

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.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 THIRY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Have you ever noticed how God tries to raise us up...our eyes, our thoughts, our hearts...every day? Each day the beauty of creation envelops us and offers a feast for our senses; each day the joy and delight of children, those young at heart, and the antics of animals shows us how to be in the moment; each day the urgings of the Spirit reminds us of someone or thoughts float through our hearts to call or reach out. Do we see God's love...hear God whisper...feel God's kisses? What are we focused on? How do we respond?

Jesus lived His life fully here on earth. He knew scripture, He knew the laws that governed life, He knew the burdens, the heaviness, the suffering of all of creation, AND He constantly, consciously, and faithfully took time to *be* with God, to *deepen* His relationship with God, to empty Himself and be filled with God's mercy and love. He said yes to the transformative love of God and became God's compassion and truth here, now. Jesus shows us the way, the truth and the life, so let *"the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"*.

We are resurrection people that live a covenantal relationship! Do we live in that truth here, right now? We know scripture, we know the Paschal story and the resurrection stories. Let us *"cherish the hope God gives of being raised by Him"* now and at the hour of our death. We are not put on earth to tick boxes and 'wait' until we die so we can have eternal life with God. Jesus shows us how to live, how to be in relationship with God, how to treat one another, to be Christ-like here, now. Jesus calls for a conversion of heart, a circumcised heart, 'a broken and contrite heart,' a heart placed in the Potter's hands to be molded and fashioned into the heart of Christ.

Life is not terminated by our physical death. Our death is a transition into eternal life. All those who have gone before us are waiting for us. The saints, the martyrs, our family and friends, *all my relations* are witnesses to the truth of our living God, to the truth of eternal life. We pray with conviction for the repose of the souls of all who have gone before us; we pray to the saints and martyrs to help us put one foot in front of the other; we pray to the Spirit to direct and guide us to rise each day in Christ's light so we live in anticipation of the final rise in glory to eternal life. Like the martyrs before us, we are part of something so much greater than ourselves!

Do we believe in our own personal resurrection? When we do, we live our lives differently here. Each day we ask God to raise us up; each day we say yes to God; each day we surrender and flow into God. We trust, hope, and believe in God's promise that *"the King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life."* Jesus took on our humanity to carry us beyond death to a new place in heaven where we become *one*, as we fall deeper and deeper in LOVE!

God's abundance, Mona

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

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times: - Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

CONFESSION

Friday: 11:30am to 12:05pm - no appointment necessary

SACRAMENTS of INITIATION: BAPTISM,

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Please contact the parish office: 250-592-7391

HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH

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Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn

Other health concerns, non-emergency: call 811

After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615

EURCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

Call or visit the office for an entry code

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00 pm

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FROM OUR PARISH:

I am not dying, I am beginning to live. -Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-97), at her death

Resurrection does not simply spell the survival of the soul but requires the transformation of the world as we know it. -Elisabeth Schüssler-Fiorenza

The question of death is really a question about life. - Pope Francis

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes invite enquiries for the position of Religious Education Coordinator for our Sacramental Preparation Programmes. Please contact Father William Hann at:

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or

office@holycrossvictoria.org



Bishop Gary Gordon has issued a pastoral letter on the topic of Euthanasia (MAID). The text of the letter can be found on page of this bulletin.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Saturday November 5th - 4:00pm - Holy Cross - Bishop Gary Gordon
- Sunday November 6th - 9:00 am - Holy Cross - Bishop Gary Gordon
- Sunday November 6th - 11:00am - St. Patrick's - Bishop Gary Gordon
- Sunday November 6th - 4:00pm - St. Patrick's - Bishop Gary Gordon
- Live Streaming Mass - 4:00pm from St. Patrick's Parish Link: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>
- Parish Office and Church open for private prayer & visitation: Tuesday to Thursday 11:00am to 3:00pm
- Wednesday November 9th - Mass 12:10pm
- **Friday November 11th - Special Remembrance Day Mass at 12noon**
- **Friday - Confessions 11:30am to 11:55am by appointment only**
- **Parish Office & Church Closed except for Mass -Friday November 11th for the Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday**



61ST ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL



We are officially starting our Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal campaign. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the grand prize is a Toyota Rav4 along with several cash prizes. The main draw is January 28th, 2023 but there are several early bird draws.



