

**THE BULLETIN FOR
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REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	St. Barra Parish St. Columba Church, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Barra Parish St. Andrew's Church, 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.

TO OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES: The Diocese has requested us to take precautionary measures to prevent contacting Corona Virus by, for example, not sharing the Chalice at the Eucharist and by not shaking hands at the peace exchange during Mass. In saying that, for the next few weeks, there will be no Chalice for the Congregation at the Mass, and the one who distributes the consecrated Bread will clean their hands before distribution. Thanks. Fr. Vargheese.

MISSION (RETREAT): Fr. Vargheese will be doing a Mission (Retreat) at St. Mary's Parish, Frenchvale, on Sunday, March 22, to Tuesday, March 24, from 6:30 until 7:45 p.m. All are most welcome to celebrate this Annual Retreat.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020 ... June 12 - 14 ... Membertou, Sydney. *What are the spiritual and corporal works of mercy?* Many of us grew up knowing these by heart, but nowadays we seldom hear these terms used. Why? Perhaps it is because we are too busy implementing them and putting them into action! The spiritual and corporal works of mercy have long been part of our Christian tradition. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those to whom he ministered, these works of mercy guide us in our desire to love God and love our neighbour. As we continue on our Lenten journey, many of us pledged to give something up during these 40 days, to sacrifice and become closer to the suffering Jesus. Perhaps instead of giving up something, which we may already have, why not also give something of ourselves? ***SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY*** [oriented to a person's soul] Admonish sinners (tough love!); Instruct the uninformed; Counsel the doubtful; Comfort the sorrowful; Be patient with those in error; Forgive offenses; Pray for the living and the dead. ***CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY*** [oriented to a person's body] Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Give shelter to travellers; Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned; Bury the dead.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at St. Columba Church, Iona, on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. before the 4 p.m. Mass. We ask that the Altar Servers scheduled for the Saturday Masses be at the Church in time for the Stations of the Cross.

ULTREYA will be held March 26 @ 7:30 p.m. at our Lady of Fatima Church. This month we welcome Bishop Kirkpatrick. All Cursillistas, please feel free to come and welcome our new Bishop to our Cursillo Community. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Blessings Kevin & Karen MacSween.

THANK YOU: To my dear family and friends: Words cannot express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who helped to make my benefit ceilidh such a huge success. Thank You to: The Christmas Island Fire Dept. and Feis an Eilein for hosting and working the venue. To the Christmas Island Ladies Auxiliary for working the kitchen. To all who brought food. To all who donated to and worked the silent auction. To all the entertainment for their amazing talent. To all who couldn't be there but sent their support and best wishes thru the mail. And a heartfelt thanks to each and everyone who came out in support (In spite of the weather). It was an uplifting night for me. I am so thankful to be part of and supported by such a wonderful community. I am forever grateful. God Bless to all. Mildred MacLellan.

EXERCISE CLASSES for older adults (age 50+) on Thursdays, at 10 a.m. at the Boisdale Fire Hall. For further information, contact Marie at 902-578-9070.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are held in Boisdale, St. Andrew's Church - upstairs - every Friday night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Iona Parish Hall - every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please call 902-562-8019 for more information.

ST. PATRICK'S VARIETY CONCERT on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at the North Sydney Firemen's Club with Musicians, Vocals and Dancing. Sponsored by St. Joseph's CWL. Good-will offering at the door.

CONCERT with Cape Breton Chordsmen and other invited guests on Sunday, March 15, at United Heritage Church, corner of Townsend & Charlotte Sts. at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Phone Steven for more information at 902-322-8470.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, Mar. 21 - 4 p.m. – Stations: Elizabeth. Readers - Liz, Shelly. Eucharistic Minister - Kaye-Anne (The Bread). Hospitality - Patsy & Lorne, Timmy, Brad. Altar Servers - Grace, Katherine, Simon.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, Mar. 21 - 5:30 p.m. - Readers - Kenny, Joe. Eucharistic Minister - Anne. Hospitality - Kenny. Altar Server - Gerard.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, Mar. 22 - 9 a.m. - Readers - Holly MacInnis, Bernie MacDonald. Eucharistic Minister - Jackie Gauthier. Church Cleaner for the week of Mar. 15 - Mary Nicholson.

OFFERINGS	St. Columba	St. Michael's
(Mar. 7/8)		
Envelopes	\$ 305.00	\$ 453.00
Loose	21.00	19.00
Direct Deposit	50.00	
Building Fund	115.00	