



Perth-Huron Crossroads Catholic Family of Parishes

"The Eucharist invites us to do the work of Jesus compassionately, and meet people where they are at, in Perth-Huron Crossroads Catholic Family of Parishes."



St. James, Seaforth



St. Patrick's, Dublin



St. Patrick's, Kinkora



St Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

March 14th-15th, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Rev. Innocent Ibeh

Associate Pastor: Rev. Jude Ogbenna, C.S.Sp

Parish Office Information

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Please consider following us on social media to stay up to date on news and events!

Facebook:

Perth Huron Crossroads
Catholic Ministry



All Mass stipends for any parish go to stjames@dol.ca

Regular Mass Times

***Check inside the Bulletin
& Website 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

Tuesday March 17th—7pm Mitchell

- ✠ Laura Skinner by Betty & Jeff Visser
- ✠ Mary Jansen by Rudy Jansen
- ✠ Joan Cruickshank by Susan Cruickshank
- ✠ Dianne & Raymond Becker by Angie & Rodney Becker

Intentions of Betty Pehlke by Ann, Jane, Julie and families

Wednesday March 18th—Hillside Manor—10am

- ✠ Ronald James Murray by the estate

Wednesday March 18th—7pm Seaforth

- ✠ Jim & Marie Kelly by Joan Devereaux
- ✠ Allan Ducharme (2nd Anniv) by Christine & family
- ✠ Clara & James Ducharme by Denise & Brad Smith
- ✠ John Middegaal by Tim & Sue Cunningham

Special intention by Eleanor Devereaux

Special intention & thanksgiving by McQuaid family

Thursday March 19th—9:15am Dublin

- ✠ Dan Martineau by John & Marg Van Bakel
- ✠ Cody Feltz by Kevin & Pauline Skinner
- ✠ Julie Van Bakel by Martin & family

Intentions of the parish office staff by a parishioner

Friday March 20th—9:15 am Kinkora

- ✠ Mary Jansen (1st Anniv) by Rudy Jansen

Special Intentions for Jonathan by Michael Gallant

Friday March 20th-West Perth Village—10am

- ✠ Bert Kolkman by Mary Horenberg

Mass of Chrism—The annual Mass of Chrism will take place on Monday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London. The faithful from across the Diocese are invited to attend. Mass will be livestreamed at the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes [YouTube channel](#).

Mass Collections—March 7-8

<u>Dublin</u>	<u>Kinkora</u>	<u>Mitchell</u>	<u>Seaforth</u>
\$ 766	\$ 1090	\$ 969	\$ 1190

Day of Confessions

Wednesday March 25th

The Day of Confessions has been held every year during Lent since 2009. This year again, our Families of Parishes will have priests available to celebrate the sign of God's limitless mercy and unconditional love for any and all who seek it.

Confession times and locations:

9:00 AM - Noon—Mitchell

10:30 AM - Noon—Kinkora

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM—Dublin

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM—Seaforth

Making a Good Confession does not have to be scary. The Diocese has put together some great information to help you prepare for confession. There are guidelines for every stage in life, from Grade 2 through high school, as a single person, married individual, or if it's been a long time since you have been to confession. Now is the time.

Please visit <https://dol.ca/doc> for some great resources and examinations of conscience for every age or situation.

Save the Date for Cat Chat Vacation

Bible School in Kinkora—July 13-17, 2026

Development and Peace

To learn all about Canada's new **Share Lent campaign**, **On Track for Justice**.

Envelopes & info at back of the church.

Women's Lenten Silent Retreat 2026 March 28–29 at the Michaelite Fathers Retreat Centre, London

This retreat offers a sacred space of quiet and reflection as you prepare your heart for Holy Week, including: *meaningful presentations, guided prayer and extended silence, personal journaling time, Lectio and Visio Divina, Pray and Paint* (no experience necessary — simply come with an open heart) and *Celebration of Mass for Palm Sunday*. In the stillness, you will be invited to rest, listen, and receive. Silence allows the Lord to speak gently to the deepest places of your soul. Through prayer and creativity, you will encounter His living water, that's renewing you for the journey ahead.

**Seaforth-Dublin-St. Columban
Beef on a Bun Drive Thru Supper**

Saturday, March 28th from 5pm-6:30pm

at St. Columban Knights Hall

Advance Tickets only \$20 each

Joe Ryan Gerry Vanden Hengel

519 801-8549 519 527-0845



**Mitchell-Logan Knights of Columbus
Seriously JK**

Presents an evening of Improv comedy, featuring Mitchell's own **Jim Kelly**

on Friday April 17th 2026

at West Perth Community Centre.

