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St. James, Seaforth

St. Patrick's, Dublin

St. Patrick's, Kinkora

St Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

## January 6-7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor: Rev. Philip Joseph Associate Pastor: Rev. Ronnie Tagnines

#### **Parish Office Information**

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#### Directory

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**Note:** Each parish has its own email to be used **ONLY** for pre-authorized or e-transfers (see website for email addresses). For all other inquiries, please use **phccatholic@dol.ca** 

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Ministry



#### **Regular Mass Times**

#### Check inside Bulletin for Mass Time Changes

#### Saturday

5:00PM—St. James, Seaforth

7:00PM- St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

#### Sunday

9:00AM-St James, Seaforth

9:00AM—St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

11:00AM-St. Patrick's, Dublin

11:00 AM-St. Patrick's, Kinkora

#### Weekday

7:00PM- Tuesday St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

7:00PM—Wednesday St James, Seaforth

9:15AM- Thursday St. Patrick's, Dublin

9:15AM- Friday St. Patrick's, Kinkora

#### **Confessions:**

Saturdays, 11:00am—Noon St. Patrick's Kinkora and St. James Seaforth Or by Appointment

**Weddings:** Booking 8 months in advance.

**Baptisms:** Please contact the office to register.

## Mass Intentions: January 9-12

#### TUESDAY January 9th, 2024 7:00 pm Mitchell

- + Judy McCarthy (1st Anniv) by Terry McCarthy
- + Gene Verhoeve by the Schoonderwoerds
- + Lennie Ryan by Carol Ryan

In Thanksgiving by Bert Kolkman

In Thanksgiving by Ted & Katherine Mabb

#### SCHOOL MASSES this week

#### WEDNESDAY January 10th, 2024 9:15 am Seaforth

#### **Note the Time Change**

- + Ali Brakenhoff by Angeline Swart and family
- + Darren Creces by Eleanor Maloney
- + Krista Weber by Maria Roth
- + Harry Deloyer by John & Barb Freriks

Special intentions for Kreutzwiser family -George& Mary

#### THURSDAY January 11th, 2024 9:15 am Dublin

+ Peter Kedge by Vince & Karen Doyle Intentions of Alexander Poppe & Andrea Bokkers-CWL Int. of Jacqui & Patrick Hoffman by Vince & Karen Doyle

#### FRIDAY January 12th, 2024 9:15 am Kinkora

+ deceased members of Vander Vloet & Meeuwssen families by Frank Vander Vloet Estate Intentions of Samuel Nyenhuis by Jim & Carla-Mae Intentions of Jane Lansbergen by Theresa & Francis Ryan

2024 Offertory Envelopes are at the Church Entrances. Please pick yours up. If you have decided to change to pre-authorized payments and no longer require envelopes, please let the office know so your envelopes can be used by someone else. Thank you.

### SPECIAL FUNDRAISING BRUNCH FOR LUCAS AND MARIA STOCK

The Kinkora Knights of Columbus will be serving Brunch on Sunday, January 14 after the 11 am Mass. We hope you can come out to enjoy a delicious breakfast in the Kinkora Community Center and also help support Lucas and Maria.

As usual we will be accepting cash donations. If you would prefer to write a cheque please make it out to the Kinkora Knights of Columbus.

Thank you in advance for your support.

#### Christmas Mass Collection

Mass Collection Dec 23/24/25, 2023

- ST. JAMES SEAFORTH \$12,699.72
- ST. PATRICK'S DUBLIN \$13,049.92
- ST. PATRICK'S KINKORA \$29,492.50
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$10,446.00

## New Year's Mass Collection

Mass Collection Dec 30/31, 2023 and January 1, 2024

(Includes e-transfers for December 2023)

- **ST. JAMES SEAFORTH \$7,616.65**
- **ST. PATRICK'S DUBLIN \$6,172.00**
- **ST. PATRICK'S KINKORA \$6,590.00**
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$8,235.00

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Christmas letters were mailed to all parishioners in December. Many of them were returned "address unknown" resulting in \$50 in wasted stamps. Please ensure the office has your current mailing address including Box number, to ensure you receive your income tax receipt.

## St. Patrick's Kinkora Knights of Columbus and CWL

Winter Social will take place on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm at the Kinkora Community Centre. Refreshments provided. Please bring a treat to share. All are welcome to attend.



#### R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The R.C.I.A. is the process that welcomes and introduces adult inquirers (18 years of age and older), who have felt the call of God to join our Catholic Faith. The initiation pro-

cess is primarily for those who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian tradition, or for those who may have been baptized in the Catholic tradition but have never been catechized and/or fully initiated (have not received the Eucharist and Confirmation).

