

# Epiphany of the Lord – January 8, 2023

Saturday, Jan. 7	5:00 pm	St. Edmund’s <i>w. Fr. Brian Price</i>	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Jan. 8 <i>(Epiphany of the Lord)</i>	10:00 am	St. Carthagh’s <i>w. Fr. Brian Price</i>	Margaret Fox
Monday, Jan. 9			<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday, Jan. 10			<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday, Jan. 11			<i>No Mass</i>
Thursday, Jan. 12			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday, Jan. 13			<i>No Mass</i>
Saturday, Jan. 14	5:00 pm	St. Edmund’s <i>w. Fr. Brian Price</i>	Ray Trudeau
Sunday, Jan. 15 <i>(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)</i>	10:00 am	St. Carthagh’s <i>w. Fr. Brian Price</i>	Members of the Parish

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:** All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, 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, Susan Horrigan, Barb Greene, Roy Lamb, Doug Lessard, Carolyn Saunders, Bill Cassidy, Sarah Knill, Bob Lee, Laurie Healey, Mary Fergus Cassidy, Kathleen Lake, Michael Cassidy, Anne Lamb, Cleon Rashotte, Steven Prevost, Mary Lou Beal, and Jaxon Brewer.

*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	Jan. 1	Regular Sunday New Year’s Offering	\$705 \$385
St. Edmund’s	Dec. 31	Regular Sunday New Year’s Offering	\$535 \$100



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

St. Edmund’s	LECTOR	ORGANIST	USHERS
Saturday, Jan. 14	Patti Marlin	Donna Broek	Gerry Cassidy Vince Cassidy
<i>St. Carthagh’s</i>	LECTOR	HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS
<i>Sunday, Jan. 15</i>	<i>Dan Dafoe</i>	<i>Joan McTaggart</i>	<i>George Scott</i> <i>Dan Dafoe</i>

**Musicians wanted:** St. Carthagh’s Parish is in need of a musician, (guitar player, key board/piano or organ player) to animate the liturgy and reactivate the choir. Interested musicians should contact the office at 613-478-2000.

**Ash Wednesday:** The Ash Wednesday service is planned for **6:00 pm** on the evening of **Feb. 22, 2023**. This will offer the opportunity also to those who are working to take part if they choose to do so.

**The next Tweed Community Dinner** will be held at the Agricultural Building, 617 Louisa St., near the arena, on **Thursday, January 26**, between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. This month’s main course is meatloaf. This is a pay what you can dinner and we hope what we take in pays for the next dinner. We will take reservations until the evening of **January 19**. Please call Lynda at (613) 478-3181 leaving your name, phone number and number attending.

### Faith

**Have you ever given a serious thought to your faith in Christ?** Do you realise that it is fundamentally a gift God has blessed you with? The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend offers you an opportunity to thank God for the gift of faith and to make conscious efforts to grow in your faith.

The readings insist very much that faith is divine light, it is grace for our life. We do not merit it, it is free. Faith is like a lamp, a torch lighting up our way. The first reading emphasises that in the child Jesus “your light has come.” Thus in this light, Christ, we can “arise and shine.” We see this light at work in the activity of the guiding star of the Gospel which led the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Your faith should lead you to Jesus and your faith should enable you to worship Jesus in spirit and in truth. Your faith should lead you to offer your heart and your life to Jesus. Your personal relationship with Jesus solidifies your faith in Christ.

Faith then is the source of joy in our life. For instance, the sight of the star, the light of faith, filled the wise men with joy. What is thrilling about the Magi and inspiring for us is their dedication. They dedicated themselves to seeking and worshipping the Son of God. They were passionate and committed to finding him no matter how far away he might be and no matter the cost to them. When they found him they humbled themselves before him – a newborn baby – and offered royal gifts. Obviously in the child, they saw a king! This is what faith enabled them to see and to worship!

These Magi were the first non-Jews, therefore, pagans, to be led by God’s grace to worship the Saviour of humanity. We have followed later and many more will follow if we also reflect God’s grace to them. So we can pray, “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

Like Paul the Persecutor, we do not deserve to know Christ and to have a personal relationship with him, but it is by his grace that we are who we are (cf. Eph. 2:8). We have “become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. On account of this divine light of faith, we too can look forward confidently to the fullness of life promised to all who believe in him. “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life” (Jn. 3:36).

*(Reprinted from January 5, 2020)*

### Announcements

**Pastoral emergencies:** In the case of any urgent need for a priest during my absence, I have two of my brother priests who are on standby to fill in for me. They are **Fr. Rod McNeil**, pastor of St. Joseph in Belleville; and **Fr. Dale Wright**, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish also in Belleville. Should you need a priest urgently, please, call 613-970-0912. The person at that contact will arrange the priest for you. Thank you for your understanding.

**Daily Masses:** There will be no scheduled daily Masses. St. Carthagh’s church will, however, be open in the morning by **9:30 am** and will be closed by **4:30 pm**. Those who would like to pray are certainly most welcome to do so. In fact, it is recommended.

**Deacons:** Among those covering the Sunday services are deacons. They will lead you in a service of the word with Holy Communion outside of Mass. On **Jan. 14 & 15**, the sacristans will need to figure out enough hosts to be consecrated to last over the following two Sundays; that is up to **Feb. 14 & 15**. On **Feb. 14 & 15**, Archbishop Mulhall will do the coverage. Please, take note of the fact that the deacons will not be celebrating *Holy Mass*. The bulletin will always announce the person in line to cover me for the coming Sunday.

**CWL Fees:** Please note that CWL fees have INCREASED very recently to **\$35**. This information was not available when the collection envelopes were printed! As a result, the amount listed on the collection envelope is incorrect.