Doors open at 7pm Show starts at 8pm
Tickets available individually or Tables of 8.

\$30 per person. E-transfer

kofc9252@gmail.com for tickets or call

Dave at 519-274-1560,

Jeff at 519-949-4372, or

Rob at 519-348-8101.

Grade 7-8 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser – March 26

at the Kinkora Hall. Seating times are **5:30 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**
All proceeds go to **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Stratford**,
in support of members of our local community.

Tickets may be purchased through School Cash Online,
the school office, or from the Grade 7-8 students before and
after Sunday Mass in Kinkora. We hope you can join us for an
evening of food and fellowship in support of a worthy cause.

Sisters of Faith Lenten Food Drive

Please donate to help others in our community.

REGEN KICKSTART NIGHT 8
Young Adults 18-35
Mass for the feast of St. Joseph, followed by a social night with food, board games, Super Smash Bros, and billiards.
March 19th
7:00 PM - Mass at St. Joseph's Church
96 Huron St. Stratford, ON
7:30 PM - Social at Knights of Columbus Hall
93 Morgan St. Stratford, ON
For any updates and future events, please join our ReGen group chat by scanning this QR code

St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Awards

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the 2026 St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Award, which recognizes exemplary service to Catholic education. The nominees for this award represent all stakeholder groups in Huron-Perth Catholic: employees, parent/caregiver/family volunteers, priests, and parishioners.

Faith in Action Awards recognize individuals who have demonstrated exemplary commitment and service to Catholic education beyond their workplace.

Nomination deadline is **Friday, March 20, 2026**.

Nomination forms are at www.huronperthcatholic.ca under the 'Our Board' tab, then 'District Awards'.

Award recipients will be recognized during Catholic Education Week at the CEW Mass and Celebration on Monday, May 4, 2026 at St. Patrick's Church, Dublin. Please contact directoroffice@huronperthcatholic.ca for more information.

Stations of the Cross—6 Fridays of Lent at St. Vincent de Paul Church at 6:30pm

Date **Lead Group**

March 20—Members of St. Pat's Kinkora

March 27—The Youth

Lenten Lunch Schedule 2026

Date	Host Church	Speaker and Charity
Mar. 18	St Peters (Broadhagan)	John Nater--Seaforth Hospital
Mar. 25	St James (at Northside)	Helen Van Bakel--Room 2 Grow
<i>Donated home made soup is required from our parishioners. If you would like to donate, please call Helen at 519-955-9883.</i>		
Apr. 1	Cavan United (Winthrop)	Lori Vermeersch—Huron County Emergency Services

UPCOMING YOUTH RETREAT!

April 10-12, 2026
DUBLIN, ON

Anyone Age 16 (grade 11) to 21

For an application, email amy@croninfamilyfarms.com or scan the QR code

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**COME ONE, COME ALL
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**



**REMEMBER YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES
BY SPONSORING A LILY IN**

ST. JAMES CHURCH THIS EASTER: Please make a donation for Easter Lily plants by: e-transfer (stjames@dol.ca), Sunday offertory envelopes or by visiting the Parish Office. Include your name and "Easter Lily donation" on all correspondence. ALL donations are appreciated. Thank you for continuing to keep this symbol of hope for eternal life a tradition in our parish as we remember our deceased loved ones.



Children of God – Invitation to Baptism for Children in JK, SK, and Grade 1

Families with children in JK, SK, or Grade 1 are warmly invited to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Patrick's Church, Dublin. This is a joyful opportunity for your child to be welcomed into God's family and for parents and children to prepare together in faith and community. To prepare for baptisms we will have a Family Retreat on April 11th. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office.

Family Retreat: Saturday, April 11th at St. Vincent de Paul Hall, Mitchell 9am-Noon

Baptism Celebration: Sunday, April 19th at St. Patrick's Church, Dublin 12:30pm
(after 11am Mass)

Save A Family Plan Spring Newsletter

Save A Family Plan (SAFP) has released their spring 2026 newsletter, "Ektha-Unity," available at www.safp.org/news-and-info/#newsletter and in their social media channels. SAFP is grateful for many new donors across the Diocese who have joined their social justice mission. For everyone who is a new donor, as well as for those who have known about SAFP for many years, this "refresher" contains information about how they operate, their programs in India, and how your support helps to break the cycle of poverty for impoverished families and villages. Hard copies are available upon request from Nelson at ncouto@safp.org.

Holy Land Wood Art

Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious artifacts to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity.

Mark your calendars for June 20th & 21st, when Holy Land Wood Art will visit our churches with beautiful artifacts. Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land.

St. Patrick's CWL – Good Friday Meatless Soup Lunch

Friday, April 3rd following the 3 pm Mass.

