

THE BULLETIN FOR JUNE 1/2, 2019

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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.

HEALTH UPDATE: As you know I have been following the immunotherapy process now for a few weeks and it has been going pretty well. However, this past weekend I was experiencing some symptoms and I was not sure if they were related to the therapy or something new. I went to the Emergency Department at the Aberdeen Hospital and they checked me over for the possibility of a neurological problem. Following up from the CT scan the doctor was able to determine that my cancer has spread and is now located on the front left side of my brain. The doctor indicated that it is small tumor but with considerable swelling. And so, I have already begun to take a medication to help reduce the swelling and it looks like this will be followed by some radiation. I haven't met with any oncologists yet, and so the information is still very preliminary. I hope to know more soon and will be able to share this with you at that time. For now I am doing very little, and the symptoms are pretty minor, such as difficulty with some spelling and at times a little slowness in thought. This I am assured will improve once the swelling continues to shrink. This news came as a surprise to me and leaves me with many questions but it is still early on and so I continue to have faith in the medical professionals who have been so helpful along the way. My faith in the healing power of God has not diminished and I know that wherever I am being led I will have much support, love, prayers and companionship. I know that I am not alone on this twisty road; and please be assured that I have felt your presence all the way along. As you may know we had planned on June 10 to have a farewell from my time in our family of six parishes which would also allow for a little celebration of my 40th Anniversary as a priest. In light of the medical attention I will require, I think it is best for us to delay these events for the time. Thank you again for all your kindness and prayers. God Bless..... Fr. Paul.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will take place on **Thursday, June 6**, at St. Columba Church, Iona, at **7 p.m.** with Bishop Brian Dunn presiding. Please pray for the candidates as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Reception following at St. Columba Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: A reminder that Reconciliation for the Confirmation Candidates will be held on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at St. Columba Church, Iona. It is important that all candidates attend.

ST. BARRA PARISH CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice for Confirmation will be on June 4 from 6 - 7 p.m. at St. Columba Church, Iona. New members most welcome to attend.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. MARY'S, FRENCHVALE: There will be no weekday Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday ... Fr. Vargheese will be at the Priest's Assembly and no Mass on Thursday ... Fr. Vargheese has Confirmation in Iona.

ST. BARRA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a regular Parish Council Meeting on Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at St. Columba Parish Centre, Iona.

THANK YOU: Rod C MacNeil and his family want to thank all those that attended his Birthday celebration. Thanks for the food, friendship and cards. A special thanks to those who filled the house with music. Blessings to you all.

BADDECK EVENTS: **June 2** – Ecumenical Church service 11 a.m. at Knox Church, Baddeck. **June 4** – Movie night/ documentaries on D-day - 6 p.m. -Knox Hall – 39 Grant Street, Baddeck. **June 6** – ringing of Churches bells to recognize D-day – 75 times at 5 p.m. **June 6** – D-day meal at the Baddeck Legion - 6 p.m. – All are welcome. **Baddeck Library** will have a special D-day display.

BATTLE OF REMEMBRANCE: Unified Action of Remembrance on June 6 honouring Fallen Canadians in D-day. On June 6, 75 years will have passed since the event of D-day occurred in WW2. As a tribute to all Canadians that served in this horrific struggle, the Royal Canadian Legion #53 Baddeck is calling for a unified action of remembrance for those from that era- an event that allows Canadians, if only for a moment, to stop, to remember and to feel, perhaps for a second, the joy that peace brought after so much death and destruction. In order to achieve this, the Baddeck Legion is asking churches across Cape Breton to ring their bells 75 times at 5 p.m. on June 6. The hope is all who hear the bells will stop and focus on the loss and sacrifice both on the battlefield and at home. The churches of Baddeck are participating in this event.

ÀROS NA MARA 5TH WORLD OCEANS DAY FESTIVAL – June 6 - 9 – Iona, Barra Strait - The Port of Iona and the Barra Strait, overlooking the beautiful Bras d’Or Lake, comes alive with festivities acknowledging World Oceans Day. World Oceans Day will be celebrated here on Sunday, June 9. Àros na Mara (*Gaelic for House of the Sea*) World Oceans Day has been selected as one of Destination Cape Breton ‘19 in 19 Events’ for 2019. Join our family fun and ocean-themed festival and enjoy scientific and interactive displays, beach clean-up, music, market, food, hike, children’s games, and historical demonstrations. Please visit: www.arosnamara.ca

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE WITH FATHER PATRICK O’NEILL: Come with me on pilgrimage June 1 - 11, 2020. COST is \$2950 (all costs totaled). We ONLY have 20 spots and many inquiries. To register email Tom Lamey at tlamey@gmail.com On the way back we will stay in England to make trip back more relaxing.

THE MOTHER OF SORROWS PIONEER SHRINE in Mabou is now open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily, including Sundays and Holidays. For any inquiries please call 902-945-2221.

PILGRIMAGE to Portugal and Northern Spain, October 8 - 18. We will do Fatima, Santarem (Miracle of The Eucharist) Coimbra, Porto, Santiago De Compostel, Oviedo, Logrono and Santander. For more information contact Marie Desjardins at 207-868-5027 or email mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH will be holding their Annual Ham & Salad Supper on June 15. Tickets are \$10 each for eat-in or take-out and are available at the Parish Office or by calling Frank at 902-562-2957 or Allan at 902-564-5788.

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

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, June 8 - 4 p.m. - Readers – Pauline Campbell, Shelly Redden. Eucharistic Ministers - Barry George (The Bread), Francis MacKinnon (The Cup), Anne MacKinnon-Parks (The Cup). Hospitality - Brad Parks, Buddy MacNeil, Pius Campbell, Neil James MacNeil. Altar Servers – Grace, Simon.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, June 8 - 5:30 p.m. - Readers - Anita, Blaine. Eucharistic Minister - Blaine. Hospitality - Len. Altar Server - Vince.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, June 9 - 9 a.m. - Readers - Bernice Grant, Charlene Ivany. Eucharistic Minister - Jackie Gauthier. Church cleaner for the week of June 2 - Harriet MacLeod. .

OFFERINGS (May 25/26)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Envelopes	\$ 674.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 548.00
Loose	196.30	12.45	88.25
Direct Deposit	50.00	245.00	
St. Columba Cem.	85.00		
Cemetery		10.00	
Papal Charities	70.00	50.00	
Talbot House	100.00		
Easter Offering		5.00	
Latin America			5.00