

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

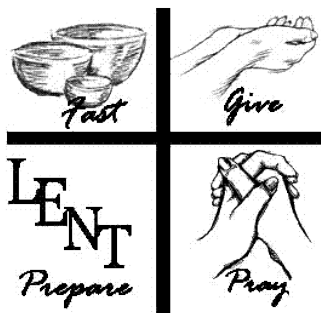
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 12, 2017



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.

AD LIMINA VISIT: In order for the Bishop of Rome to fulfill his special role of ensuring the unity of the church, he needs reliable and authoritative information on the actual situation of the various Churches, including their problems, initiatives undertaken, difficulties encountered, and the results of any projects that have been completed. Each bishop prepares a quinquennial report regarding at least twenty different areas of ministry within the diocese, e.g., priests, laity, consecrated life, vocations, consultative councils, finances, social justice issues, ecumenism, etc. This report makes an effort to identify the bishop's experience regarding the principal issues concerning the diocese, how these issues have been addressed, and some of the conclusions that have emerged. Numerous people throughout the diocese provided some assistance in completing the report, which was sent to Rome last October. During the *ad limina* visit, the bishops visit numerous offices in Rome to discuss various sections of the report. These visits will take place from March 13 to 21. Please pray for Bishop Dunn as he makes his *ad limina* visit to Rome.

FIRST COMMUNION: First Communion for St. Barra Parish, Iona, will be held in May 13 of this year. If your child is eligible (Grade 2 and up) for First Communion and has not yet registered, please email stcolumba.iona@ns.sympatico.ca or phone Josie, 902-725-2173.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is planned for April 7 to 9 in Our Lady of Hope Retreat House, PEI. This worldwide movement of married couples offers an opportunity to enrich your relationship to "make a good marriage a great marriage". After informative talks by the presenting team couples are challenged to dialogue with their spouse in the privacy of their rooms. This newly constructed retreat in Hope River offers a great opportunity for couples through the encouragement of presenting team who have found a new richness in their relationship through the technic of "dialogue" offered my WWME. For information contact James and Connie McNeill, 902-314-8541 or Father Charles Cameron, 902-863-4373, or email for information renewmarriage@gmail.com

LENTEN MISSION: "Words of Wisdom for an Age of Anxiety" The Parish of Saint Leonard is offering a Lenten Mission from April 1 - 5, at the Parish Church of Saint Leonard, Mount Carmel Avenue, New Waterford. Fr. Ray Huntley will lead the Mission, which will focus on some insights from contemporary spiritual writers which offer consolation and hope during difficult and uncertain times. The Mission will begin with homilies at weekend Masses on Saturday, April 1, at 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 2, at 9 & 11 a.m. The Mission will continue with a Mission Session & Healing Service on Monday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Mission Session & Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. and conclude on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. with a Mission Session and Closing Mass. This will be followed by a social at the Parish Hall (Convent Street). Everyone is welcome!

THANK YOU: Many thanks from World Day of Prayer Committee to all who attended and participated at the Alderwood service. \$400 was collected at the well attended event for the Women's Inter Council initiatives.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE at the Frenchvale Senior's Club on Saturday, Mar. 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.

ADULT CHAIR FITNESS CLASS continues on Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **BACK TO BASICS FITNESS CLASS** continues on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per class. All classes held at St. Columba Parish Centre with Instructor Theresa MacLean, PTS, FIS.

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

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, March 18 - 4 p.m. - Readers - Judy MacLellan, Liz MacNeil. Eucharistic Ministers - Bernadette MacDougall (The Bread), Elizabeth MacNeil (The Cup), Barry George (The Cup). Hospitality - Pius & Pauline Campbell, Timmy & Rory MacNeil. Altar Servers - Riley, Sarah, Grace.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, March 19 - 9 a.m. - Readers - Holly MacInnis, Leona Perkins. Eucharistic Minister - Leona Perkins. Church cleaning for the week of March 12 - Dorothy MacLean.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Sunday, March 19 - 4 p.m. - Readers - Paula, Leonard. Eucharistic Minister - Blaine. Hospitality - Kenny, Joe. Altar Server - Gerard.

OFFERINGS (Mar. 5)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Andrew's
Envelopes	\$ 626.00	\$ 3500.00	\$ 509.00	\$ 768.00
Loose	62.35	11.40	60.00	35.30
Weekly Direct Deposit		245.00		
Building Fund		20.00		
Cemetery Fund		30.00		
St. Barra Cem.	40.00			
St. Columba Cem.	25.00			
Fuel		10.00		100.00
Initial Offering		5.00	5.00	

A KINDNESS A DAY DURING LENT

Visit or call someone who is sick or elderly and bring them a simple meal, soup, or loaf of homemade bread.

Give someone a smile who needs it – spend some time with them to help cheer them up.

Yield the right-of-way to another driver or give up a parking space – give them a wave and a smile rather than a frown.

Bring someone a coffee who would appreciate it.

Help out at home where needed.

Help shovel someone's driveway or walkway.

Help an elderly person get their groceries or offer them a drive in the cold/slippery weather.

Run an errand for someone who needs it.

Open a door for someone.

Opportunities for kindness present themselves during every hour of every day – take advantage of them as often and wherever you can! Use your imagination. And don't forget to enjoy the journey! You'll be in the best of Company.