St. Patrick's Parish

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Mission:
We gather as a welcoming community to worship, grow in faith and serve as Jesus served.

MASS TIMES
Saturday: 7:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am & 4:00pm
Tuesday to Friday: 12:10pm

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday to Friday: 11:30am to 12:00pm
First Friday of the month: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Saturday: 6:00 to 6:45pm

After hours EMERGENCIES requiring THE PASTOR
Example: Last Rites, etc.
Call 250-592-7391
and choose option #3

FUNERALS, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS
Contact the Parish Office

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION
Email: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL 24/7
Call or visit the office for an entry code

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00pm

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NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During the month of November, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. They are not forgotten; they have simply gone before us, and we continue to hold them close in our hearts and prayers.

Jesus reminds us that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. He is the resurrection and the life, and whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life. For those who believe in Christ, life is not ended; it is changed.

As we pray for our departed loved ones, we remain united with them in the communion of saints. I invite you to remember them in a special way this month and to offer Masses for the repose of their souls. Let us cherish their memories with gratitude, entrust them to God's loving mercy, and draw hope from the promise of eternal life.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Holiness is not reserved for a chosen few; we are all called to become saints through our daily acts of faith, love, kindness, and service.

May our departed loved ones rest in the peace of Christ and may all the saints inspire us on our journey toward heaven.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Fr. Silvichan Dominic

Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Oct 31 – 7:00pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sun Nov 1 – 11:00am	+ Kevin D'Cunha
Sun Nov 1 – 4:00pm	Pro Populo
Tue Nov 3 – 12:10pm	+ Karolina Kess
Wed Nov 4 – 12:10pm	+ Serafim, Fernando, & Elmira Botelho
Thu Nov 5 – 10:45am	St. Patrick's School + Phyllis Clarke
Fri Nov 6 – 12:10pm	+ Joyce Feheley

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www.stpatrickselem.ca
Visit the school's Facebook page

Children's Offertory
'Little Hearts, Big Gift'

Fr. Silvichan has initiated a weekly Children's Offertory where the children are invited to participate in the Mass by contributing a small gift such as a dime, or any spare change and placing their offering in the basket at the front of the altar. During the Offertory when the regular collection begins the children are invited to come forward and place their offering in the basket, then return to their seat.

OUR PARISH

In Loving Memory – All Souls' Day Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Parish at **9:00am** on **Monday, November 2nd**. All Souls' Day is when we commemorate all the faithful departed. You are invited to attend and pray for those who have died and for those who have lost loved ones. Please bring pictures of your loved ones who have died to remember them in a special way at this Mass.

Anointing of the Sick - November 6th, being the first Friday of the month, Adoration will be held from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Confessions will be heard from 11:00am – 12:00pm, during the 12:10pm Mass.

The Bishop's Appeal, Be the Light, is still accepting donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are helping build faith communities in our Diocese. When we give, we invest in the faith and future of this and the next generation. To receive a tax receipt for 2026 please ensure your donation is dropped off at the parish office in plenty of time to get to the Diocese for processing. Donations may be made online at: www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal
Parish Goal: $49,000 Actual to Date: $24,395 Number of Gifts: 71



CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held this Wednesday, November 4th at 1:00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. We welcome two special guests, Diocesan President Gerry Heywood and Diocesan Past President Bertha Landrie. Bring a bagged lunch and come hear what news they have to share. Coffee, tea and desserts will be provided.

On **World Day of the Poor, November 15th**, St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Food Drive. In the Gospel, we hear that the poor and suffering are especially blessed. As Blessed Frédéric Ozanam said, *"the blessing of the poor is the blessing of God".* Please pray for the blessing of the poor. On November 7 & 8th, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Patrick's Conference will distribute grocery bags. Please take one home, fill it with canned goods and non-perishable food items, and return it the following weekend (November 14-15th) in support of World Day of the Poor Food drive.

Children's Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation ONLY
Has your child received Holy First Communion and ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Register for Sacramental Preparation classes **by November 22nd**. Forms are available on the Religious Education page on the parish website. This year all classes and the sacrament will take place at **Holy Cross Parish**. Contact Michele Bristow at: mbristow@rcdvictoria.org.