Please click on the link - <http://kofcdraw.net/C7934>

or use the QR code - found on page 6 of this bulletin, and it will guide you through the online ticket selling process. Proceeds go to several charities within BC and also supports the Knights of Columbus.

FILM FOR THOUGHT

The Holy Cross/St. Pat's Social & Eco Justice Committee invites parishioners to view the one-hour documentary *In the Spirit of Reconciliation (2017)*, at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on **Wednesday Nov. 16 (7 - 9 pm)**. This film from cinematographer-priest Fr. Larry Lynn features the personal accounts of residential school survivors in the Northwest Territories and their experience addressing their trauma. The event will include discussion of truth and reconciliation in the present context.

If you are planning to come, please contact Leslie Saxon (saxon.leslie@gmail.com or 250-857-0401) so that the committee can plan for refreshments.

BIRTHRIGHT FUDGE SALE

Birthright will be selling specialty Fudges after the 11am & 4pm Masses Sunday **November 20th**. The Fudges make lovely stocking stuffers or gifts for the holiday table. New this year: Maple Ribbon Fudge! See poster for more information on page 9 of this bulletin.

ADVENT MISSION with BISHOP GARY GORDON at Sacred Heart Parish

To begin our Advent journey this year, Bishop Gary will lead the Mission on the first Sunday of Advent with:

- Mass - Sunday Nov. 27th - 9 am
 - Mass - Monday Nov. 28th - 7pm
 - Tuesday November 29th - 7pm with a Penitential Service
- See you all there!

A NOTE FROM YOUR CATHOLIC STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The students are ever so grateful to the dedicated Holy Cross parishioners who continue to feed them in abundance. Our next Mass and lasagna meal event will be November 19th. Please contact Lydia at lfoch@rcdvictoria.org for further details. more information visit cathuvic.wordpress.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Nov 6 11am

+ Barry Robinson

Sun Nov 6 4pm

Int Special Intention

Wed Nov 9

Int Sister Kathleen Kelly

Fri Nov 11 All Military & Veterans

Sun Nov 13 11am + Theresa Burt

Sun Nov 13 4pm Special Intention

FINANCIAL NEWS

| | October 30th | Year to Date |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Received | \$3,386.00 | \$192,263.01 |
| Needed | \$4,403.00 | \$193,732.00 |
| Difference | -\$1,017.00 | -\$1,468.99 |

Capital Fund Contributions: Nil

2022 COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thank you for your continued financial support this past year of St. Patrick's Parish

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For information on registrations for 2022/2023 school year, please contact the school.

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FROM THE DIOCESE



Bishop's 2022 Appeal - Growing Together

Appeal and the theme this year is "**Growing Together**". Proceeds from the Bishop's Appeal will be allocated to three areas of growth:



- Community & relationships (parish and Indigenous communities)
- Catholic education
- Support for seminarians and clergy

Please consider pledging to this worthwhile endeavour. The goal assigned to St. Patrick's Parish this year is \$65,000. Any monies raised up to this amount will generate 20% for the parish to use for a particular project. This year your gift will support our St. Patrick's Parish project which is: St. Patrick's School for continued opportunities for the children of Saint Pat's to grow in faith. Money raised will support building projects and formation of students such as supporting youth ministry.

In the meantime, please give prayerful consideration towards our Bishop's Appeal and know that you can truly make a difference right here at home.

