

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 3, 2019

Saturday, Nov. 2 (<i>All Souls</i>)	9:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Carthagh's	Mass followed by personal prayers for departed loved ones Elizabeth Madonna Rashotte
Sunday, Nov. 3 (<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Richard & Lois Farrell
Monday, Nov. 4	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Elizabeth Madonna Rashotte
Tuesday, Nov. 5	9:00 am 7:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Carthagh's	Marie Antoinette Kirkey K of C Mass – Intention for Donald Rashotte
Wednesday, Nov. 6	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Thursday, Nov. 7	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Jimmy Prevost
Friday, Nov. 8	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Saturday, Nov. 9	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Evelynn LaVallée
Sunday, Nov. 10 (<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Josie Romano

Please Remember in Your Prayers: All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Paul Hulsman, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Amanda Lake, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Leonard Kehoe, Terry Horrigan, Elinor McKenzie, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Germaine Wannamaker, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Janice Tracey, Michelle Fobert, Joan Cassidy, Mary Stafford Cassidy, Ben Paul, Sharon Butler, and Irene Newman.

Please let us know at the office if you would like to add to or remove a name from the list of the sick.

Offertory Collections:

St. Carthagh's	October 26 & 27	Regular Sunday	\$1,650
St. Edmund's	October 27	Regular Sunday	\$687

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>
St. Carthagh's	W = WELCOME		
Saturday, Nov. 9	W – Natalie Harrison Tara Harrison	Sheila Toner, Joan McTaggart, Greg Donohue	
Sunday, Nov. 10	W – Shirley Kehoe Emily Morton	Bob & Sharon Eros, Dan Dafoe, Carol Badluk	Maria Cockburn
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Nov. 10	Marian Dolan Tim McParland	Vince Cassidy Jerry Cassidy	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

There will be Bible Study on **Tuesday, November 5** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Thank you to all who made St. Edmund's C.W.L. Bazaar such a great success. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together enjoying great fellowship. We were able to raise \$2199.43, which will help support various needs in our Church and community!

The Nov. 5th Knights of Columbus Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Aidan in St. Carthagh's Church at 7pm. The Mass intention is for Donald Rashotte. The K of C meeting will be after Mass, in the rectory. We are hoping for a good representation of Knights from Stoco and Tweed!

Death Notice: Please pray for **Mrs. Margaret O'Brien**, Mother of Archbishop Emeritus Brendan M. O'Brien. She passed away on October 28, 2019. **Mass of Christian Burial** was at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 153 Woodroffe Ave. (at Byron), Ottawa, on Saturday, November 2, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m.

This weekend, we meet our friend Zacchaeus, but there have been many before and after him. In the 1980s for instance, Boris Franz Becker was World No. 1 tennis star. He had won Wimbledon twice, once as the youngest player, in 1985, was six-time Grand slam singles Champion. He was rich and could afford all the material comfort and luxury he wanted. Yet he was an unhappy man. In spite of all his achievements, his life was so empty and meaningless that he contemplated suicide. "I had no inner peace," he wrote. Becker is not alone in this feeling of emptiness. Many successful people who have ignored the inner life have felt that way. According to J. Oswald Sanders in his book *Facing Loneliness*, he wrote, "The millionaire is usually a lonely man and the comedian is often more unhappy than his audience." Jack Higgins, author of *The Eagle Has Landed*, was asked what he would like to have known as a boy. His answer: "That when you get to the top, there's nothing there."

Who else would have known this better than Zacchaeus in today's gospel? As the chief tax collector of the city of Jericho, Zacchaeus was stinking rich by those days' standards. Though Zacchaeus made a lot of money, he was hated in the city, not only because he overtaxed the people, but also because he was helping the pagan Romans to exploit his own people. He was regarded as a public sinner, a traitor and as someone unclean before God. So, although he was financially well to do, he lived a life of loneliness, alienated from his own people and alienated from God. He was an unhappy man. This explains why he was hiding away from the crowd. He was never given a chance to love and be accepted. This resulted in him having a poor self-esteem. Because of his sense of unworthiness "he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way." In his mind, he thought of himself as completely undeserving of Jesus' attention.

The good news is that although we may be insignificant, "like a speck that tips the scales and like a drop of morning dew that falls on the ground," yet God counts us important. We exist only because we are important in his eyes. This was certainly the way of Jesus. Even though Zacchaeus was a sinner, short, insignificant and undeserving of his attention, yet Jesus singled him out of the crowd. He did not ignore him simply because he was not living a good moral life. He did not try to dissociate himself from him even though others were cynical when they saw him reaching out to him. Jesus did not care what they thought, since for him, Zacchaeus too was a son of Abraham and he (Jesus) "has come to seek out and save what was lost." So we can imagine how happy and honored Zacchaeus must have been to be recognized. He was so touched when Jesus noticed him. Everyone was important to Jesus and he regarded everyone personally. This weekend, the readings give us a classical example of the joy of the Gospel. You are who you are by God's grace. Jesus is God's amazing grace! If Jesus was so concerned about the happiness and wellbeing of Zacchaeus, you can be sure, without any doubt, that he is deeply concerned about your joy, peace and happiness. Keep smiling for God loves you in Christ!

In front of the altar is an open book. It contains the list of our deceased parishioners. Our Catholic Tradition dedicates the month of November to the Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all the faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the fullness of life in heaven. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have preceded us into eternity. Among them are our own family members, relatives, friends, colleagues and fellow parishioners. Even in the Old Testament, prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead because people took account of the resurrection and therefore "made atonement for the dead, so that they might be delivered from their sin" (2Macc 12:46). We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven. It is therefore recommendable that we pray for our beloved dead and ask for Masses to be celebrated for the repose of their souls. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Tweed Community Dinner: Be our guest on **Tues., Nov. 19**, 5 – 6 pm at the White Building. This is a 'pay what you can' dinner, with this month's receipts going to pay for next month's dinner. November's main course will be braised beef, prepared by the United Church team. Reserve your place by calling Lynda at [613-478-3181](tel:613-478-3181), leaving your name, phone #, and the number attending. Cut-off date for **reservations is Nov. 12**, or 100 reservations, whichever comes first. These dinners are sponsored by the Tweed Area Churches and THAS.

Archdiocesan Liturgical Conference 2019: Call to Ministry "Called in Baptism, Formed in Faith Communities." Facilitator: Bernadette Gasslein. Friday, Nov. 15: 7:00pm – 9:00pm, & Saturday, Nov. 16: 9:00am – 2:30pm. **Providence Spirituality Centre, 1200 Princess St. Kingston.** Commuters: \$35.00; Overnight: \$80.00. Included: Friday Social, Saturday Lunch, Coffee breaks, Fee. Register by **Monday, November 4th**, by contacting Goret 613-548-4461 or email: ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca. On-line: [Call to Ministry](#).

Volunteer appreciation gathering: (Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Children's Liturgy, Choir Members, Grounds Keepers and General Maintenance, etc.) Sunday, November 17th 2 - 4:00 pm at the Rectory. All volunteers are welcome!