

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 17, 2021

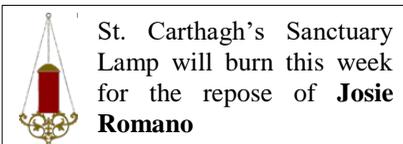
Saturday, Oct. 16	10:00 am 5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Carthagh's	Baptism of Cayla Lynne Robertson Members of the Parish
Sunday, Oct. 17 (29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Leo Whalen Josie Romano (1 st Holy Communion for Cayla Lynne Robertson)
Monday, Oct. 18	6.30 pm 7:00 pm	St. Carthagh's St. Carthagh's	Wilma Hughes CWL Meeting (in the church)
Tuesday, Oct. 19	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Therese Rashotte
Wednesday, Oct. 20	10:00 am	St. Carthagh's	School Mass
Thursday, Oct. 21	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	J. Brian Johnston
Friday, Oct. 22	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Saturday, Oct. 23	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Oct. 24 (30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Yvonne Quinn Way John Edmund & Helen Cassidy

Please Remember in Your Prayers: All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Amanda Lake, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Terry Horrigan, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Michelle Fobert, Ben Paul, Brian Langabeer, Dianne DeMarsh, Carrie Young, Jeanette Prevost, Dale McTaggart, David Gohl, Susan Horrigan, Barb Greene, Roy Lamb, Doug Lessard, Jeff Way, Carl Kehoe, Barry Tebo, Philip Rashotte, and Carolyn Saunders.

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 9 & 10	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$755 \$25
St. Edmund's	October 10	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve	\$1,256 \$422



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
St. Carthagh's			
Saturday, Oct. 23	Karen LaVallée	Carol Genereaux	Greg Donohue Arthur Allore
Sunday, Oct. 24	Shirley Kehoe	Joan McTaggart	George Scott Dan Dafoe
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
<i>Sunday, Oct. 24</i>	<i>Arthur Allore</i>	<i>Donna Broek</i>	<i>Bill & Marian Nash Marian Dolan Pat Rush</i>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The next meeting of the St. Carthagh's CWL will be **Monday, October 18**, at 7:00 pm in St. Carthagh's church. This will be our first meeting in a very long time, and we sincerely welcome all ladies of our faith to create a vibrant group. The welcome mat is always out!

The Essential Characteristic of Great Leaders

I have read several books on leadership and about great leaders. So far, the best I have read and found really uplifting is the Bible. The Scripture passages this weekend put the spotlight on the essential characteristic of great leaders. What great leaders have in common is that they give their lives as a ransom for their people. As God's Suffering Servant, who suffers with and for us, our Savior Jesus is the exemplar and model of selfless self-giving. From his life and teaching, we see that true leadership is when a leader puts the welfare of the people above himself or herself. Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Consequently, a true leader gives his or her life as a ransom for his or her people. In other words, he sacrifices his or her life for others, he gives up his life, time, comfort, resources, energies, sleep and everything that he or she has for the greater good of his or her people. For such a servant leader, the people's need come before his or her own. Servant leaders make themselves available to the people. This is what parents do when they give everything they have to their children, ensuring that they have the best education, security, health, and their needs are provided for before their own. Parents will reserve the best food for their little ones and eat what they themselves do not want. This is the attitude of a leader. He or she regards the people as his or her children and family. For this reason, a true leader is a selfless servant. Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be a slave of all." All those in leadership positions, parents, teachers, clergy, societal leaders, ministry coordinators, politicians, etc. must always be conscious that they are servants. They are providing a service to the people they lead. Leadership, in Jesus' mind, is about servant leadership, always thinking about how best to serve the people, address their needs, give them security, and bring unity among the community. The leader is always the last to be served because he or she cannot rest until the rest have their needs. Please, pray for your leaders for the grace to become ever more servants of the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, Oct. 17, at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Carthagh's, Cayla Lynn Robertson will be making her First Holy Communion. She and her guardians will receive Communion before all others. Please, pray for her as we welcome her into our faith community.

Holy Rosary Month: In May, Pope Francis appealed to Catholics worldwide to pray the Rosary to end the pandemic. Without doubt, Mary has helped us and will continue to help us to face the pandemic, and come out of it stronger than before. To this end, in October, month of the Holy Rosary, we all need to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary for our personal intentions, the common intention of overcoming the pandemic and for reconciliation with the indigenous peoples of the land. It is true, the Rosary is repetitive and meditative. This is precisely one of the strong points of the Rosary. In our present tragic situation of the pandemic and its consequences, its repetitive character and reflection on the life of Jesus and Mary can help devotees to slow down and calm themselves peacefully. Praying the Rosary has the ability to heal and mend what is broken in our lives.

Preparation for the Synod of Bishops 2023: Every four years, the Pope has gathered bishops from around the world to reflect together on the life of the Church. On **October 10th**, Pope Francis opened a two-year process that leads to the Vatican gathering of bishops in 2023. The Synodal journey will have three phases (diocesan, continental, universal) of consultations and discernment, culminating with the assembly in **October 2023** in Rome. The theme is "*For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, mission.*" This weekend, in every diocese of the Church, there begins a period of preparation for the next Synod of Bishops in 2023, with the invitation for the whole Church to "*encounter, listen and discern.*" Please, pray for the success of this Synod by praying for active participation in the preparatory process.

The eaves-troughs above the boiler room wall were installed last Monday! The total cost of the "Wall Project" at St. Carthagh totals **\$1450**. We are deeply grateful to all who made donations. We are especially thankful to Gary Akey, Greg Donohue, Wayne Smith and their helpers who championed the cause from beginning to end. Truly, together, we always make a significant difference! Thank you very much to all.

Our faith community has been blessed with two dynamic Catholics. They are Michelle and Jim Griepsma. They moved into our area from Peterborough. Last Wednesday, I was happy to bless their home in Marlbank. Jim and Michelle would like to be parishioners of St. Edmund's. Happily, they are open and ready to be fully integrated into the parish community. Michelle, for instance, has offered to continue to serve as a lector, a ministry she did in her former parish. They are a great couple! Please, welcome them!