FINANCIAL NEWS

COLLECTION – October 25th, 2026

Envelopes	$2,025.00
Loose Change	646.30
TipTap	175.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	430.00
CanadaHelps	144.75
PAD	713.00
GRAND TOTAL	**$4,134.05**

Evangelization of Other Nations	$50.00
Needs of the Church in Canada	$50.00

	Oct 25, 2026	YTD
Received	$4,134.05	$246,984.73
Needed to Cover Expenses	$7,685.00	$338,140.00
Difference	-$3,550.95	-$91,155.27

St. Patrick's School Mass of Remembrance will be held on **Thursday, November 5th** at **10:45am**. All are welcome to attend Mass. Confessions & 12:10pm Mass will be **cancelled** on that day.

OUR DIOCESE

Seminar: Dying with Christ, A Christian Response to MAID

St. Andrew's Cathedral is hosting a seminar with Deacon Larry Worthen from Halifax, NS entitled***: "Dying with Christ, Heading for Heaven: A Christian Response to MAiD"*** on Saturday, November 14th. The day will start with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by the seminar from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm which will be held in the Cathedral. Registration is $25 and will include lunch. Please contact the parish office at 250-388-5571 or by email at standrewscathedral@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Italy Pilgrimage Opportunity with Fr. Joseph Yuson

Fr. Joseph Yuson with gracious assistance of Fr. Dean N. Henderson is organizing an additional pilgrimage to Italy in April 2027 and invites anyone in the Diocese who may be interested to join. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit many sacred and historic sites in Assisi, Siena, Rome, and more.

Knights of Columbus: 65th Annual Charity Appeal for Council 7934

- Sales: ***October 1st to December 19th, 2026***
- Tickets: ***1 for $5, 10 for $25, 50 for $50***

Cash Prizes including **2026 Toyota Rav4 LE AWD vehicle** to be won! Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also supports the Knights of Columbus. ***Tickets will be available before & after each weekend Masses.***

LIVESTREAM MASSES – Mass is livestreamed this week on **Sunday, November 1st** from St. Patrick's Parish at **11:00am**. Click the link here**:** https://www.youtube.com/c/stpatricksholycrosschurch

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Nov 2	Tue Nov 3	Wed Nov 4	Thu Nov 5	Fri Nov 6	Sat Nov 7	Sun Nov 8
CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED **9:00am All Souls Day Mass** 7PM AA CLUE	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **11:30am Confessions** **12pm The Angelus** **12:10pm Mass** 7pm Toastmasters 7pm AA Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **11:30am Confessions** **11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **12pm The Angelus** **12:10pm Mass** 2pm CWL General Meeting 7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **10:45am Sr. Patrick's School Mass of Remembrance** *Everyone welcome* **Confessions** & Mass cancelled today 2pm Grade 4 students Bible Ceremony 7pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg 7pm AA-Peace	11am to 3pm Church & Office Open **11:00am-12:00pm Confessions** **11:00am Adoration** **12pm Angelus** **12:10pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick** 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion *(social event to follow)* 6:00pm Couples for Christ – Collective Assembly 7pm CA	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am Pastoral Care Training **6pm Confessions** **7pm Saturday Mass**	CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED **11am Sunday Mass** *Coffee after Mass* **4pm Sunday Mass**

CISDV – AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026**. There will be a private ballot **election for a position to the CISDV Board of Directors** at this meeting. The position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from schools@cisdv.bc.ca and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at schools@cisdv.bc.ca no later than Tuesday, November 10th. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

- *Be a practicing Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.*
- *Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.*
- *Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.*
- *Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.*

For further information, contact Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893 ext. 240

Infant Baptism - Baptismal Preparation for the Parents

Is it your hope to have your infant welcomed into the family of God through baptism? If so, to prepare to have your child baptized, parents must participate in a Baptismal Prep course and complete a baptism registration form. Please note that the next sessions available to take a Baptismal Prep course are **November 7th** and **December 12th** (from **10:00 am – 12 noon**). Please email hcspbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism and forward you the baptism registration form.

Join Us for 2026 Faith Day!