The entire Parish Family is invited to join us for a simple meatless soup lunch after Mass.

We are looking for volunteers to provide

Soup and Buns and to help with **setup and teardown**.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of the church
on **March 15th & 22nd**.

Donations will go to a local charity. We appreciate your support!
pammss16@gmail.com

"Chatty Chili"



St. Vincent de Paul Sisters of Faith warmly invite everyone to a community meal "Chatty Chili" on Wednesday, March 25th from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the church hall. A special time to nourish our bodies AND our lives in friendship and service.

Anyone feeling called to help serve (cooking, serving or clean up) are welcome, and everyone is signed on to chat it up!! There is no charge for the meal (donations welcome) but tickets needed for general "head count".

Tickets available at the West Perth Library or from any Sister of Faith.

For more information, or RSVP, please contact Susan Christie at schristi@quadro.net by March 20th.

Parish Pastoral Council Members

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a *"consultative body to the Pastor, concerned with mission and ministry in the parish family."*

The principal role of the PPC is pastoral planning, to ensure that the mission and vision of the diocese and parish, guide the community into the future. Pastoral planning involves:

- * Developing a vision for the parish for the next 3-5 years;
- * Discerning the will of God for the family by identifying, assessing and prioritizing pastoral needs;
- * Setting goals and developing objectives in order to meet those needs; and
- * Recommending courses of action to the pastor or pastoral team members.

The PPC is comprised of 2 members from each of our 4 churches. Currently, there is a need for 1 member from St. James and 1 member from St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in serving on the PPC, please contact the office or speak with Father Innocent. *Thank you for your interest.*

Mental Health in Ministry: Faith in Action Conference: April 24-26, 2026 in London

This event is for anyone in ministry as well as parishioners who are passionate about supporting mental health and wellness within our parishes. Keynote speakers will share relevant research and innovative programs that support parishioners and serve our vulnerable brothers and sisters in the community. Participants will receive a toolkit of resources. More information is on the poster at the back of the church.

Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund

Do you know a young person within our parish that would like to attend a camp this summer but is financially unable to do so? The Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is directed towards helping young people experience camping activities, projects and leadership opportunities.

Income from the Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is available to any individual, group or organization within the Catholic Diocese of London that best satisfies one or more of the following criteria and supports the objectives of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan:

- to provide camping experiences for young children
- to support camp related activities and projects for young children
- to provide financial assistance for youth programs designed to foster leadership in the context of summer camping experiences for young children
- to support special Diocesan projects/activities related to young children and youth

Funds will be awarded to applicants who, in the opinion of the Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund Committee, best meet the specific criteria of the fund and are deemed worthy of support at that time.

For specific criteria and an application form please contact Heidi Monteith at the Diocesan Centre at 519-433-0658 x 246 (hmonteith@dol.ca).

Deadline Monday, April 27, 2026.

Natural Family Planning Listening Session

As we prepare for Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week (July 19–25, 2026), the Diocese of London is inviting parishes to participate in a diocesan NFP Listening Session on April 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. (Zoom). To register or submit a participant from your parish, please contact Christine Coyle at ccoyle@dol.ca



**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
Calling the Catholic Faithful to Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC) expresses its deep concern about the war currently ravaging Iran and several countries in the Middle East. We cannot remain indifferent to this armed conflict, which risks escalating into a protracted war. During the *Angelus* on Sunday, March 1, 2026, Pope Leo XIV stated: “Stability and peace cannot be built through mutual threats or through weapons, which sow destruction, pain, and death, but only through reasonable, authentic, and responsible dialogue.”

During this season of Lent, a time of conversion and reflection, we are called to turn our hearts toward God and toward our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Faced with rising tensions and the risk of escalating war, we invite the People of God in Canada to pray for peace. Let us ask the Lord to increase the thirst for justice, reconciliation, and true peace in the world. Let us pray that the leaders involved in this armed conflict will allow the light of wisdom and dialogue to guide their decisions. Where fear and anger threaten to overwhelm hearts, may the Holy Spirit inspire gestures of openness, reconciliation, and peace.

May the message of the Gospel inspire us to be peacemakers, to cultivate solidarity with people affected by war, and to keep alive our hope for a better world. By uniting our voices in prayer, we believe that God can transform hearts and open paths where everything seems closed. Together, let us pray for peace in the Middle East and for a world reconciled in the love of Christ.

5 March 2026

Note: The Permanent Council is the second-highest governing body of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBC), after the Plenary Assembly of Bishops. It currently comprises 14 Bishops from across Canada, including both *ex officio* members and those elected by the Plenary Assembly.