The emphasis in the initiation process is on one's relationship with God, on commitment to Christ, on conversion and discipleship. Contact Karen Doyle.

## Plenary Indulgence

To celebrate the 8th centennial of the world's first crib/ nativity scene (1223- 2023) by St. Francis of Assisi, in Greccio, Italy, Pope Francis has approved a Plenary Indulgence.

The faithful are being offered the opportunity to receive a Plenary Indulgence, from December 8, 2023 to February 2, 2024, at our Franciscan churches where the Nativity Scenes will be available. **If you** 

- pray before the Nativity Scene,
- celebrate the sacrament of Confession,
- receive Holy Communion,
- \* pray for the intentions of the Pope,
- pray the Creed and Our Father, a Plenary Indulgence will be granted.

The Franciscan parishes in the Diocese are: St. Andrew the Apostle; Mary Immaculate; Holy Cross; and St. Leopold Mandic (London); St. Mary (Blenheim), St. Michael (Ridgetown) and St. Paul's (Thamesville).

A plenary indulgence is a particularly powerful way to obtain remission of punishment -- on earth or in purgatory – that would have resulted from sins that were already forgiven. It covers all sins, mortal or venial, that the recipient has committed up to that time, if the person sincerely repents, detests their sins and fulfills all requirements of the indulgence.

#### Church Chat.....

The Psalms give language for the many benefits of gratitude and thanksgiving:

#### 1. Gratitude Gives Praise to the Lord

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name (Psalm 100:4). We know that every good thing comes from the Lord. Take time to praise and thank Him for all of your blessings.

#### 2. Gratitude Allows us to Appreciate Others

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation (Psalm 111:1). Consider the people you are grateful for. Perhaps you are grateful because of something they have done for you or for just who they are. Let them know!

#### 3. Gratitude Helps us See Light in the Darkness

Make thanksgiving your sacrifice to God and pay your vows to the Most High. Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me (Psalm 50:14-15). When we are down, hopeless, or feel like we have lost our way, gratitude for the small blessings brings light to our darkness. Even in the darkest of times, remember the things you are grateful for.

(from "Good News Notes" by Joe Bezzina, Diocese of London)

This year for your "New Year's Resolution", ask God to give you a Word for the year, to govern your life. Don't pick the Word yourself; ask God for the Word. You may be surprised by the Word He gives you, but even better will be the fruits of that Word if you focus on it daily. Some examples: surrender, trust, accept, grace, follow, yes, no, hope, joy, grateful, etc......

## Marríage Prep March 8-9, 2024

Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church.

Contact Karen Doyle kdoyle@dol.ca



## Adoration

1st Friday of the month from 9am—9 pm at St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

## <u>upcoming</u> <u>Retrouvaille</u> <u>Weekend</u>

February 9-11, 2024

Over 80% of couples report that they saw a notice in their parish bulletin. Retrouvaille has helped rebuild marriages for over 44 years and over 175,000 marriages worldwide. We CAN help your marriage.

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## First Communion & Confirmation Parents News

Parent Night at St. Patrick's Dublin Hall on Monday, January 15th at 7 pm.

This is for <u>PARENTS ONLY</u>. Please do not bring your children. Both parents are welcome, however only one parent needs to attend.

Questions were raised among the faithful about the meaning of *Fiducia supplicans*, recently released by the Holy See.

The statement: "With respect to the Declaration "Fiducia supplicans" issued by the Holy See's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the CCCB offered the following statement from Bishop William McGrattan, president of the CCCB.

'On 18 December 2023 the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith released the Declaration *Fiducia Supplicans*, which responds to questions that had been raised regarding the possibility of offering blessings to persons living in irregular unions, including same-sex relationships. While explicitly affirming the Church's traditional understanding of marriage, *Fiducia Supplicans* allows pastors to bless people who freely request a blessing, seeking divine help to live in fidelity to God's will. The Declaration makes clear that such blessings must be directed to the persons themselves rather than their situation and that they must be spontaneously requested and are not ritual or liturgical actions.

The guiding principle in the Declaration is the fact that the very request for a blessing represents an openness to God's mercy and can be an occasion for greater trust in God."



Beginning Sunday, January 7th, 2024, at 9 am Children's Liturgy

at St. Vincent de Paul.

Children 3 and up are all welcome.
To volunteer with us, please contact stvdpsundayschool@gmail.com

## Cursillo! Are You Interested?

From the London and Area Cursillo movement: Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'a little course'. Cursillo, which begins on a Thursday night through to Sunday afternoon, helps us to look at ourselves and our relationships with others and God, through a series of talks by others who have made a previous weekend.