November 21st, 2026 is Diocesan Faith Day on Vancouver Island, bringing together community for a time of reflection, learning, and spiritual growth. This year this inspiring day is being co-hosted with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Date: **Saturday, November 21st, 2026**

Mass: **9:00 am**, with Bishop Gary Gordon at **Sacred Heart Parish** (4040 Nelthorpe Street)

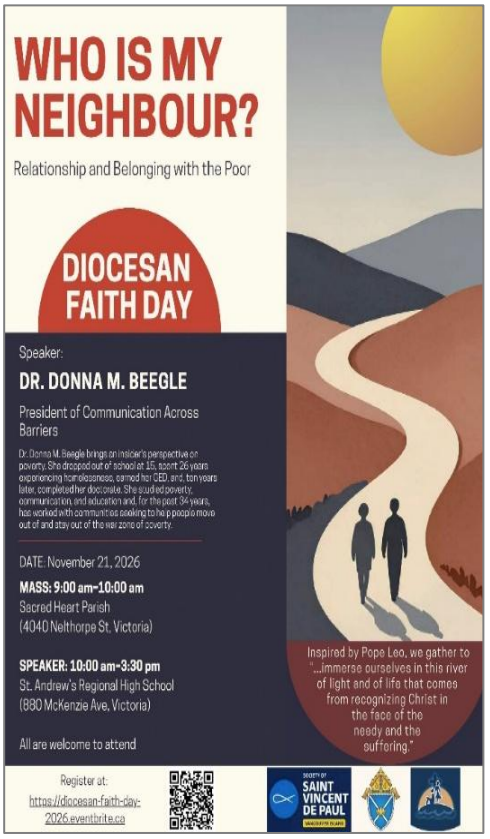
Event: **10:00 am** at **St. Andrew's High School** (880 McKenzie Avenue)

Cost: **Free**

Register: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/diocesan-faith-day-who-is-my-neighbour-tickets-2003518720426

The guest speaker is Dr. Donna M. Beegle, on the topic of: '***Who is My Neighbour? Relationship and Belonging with the Poor'***

Dr. Beegle inspires and educates individuals, organizations, politicians, and entire communities with proven models to better outcomes for people in poverty. Born into a migrant-labour family and married at 15, she is the only member of her family who has not been incarcerated. She is an authentic voice from poverty that speaks, writes, and trains across the country to break the iron cage of poverty for others.



2026 Bishop's Appeal: Be the Light



The sun sets over Port Hardy Bay

Supporting Our Local Missions — A Short Story

Around our west coast and up in the north of Vancouver Island the Diocese has a number of very small parishes and missions. With the small numbers in these communities the parishes struggle to cover the costs of their buildings, utilities and insurance, but on top of that, paying their share of a priest is so often beyond them. Thank the Lord, we have a Bishop that is determined that the far away places aren't going to be forgotten, and we have parishioners across the diocese who have the generosity to support the Bishop's Appeal that enables smaller communities to have access to the Sacraments. What follows is a short story about just one person who was a benefactor of the Appeals generosity. His name was Bob.

Bob was born in Europe and came to Canada to find work. He never married or had a family, and his two siblings remained in Europe, so Bob was on his own and he was fine with this. He was a very joyous character but also he liked his own company, so going off fishing by himself was a real favourite for Bob.

Over time, like all of us, Bob grew old. He got to ninety years of age and his health deteriorated. Bob was intelligent and he knew that his time was limited. And like many people, he then started to look back on his life. He had been brought up a Catholic, but after childhood he stopped going to church. He never gave up on God or his faith, but the Church was not part of his life. But in those last few months as he reflected he knew he had got it wrong. So he asked the nurse if there was a Catholic priest who could come and see him.

Bob was now in a care home on one of the islands off the north coast of Vancouver Island. For many years there had been no resident priest in the north of Vancouver Island, but in 2023 the Bishop appointed a priest to cover the north. The Bishop's Appeal was a significant part of making this appointment possible.

When Bob first saw the priest he said with heartbreaking sadness, "I have forgotten how to pray!" But on the priest's third visit Bob was delighted to see him and asked him to come close so he could whisper something. And then, in his birth language, Bob recited first the Our Father and then the Hail Mary. The priest was moved to tears. Thanks to God's grace, over the last four months of Bob's life the priest was able to pop in and see him almost every week — not something that is always possible when you live on an island off the coast of an island!

Bob died in the summer of 2026 having been anointed and with great peace.
The care home keeps a record of who visited each resident, and for Bob the only name recorded was the priest. Bob left instructions about how he wanted his funeral, and the priest, on his own, quietly fulfilled his request.

A big thank you to Bob for being such an example of humility in the face of death, and a big thank you to all those who, through the Bishop's Appeal, made it possible for a priest to be there for Bob. The picture above is Bob's favourite fishing spot.

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