

# Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2022

Saturday, May 14	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Jack Gerald
Sunday, May 15 (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Brian Johnston Members of the Parish
Monday, May 16			<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday, May 17			<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday, May 18			<i>No Mass</i>
Thursday, May 19			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday, May 20			<i>No Mass</i>
Saturday, May 21	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Living & Deceased Members of the Durkin & LaBerge Families
Sunday, May 22 (6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish Diane Kobs & Mary Keane

**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, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Margaret-Rose Wood, Michelle Fobert, Ben Paul, Carrie Young, Jeanette Prevost, Dale McTaggart, David Gohl, Susan Horrigan, Barb Greene, Roy Lamb, Doug Lessard, Carolyn Saunders, Bill Cassidy, Sarah Knill, Bob Lee, Laurie Healey, Mary Fergus Cassidy, and Ann LaBerge.

*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	May 7 & 8	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve Collection for Ukraine	\$1,040 \$100 \$195
St. Edmund's	May 8	Regular Sunday Building & Reserve Collection for Ukraine	\$705 \$70 \$280

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES**

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
<b>St. Carthagh's</b>			
Saturday, May 21	Karen LaVallée	Carol Genereaux	Arthur Allore
Sunday, May 22	Dan Dafoe	Joan McTaggart	George Scott
<b>St. Edmund's</b>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
<i>Sunday, May 22</i>	<i>Tim McParland</i>	<i>Beth Power</i>	<i>Marian Dolan Marian Nash</i>

## Scheduled Confirmation Celebration:

✠ **May 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Confirmation* during **11:00 am** Mass at St. Carthagh's.

**St. Carthagh CWL** will meet on **Monday, May 16**, at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

**Marian Month:** In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a “Marian Month” after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31<sup>st</sup>. After the Second Vatican Council, however, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31<sup>st</sup> became the feast of the Visitation of Mary. In line with this centuries-old custom, let us use May as a time to imitate Mary's virtues, to pray the Holy Rosary, to ask for her maternal intercession for our various needs. Last year, led by Pope Francis and the help of various Marian shrines throughout the world, we enlisted her help in our fight against the pandemic. We can still do the same for the pandemic, for peace in Ukraine, for family, parish and individual needs.

## “Love one another”

This weekend, we are reminded that the night before Jesus died, he told his apostles, “**Love one another.**” Jesus ended his life on this note of “love one another.” From the beginning to the end of his life, *love*, like a piece of thread ran through his life, in word and deed. The commandment to love already existed in Leviticus 19:18. What is surprising is that Jesus calls it “**a new commandment.**” In what sense is it new? It is *a new commandment* in terms of *whom* we love, *how* we love and *why* we love.

- ❖ Whom are we to love? The old commandment requires that we love our “neighbour.” For Jews, “neighbour” refers to only those of their race. Samaritans and all non-Jews are excluded! You may recall that a man once asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbour?” Jesus told him the parable of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, it is the Samaritan who showed love to the victim of armed robbery. So, for Jesus, “neighbour” refers to *anyone* who needs us. Jesus is telling us that our love must have *no limits*. It stretches beyond race, religion, tribe, class, culture, family and friends. It includes a Roman soldier, a Jewish zealot, a rich young man, a grieving widow, a corrupt tax-collector, a leper who happened to be a Samaritan, and children. Jesus showed his love to all these people. The most incredible thing is that he included his *enemies* in his love. The thought of loving all, including our enemies, makes this a new commandment.
- ❖ How are we to love? We are to love *as* Jesus loved. That required much more than sentiment. We recall that Jesus at times loved with little thoughtful acts of kindness:
  - He provided wine that prevented a wedding celebration ending in embarrassment.
  - He had time for children even on a busy day.
  - He commended a poor widow for her generosity.
  - He found time to console the bereaved and the depressed.

Like Jesus, we are invited to love in little things and little ways – kind words, warm smiles, common courtesies, encouraging others like Paul and Barnabas who encouraged the communities they had founded. Jesus also loved *sacrificially*. His first thought was never himself, but others. While on the cross, his enemies were saying, “He saved others, he cannot save himself.” True love does not save itself. Rather, it sacrifices itself for the sake of others.

- ❖ Why are we to love? We are to love simply because God loves everybody. We are to love the unlovable because God loves us even when we are unlovable. We are to love our enemies because God loves his enemies.

May we pray: **Lord, help us to love as you loved.**

**Annual Retreat for Priests:** The priests of the Archdiocese will have their annual retreat this year at Glen House Resort, Gananoque, from **Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 20**. Obviously, we shall appreciate very much your prayerful support as we try to renew ourselves in order to serve you more faithfully. There will not be daily Masses during the period. If there is any emergency, please call 613-659-2204 or 1-343-333-4072. St. Carthagh's Church will be open for personal prayer each day between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

## CCCB Webinar Series: For a Synodal Church

*May 18, 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>; 1:00pm – 2:30pm*

Beginning **May 18**, the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a webinar series, **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**. This three-part series will explore the call to be a synodal Church that listens and discerns together. Keynote speakers include His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Dr. Moira McQueen, Mr. David Dayler, and Sister Chantal Desmarais, SCSM.

This webinar series is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the synodal process, including clergy, consecrated persons, lay ministers, directors, coordinators of evangelization and catechesis, and Catholic educators.

**Please [click here](#) to access the online registration form. The deadline to register is May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Session 1 (18 May):** Communion: Journeying Together

**Session 2 (25 May):** Participation: Co-responsibility

**Session 3 (1 June):** Going Forth: A Missionary Church

**Anchor of Hope Pregnancy and Family Care Centre** has an insightful video on its Baby Bottle Campaign which runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. You will find it by clicking the following link: [Baby Bottle 2022.mp4](#)