Day 1: We look at ourselves.

Day 2: We consider God's love for us.

Day 3: We consider the world around us and how we can be a Godly influence to those around us.

All who make the weekend find a deeper joy in their faith, their Church, and their community around them.

Need something to boost your faith and spirit? Consider joining us on February 1-4, 2024 for the Men's Weekend, or Feb. 8-11, 2024 for the Women's Weekend.

Call Eileen and David Sleightholm, your diocesan contacts at 519-524-9400 for more information.

Many of our parishioners have experienced Cursillo and would love to share how it changed their lives.



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January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The life of Jesus begins with Mary; therefore, it is appropriate that we begin the New Year with the Feast of Mary. My first New Year's prayer is that we are all, each one of us, specially blessed by God. Our special blessing comes to us through Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word of God, who became flesh to teach us to call God "Abba! Father!" We can all learn much more about what it means to be sons and daughters of God. Today's Gospel reading tells us that "...she treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart." As sons and daughters of God, we should stop to reflect on the truths of our faith and treasure them in our hearts. So let us remember that if we are to grow as sons and daughters of God, we all need to meditate and pray. It is good to remember that the family that prays together stays together.

Our Family of Parishes has a wealth of volunteers who work hard, and without you where would we be? Your dedication and effort are awesome. Thank you to our Parish Advisory Council, Finance Committee and many more volunteers, for all that you do for us at our Family of Parishes. This past year your response to your Family of Parishes has been amazing. God bless you all. Your expression of gratitude has always helped and encouraged us in good times and also challenging times. You are our strength and power. We thank you and assure you of our prayers for you. Thank you as well for the generosity that so many of you showed throughout the past year and particularly at Christmas with regard to your kindness to your priests in the form of cookies, cakes, cards, and so many thoughtful gifts.

All of God's blessings upon you in this New Year!! Please know that you will all be kept in prayer. I, together with Fr. Ronnie, Deacon Dan and our parish staff, wish you a Happy New Year!

Fr. Philip Joseph, Pastor

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### Canadían Catholic Students' Association Conference at King's

Calling all Catholic post-secondary students! The Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA) is the official student-led national organization supported by the Canadian bishops. King's students and Campus Ministry at both King's and St. Michael's College will host the CCSA Central Region Conference at King's University College in London, Ontario from January 19 to 21, 2024. Dr. Leonard DeLorenzo (<a href="www.leonardjdelorenzo.com">www.leonardjdelorenzo.com</a>) from the University of Notre Dame is the keynote speaker and will join us to discuss <a href="www.leonardjdelorenzo.com">WITNESS - why and how we witness to Christ</a>. Through service and dialogue we will learn to give witness to our faith on campus and in our local communities. Post-secondary students in Ontario and Quebec are invited to join this gathering of faith, fun and fellowship. To find out details or to register, please click here. Posters are at the back of the churches.

### Marriage Refresher Course

Dr. Bruce Tallman is offering a Marriage Refresher Course. Dr. Tallman's course is approved by Fr. Paul Baillargeon, available to any married couple in the diocese, conveniently delivered in six one hour sessions by Zoom, and flexible: one married couple at a time. The course is for married couples who are thriving, average, or conflicted or any couple that wants to live the sacrament of marriage more fully. For more information, including cost, a full course outline, or to book sessions go to:

www.brucetallman.com/coaching-for-married-couples or email: <a href="mailto:btallman@rogers.com">btallman@rogers.com</a>.



Alpha resumes again January 11, 6:30 pm St. Patricks, Dublin.
Alpha retreat day January 13, 8:30 am coffee and snacks, St. Patricks Dublin

First Communion / Confirmation

Parents Reminder Parent evening January 15, 7:00 pm at St. Patricks, Dublin hall. Note: remember this is a special meeting for parents only. Please do not bring your children.



If you feel those winter blues coming on, it's important to care for yourself spiritually, as well as physically and mentally. Here's a simple prayer to get you started...

"Heavenly Father, You are the source of all my happiness and peace, I know that You care for me in all things and that You never let a moment pass from me without Your loving presence. When sadness, exhaustion, and anxiety invade my life, please make Your presence known to me in a special way and send the Holy Spirit to comfort me in my suffering. I ask that You be with me today to care for me as my Father. Please grant me the grace to remain gentle with myself, patient with those I encounter, and hopeful in prayer. Allow me to keep myself always in Your presence, especially when I feel most alone. Thank you, Father, for the loving care You show to me always.

Amen." (Sophia Swinford, Aletia)



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