

2nd Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2020

Saturday, Mar. 7	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Mar. 8 (2 nd Sunday of Lent)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Anne Feeney Patrick Cassidy
Monday, Mar. 9	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Leonard Kehoe
Tuesday, Mar. 10			No Mass
Wednesday, Mar. 11	10:30 am	Moira Place	Giving of Ashes
Thursday, Mar. 12	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Joan Cassidy
Friday, Mar. 13	9:00 am 9:45 am	St. Carthagh's St. Cart. School	No Intention School Lenten Confessions
Saturday, Mar. 14	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Owen Durkin
Sunday, Mar. 15 (3 rd Sunday of Lent)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas Members of the Parish

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, Terry Horrigan, Elinor McKenzie, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Germaine Wannamaker, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Janice Tracey, Michelle Fobert, Mary Stafford Cassidy, Ben Paul, Karen Kiefer, and Brian Langabeer.

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	Feb. 29 & Mar. 1	Regular Sunday	\$1,591
St. Edmund's	Mar. 1	Regular Sunday	\$978

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, Mar. 14	W – Arthur Allore Tara Harrison	Sheila Toner, Arthur Allore, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Mar. 15	W – Shirley Kehoe Emily Morton	Don Kirkey, Sheila Scott, Shirley Kehoe, Greg Donohue	Marian Dolan
St. Edmund's	LECTORS	USHERS	
Sunday, Mar. 15	Bill Nash Donna Broek	Vince Cassidy Jerry Cassidy	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

There will be no Bible Study this week.

The next meeting of the St. Carthagh's CWL will be **Monday, March 16**, at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Tweed Community Dinner: Be our guest on **Tues., Mar. 24**, 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. February's menu is braised beef. 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 Mar. 17**, or 100 reservations, whichever comes first. These dinners are sponsored by the Tweed Area Churches and THAS.

Our 2020 Lenten Confessions are scheduled as follows:

School: **Friday, March 13**, at 9:45 am. The venue will be the school.

Parish: **Friday, March 27**, starting at 6:30 pm with a Penitential Service followed by individual confessions at 7:00. The venue is St. Carthagh's. There will be three priests.

During the March Break, Dan will be out of the Parish Office. The Office will close on **Friday, March 13** at noon, and will reopen **Tuesday, March 24**. If necessary, please feel free to leave a message on the office voicemail, or contact Father Aidan for any matters requiring more immediate attention. ☺

Dreams, dreams, dreams! In 1963, during the March on Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., gave his "I Have A Dream" speech. I believe you too have dreams. In fact, without dreams, life would be without zeal and passion. This weekend, we read of the dreams of three biblical personalities.

Abram was given a great dream for his people. He heard the Lord telling him, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." On receiving this amazing dream, Abram set out, not knowing clearly where this would lead him to. All he knew was that God had a big plan for his people. It was a dream for a better life than what they were already having. Abram's journey was a journey of faith!

Paul also had an illustrious dream. He wrote, "This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed...through our Saviour Christ Jesus who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light." So Paul's dream is to offer life and immortality to all through Christ. We are all part of his dream.

Jesus, our Divine Lord, was given a brilliant dream. The Transfiguration scenario is but the preview. God revealed to Jesus the future glory that had always been his. This is the glory that is to be shared with us. This future glory, a life of joy, peace and happiness, is the promise that was made to Abram at his call. It is equally the dream that Paul has been preoccupied with ever since he came to know Christ as the fullness of God's revelation.

Realizing our dreams always entails challenges. Abram endured many difficulties even to the extent of attempting to sacrifice his own son. Paul suffered much opposition for the sake of the Gospel: "Join with me in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God," he appeals. Jesus had to accept the cross of suffering, humiliation, crucifixion and death. We too must keep the dream of heavenly glory constantly before us especially in times of trials and difficulties. It must be for us a source of strength, hope, passion. It should invigorate our daily Christian life and recharge our spirits when our battery runs low.

In order to realize the dream, these biblical personalities had to sacrifice and they relied on the power of God's grace and his unending love. These are the essential ingredients we need to inject into our Lenten journey to set it on an even course.



Our Parish Mission is scheduled for Saturday March 21 - Monday March 23, 2020. Patrick Sullivan will be the preacher. Patrick is a lay person, an author, and founder of *Evango* ("Go Evangelize"). As a Catholic Lay Evangelist, he and his team have been actively evangelizing in diverse ways, including preaching, in the Archdiocese of Ottawa and elsewhere. He has been recognized by the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops. His website is media@evango.net. You'll recall that in praying for vocations, we ask God to choose from among our people many priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters and lay people who will gladly devote their entire lives in making God known and loved. Well, Patrick is one fruit of this prayer. His zeal as a lay person and commitment to a radical living of his faith in today's world might just be the inspiration some of us need.

Regarding the content of the Mission, Patrick will present three talks. First, "*Finding The Traitor Within*." This talk is an invitation to fight our lesser selves. Second, "*I Want To See*." This is an exploration of seven virtues that can empower us to fight and regain our sight and relationship with Jesus. Third, "*What Do You See?*" This is a call to bring every person in our lives back to God. The session sounds like a plan of renewal in the faith and mission.

As part of our Lenten exercises, as a community we shall resume *the Stations of the Cross* in each church on Sundays of Lent, 30 minutes prior to Mass time. Regarding Lenten resources, you will find some excellent ones on our website, notably, Lenten reflections by Bishop Barron and Lenten video series by the Knights of Columbus ("*Into the Breach*"). There is also a handy booklet, "*Daily Reflections for Lent*," available at the entrance of the church. Lent as you know is built on three pillars, namely, prayer, penance and almsgiving. Please, pay attention to these three.

The 24th Annual Violence Awareness and Random Acts of Kindness Week is scheduled for **March 9-15**, 2020. The purpose of the program is to promote positive energy to counteract the negative effects of senseless violence, through acts of kindness. It is to honour the memory of Mark Fyke and all victims of violence. Together, we can make a difference by being channels of God's kindness.

St. Michael's Lenten Parish Mission, "*The Healing Presence of Jesus*" begins **March 23rd** with Fr. John Gillis, pastor of Marmora, Madoc, and Ormsby. All are invited to enter the spirit of Lent by experiencing the love of Jesus which restores us in mind, body and spirit. The healing of Jesus continues in the Church and through the Church. Please feel free to attend and invite others on **March 23rd, 24th and 25th** a 7:00 PM at St. Michael's Parish Church, Belleville, Ontario.