

**THE BULLETIN FOR
ST. BARRA PARISH (ST. COLUMBA, ST. ANDREW'S)
ST. MARY'S, FRENCHVALE
ST. MICHAEL'S, BADDECK
QUEEN OF THE WORLD, WAGMATCOOK
HOLY TRINITY, WAYCOBAH**

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**8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 26, 2017**



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Waycobah - 9:30 a.m. - Fr. MacDonald

Wagmatcook - 11 a.m. - Fr. Paul

Boisdale - 4 p.m. - Fr. Paul

Iona - 5:30 p.m. - Fr. Paul

Frenchvale - 7 p.m. - Fr. Paul

Baddeck - 7 p.m. - Fr. Angus MacDougall

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

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

Sundays - Queen of the World, Wagmatcook - 10:15 a.m.

Sundays - Holy Trinity, Waycobah - 11:30 a.m.

Sundays - St. Andrew's, Boisdale - 4 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives. Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE at Alderwood Guest Home, on Friday, March 3, at 2 p.m.

BAPTISM: I wanted to touch base with parishioners on the question of baptism, especially when it comes to the choice of Godparents. Godparents must be over the age of 16, and at least one of them must be a Catholic and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is expected that Godparents are to be sponsoring the baby in the Catholic faith and so therefore it is not unreasonable that they be practicing their faith and going to Church. These are important choices for parents to make and so I encourage parents to give all these factors some thought... Fr. Paul.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: A reminder that the first weekend of each month we will be collecting non-perishable items for the local Food Banks in our parishes with the exception of St. Michael's, Baddeck, which will be collected on the last weekend of the month.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE: One never knows the importance of prayer. As of now my results are all negative. As a precaution my oncologist will perform four sessions of chemotherapy – one each month starting in February and subsequently March, April and May. (Then I will be free to do what I want.) Thank you people for your prayers. There are so many of you who are carrying me through this unexpected change in my life. Who knew after 16 years of freedom from cancer that I would be struck again with this dreaded disease. Without naming individuals I am looking forward to the results of your good prayers. Thank you again and God Bless! Love, Katha.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for Glenna Gaudley: Come and join us for a celebration honoring Glenna's 90th Birthday. We will celebrate Mom's special milestone on Sunday, March 5, at the Parish Centre from 2 to 4 p.m.

BOISDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: There will be a regular meeting of the Boisdale Historical Society at the AA Rooms in Boisdale on Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION on Saturday, March 11, at the Boisdale Fire Hall from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Darrell Keigan, Stuart MacDonald and Special Guests, The Fitzgerald School of Irish Dance. Renowned Boisdale Chili and biscuits available.

AUCTION: "Ladies Night Out" Annual St. Patrick's Day Auction will be held on Saturday, March 11, at Blues Mills Fire Hall, starting at 7 p.m. (viewing at 7 p.m.) Adm. \$2. Lunch will be served after the auction. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary, Blues Mills Fire Dept. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and frolic.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE at the Frenchvale Senior's Club on Saturday, March 18, from 8 p.m. until Midnight. Beef Stew and Rolls will be served during the dance. \$12.00/pp. Music by Pam and Tim. Call 902-794-2940 for information. Pay at the door.

GAELIC IMMERSION SESSIONS every Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 335 Farrell Road, Benacadie. \$10/day. Bring your own lunch. Please call Stacey for further information, 902-622-2888.

WINTER YOGA takes place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Boisdale Fire Hall. Classes are \$5 per session. Please bring a mat and blanket and wear comfortable clothing. If you have any questions, contact Anita MacKinnon at 902-871-2074.

CARD GAMES: Tuesdays – Senior’s Club, Frenchvale – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Boisdale Fire Hall – 8 p.m.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Ash Wednesday, March 1 - 5:30 p.m. Readers - Pauline Campbell, James Redden. Eucharistic Minister - Sharon MacNeil. Altar Servers - Riley, Hannah K., Katherine. **Saturday, March 4 - 4 p.m.** - Readers - Neil MacNeil, Elizabeth MacNeil. Eucharistic Ministers - Roy MacNeil (The Bread), Francis MacKinnon (The Cup), Betty MacNeil (The Cup). Hospitality - Timmy & Rory MacNeil, John Neil MacLeod, Buddy MacNeil. Altar Servers - Grace, Sarah, Riley. **MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, March 5 - 9 a.m.** - Readers - Charlene Ivany, Mary Ivey. Eucharistic Minister - Mary Ivey. Church cleaning for the week of February 26 - Jackie Gauthier. **MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Sunday, March 5 - 4 p.m.** - Readers - Blaine, Anita. Eucharistic Minister - Jane. Hospitality - Vince, John. Altar Server - Emma.

OFFERINGS (Feb. 19)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Envelopes	\$ 445.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 527.00
Loose	20.85	10.00	88.55
Building Fund	20.00		
Weekly Direct Deposit		245.00	
Cemetery	10.00		
St. Barra Cem.	15.00		
St. Columba Cem.	75.00		
Fuel	20.00		

SEVEN WAYS TO MAKE LENT JOYFUL

Start all prayers with praise.

Take time with God in a beautiful place.

Don't carry the world's pain on your own back.

Fast for the sake of richer food – the Eucharist.

Take flowers and a smile to a sick person.

Reconcile with an estranged friend.

Compliment someone for making the world better.

