

THE BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 2/3, 2019

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	5:30 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 Jean Ella MacKenzie, Christmas Island.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING in Baddeck on Monday, November 4, at 7 p.m.

WELCOME: A warm welcome from St. Michael's to the Ladies attending the Ecumenical Conference at Inverary Inn this weekend.

MEMBERS OF ST MARY'S PARISH, FRENCHVALE: Please note that there will be an emergency meeting for all parishioners of St Mary's Parish on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019 @ 2 p.m.**, to discuss certain pressing concerns of the Parish. The Meeting will be held in the Church and a good attendance is requested. Look forward to seeing you there.

ST. BARRA PASTORAL COUNCIL: We need a few new members in the St. Barra Pastoral Council. Interested persons kindly contact the parish office or the Parish Priest.

ST. ANDREW'S, BOISDALE is in need of Altar Servers. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry please contact Vince at 902-871-2808 or Gerard at 902-871-2172.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Sunday, November 3, will be aired at 10 a.m. on CTV.

FR. GREG MACLEOD LECTURE SERIES: The Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series begins again at CBU next Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Verschuren Centre CS104. Three experts will each give a 15 minute review of Fr. Greg's economic vision, for Fr. Greg is responsible for the creation of over 2000 jobs in Cape Breton. The Verschuren Centre is easy to find, as it is directly off the Highway, so you enter the main entrance of campus, and take your first left for parking. Everyone is invited and refreshments served.

TEACHING MASS: Calling all youth, parents and grandparents to attend a Teaching Mass with Fr. Patrick on November 24, at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River. Social to follow. Everyone is welcome. For more details contact Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca or Nick Vince at nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca. Dream Catcher Making and Cultural Experience for Youth on November 12, 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Membertou. To register: Anne Stubbart at 902-574-4385 or annestubbart@icloud.com

THE DIOCESE NEWSLETTER for the month of November is now available on line at www.antigonishdiocese.com

MICRO RESEARCH NS: Community Meetings will be held at **6:30 p.m.** at the following locations: **Little Narrows Church Hall – Nov. 5 and Boisdale Fire Hall - Nov. 7.** Inquiries may be made to: 902-578-3247 or Debbie_Brennick@cbu.ca

FEIS AN EILEIN is offering Gaelic Classes on Tuesdays, **starting Nov. 5 - Dec. 3.** Level 1 with Amber Buchanan from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and Level 2 with Stacey MacLean 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Gaidhlig aig Baile method, meaning no reading or writing; all oral repetition and fun! Students free and adults \$25 for five weeks. All ages welcome. Christmas Island Fire Hall.

BIRTHDAY INVITE: We, the Family of Mable Redden, Iona, extend an invitation to all to come and help us celebrate her 90TH BIRTHDAY on **Saturday, November 9**, at the Iona Legion from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

ROAST BEEF DINNER: Frenchvale Senior's Club, **November 10.** 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$15, Child (under 12) \$7. Eat in or Take out. For info please call 902-794-2940.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE, NOV. 11, IONA: Remembrance Day service begins with a parade from the Cenotaph to St. Columba Church at 10:30 a.m. All personnel and organizations interested in participating in the service at the church should form up at the Cenotaph prior to 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 11.

THE BOISDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold a regular meeting at the Boisdale Fire Hall on **Sunday, November 17**, at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS TEA & SALE at the Boisdale Fire Hall on **Sunday, December 1**, 2 - 4 p.m. Bake and Novelty tables, Crafts, Parcel Post, Ticket Draws and Door Prizes. Major Prizes: \$1000 Draw and a GETAWAY at the Iona Heights Inn including an overnight, dinner voucher, gift basket. Event sponsored by The Hills of Boisdale Community Association.

ALDERWOOD WORKING COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BAKE & CRAFT SALE will be held on **Wednesday, December 4**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alderwood Community Hall. Any donation of baked goods or craft items would be greatly appreciated.

GRANDONA LEGION BRANCH #124 AND THE LEGION LEGENDS will be hosting a Christmas Tea and Sale on **Sunday, December 8**, between 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit, Christmas Carols, Bake table and local crafts/gift tables. Admission is \$5 that will include a light lunch and sweets. We will also be selling white and dark Fruit Cakes (Approximately 1½ lbs). White Fruit Cake \$12 each; Dark Fruit Cake \$15 each. Cakes must be pre-ordered and can be picked up at the Legion on the day of the Tea and Sale. To order, please call Janet at 902-725-2046 or 902-371-0446 or email: jamesville520@bellaliant.net. Hope to see you all there!

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, Nov. 9 - 4 p.m. - Readers – Peggy MacNeil, Elizabeth MacNeil. Eucharistic Ministers - Anne MacKinnon-Parks (The Bread), Angela MacDougall (The Cup), Florence MacNeil (The Cup). Hospitality - Pauline & Pius Campbell, Brad Parks, Timmy MacNeil. Altar Server – Colin. **MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, Nov. 9 - 5:30 p.m.** - Readers - Joe, Kenny. Eucharistic Minister - Anne. Hospitality - Joe. Altar Server - Emma. **MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, Nov. 10 - 9 a.m.** - Readers - David Fraser, Charlene Ivany. Eucharistic Minister - Jackie Gauthier. Church cleaner for the week of November 3 - Kim Cameron.

OFFERINGS (Oct. 26/27)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Andrew's
Envelopes	\$ 679.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 598.00	\$ 355.00
Loose	58.25	17.90	75.30	10.00
DD	50.00	245.00		
Building Fund	25.00	5.00		

REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEK

This is an abridged version of Sr. Mary Margaret's Reflection on Religious Life as told to *Catholic Register*, Oct 6, 2019, page 15. Mary Margaret studied Astrophysics and Astronomy and was pursuing her Ph. D in Harvard University, Boston, probing the magnetic activity in dwarf stars when she decided to join a convent to become a Catholic Nun. She abandoned her doctoral studies and professed publicly to live as a Catholic Nun practicing the Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. Born to Reginald and Mary McLean, and raised in Toronto, Sr. Mary Margaret says that her heart was drawn to promote the sacredness of all life by putting an end to her academic career. She explains the three religious vows as follows: The Vow of Poverty brings us into communion with the most vulnerable. There is no one more poor than the child in the womb. The vow of poverty is not to masochistically deny every comfort and embrace every misery, but to directly experience being dependent on God. It is a radical act of hope to let go of all the security of material goods. All the vows are forms of poverty. The Vow of Chastity is a poverty of an intimate relationship in marriage. In a culture where identities are formed and advertised on the basis of sexual preferences and histories, chastity can only be countercultural, says Sr. Mary Margaret. The Vow of Obedience is also as countercultural as Chastity is because today there is a current of disobedience in the world. "Everyone is kind of obsessed with getting their own way. It is all about Me and what I want, and how I see the world. Ultimately, that doesn't lead to happiness," says Sr. Margaret. She says that obedience unlocks the prison door of loneliness. Obedience is the poverty of the will. True happiness comes not in getting my own way, but in giving over myself to another. This is the meaning of the vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience.