, and bring a water bottle. If you have any questions please call Marie MacSween at 902-578-9070.

COMMUNITY GROUPS IN BOULARDERIE are holding a fundraising concert for a new piano for Boularderie Elementary School. The concert, Striking a Chord, will take place at the school on Sunday, February 24, at 3 p.m. There will be a wide range of talent. Admission is by donation. Let's keep music in our community.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, February 23 - 4 p.m. - Readers – Shelly Redden, Peggy MacNeil. Eucharistic Ministers – Bernadette MacDougall (The Bread), Florence MacNeil (The Cup), Barry George (The Cup). Hospitality - Pauline & Pius Campbell, Neil James MacNeil, John Neil MacLeod. Altar Servers – Sarah, Katherine, Grace.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, February 23 - 5:30 p.m. - Readers - Leonard, Paula. Eucharistic Minister - Gerard. Hospitality - John. Altar Server - Emma.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, February 24 - 9 a.m. - Church cleaner for the week of February 17 - Holly MacInnis.

OFFERINGS (Feb. 9/10)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's (Jan. 27)	St. Michael's (Feb. 3)
Envelopes	\$ 645.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 618.00	\$ 560.00
Loose	47.00	22.50	64.75	58.10
Direct Deposit	50.00	245.00		
Energy Needs		20.00		
Initial Off.	10.00			
Building Fund	5.00	5.00		
St. Columba Cem.	160.0			