The 2022 Appeal website, including the Bishop's Appeal video may be found at: rcdvictoria.org/growing-together-2022

All registered parishioners were mailed a brochure this past week which should be arriving in your mailboxes shortly. Additional copies of the brochure are available for anyone who hasn't yet received a copy.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



Save the Date! A Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop presented by Father William will be held at **Holy Cross Parish next Saturday, November 12, 2022** from **10am until noon**. Please call the office to register 250-592-7391 or email: stpat190@telus.net

NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

| Monday Nov 7 | Tuesday Nov 8 No Service or Mass | Wednesday Nov 9 Mass 12:10pm | Thursday Nov 10 No Service or Mass | Friday Nov 11 12noon Mass for Remembrance Day | Saturday Nov 12 | Sunday Nov 13 |
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| St. Patrick's Parish Church & Parish Office Closed every Monday | Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm | Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm | Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open 11:00am to 3:00pm | Confessions 11:30am to 11:55am | 9am Couples for Christ Mtg | 9:00am Sunday Mass Holy Cross Parish |
| 7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming" | 2pm Sisters of St. Ann Meeting | 7pm Parish Council Mtg | 7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Cancelled" | Church and Parish Office Closed for Holiday | 10am - Noon Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop Holy Cross Parish | 11:00am Sunday Mass St Patrick's Parish Coffee after Mass |
| 7pm AA Peace | 7pm Toastmasters | 7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming" | 7:30 pm Choir Practice | 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion | 4:00pm Sunday Mass Holy Cross Parish "Live Streaming" | 4:00pm Sunday Mass St. Patrick's Parish |
| | 7:00 pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming" | 6:45pm Arbutus Singers | 7pm AA Peace | 7pm Mass Bishop Gary Gordon "Live Streaming" | | |
| | 7pm AA Clue | 7pm AA Peace | | 7pm CA | | |



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The Feast of All Souls, November 2, 2022

Dear People of God,

November begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. As the light grows dim and the skies darken with winter storms, blowing leaves to the earth from which they came, this holy day puts before us sparks of light in the midst of darkness.

The saints are heroes of light and hope for every age. Their lives were marked by trust and hope in God. In one way or another, they were exemplars of hope, announcing by their works the God of love and mercy, revealed in the Creator's son, Jesus Christ. They most often gave their lives to the weak and wounded, to the vulnerable and marginal, seeking to liberate humanity from all afflictions, especially sin and death. Indeed, saints are the women and men of every time and age who see with the eyes of the Creator and act with the compassion of Jesus, always open to the Holy Spirit to guide and enlighten.

During this month, we pray that the light of the example of the saints may help us to truly see our neighbour, and that we ourselves may be light for our neighbour's feet on the pilgrimage of life. Our faith invites us to consider deeply Christ's response to the question: "*who is my neighbour?*" (Lk 10:29) How will I be a neighbour to the vulnerable and those abandoned by the side of the road?

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) gives us a model for our response to the suffering and pain of body, mind, and soul. In the parable, a man fell into the hands of bandits, was robbed and beaten, and left for dead. We too know people who have fallen into sickness and trauma, which robs them of health and well-being and leaves them at the side of the road of life, experiencing loss and feeling half-dead. Ill health represents a real suffering, a trauma of body, mind and soul.

The Samaritan's response to come alongside, to alleviate suffering, and to invest his own resources to treat the wounds and accompany his neighbour, is in sharp contrast to those who are indifferent or too busy with their lives or concerns of ritual purity. The Samaritan, not knowing whether the half-dead man would survive or die from his wounds, responded with compassion, with the "first aid" of oil and wine, and by transporting the man to the inn for more intensive and long-term care.

One could say this parable is about a continuum of care, which required an expenditure of time, talent and treasure on the part of the Samaritan. The Good Samaritan represents the highest human response to people who are robbed of health and strength: applying our resources to rescue the broken and ill from abandonment on the side of the road. The Catholic faith continues to clearly and unequivocally promote the best possible continuum of health care to those who experience being robbed of good health.

It is notable for our particular time that the Samaritan did not offer to alleviate the suffering of the nearly-dead robbed person with euthanasia ("medical assistance in dying", or MAID). The teaching of the Ten Commandments is clear and unequivocal: "Thou shalt not kill". Our faith continues to clearly and unequivocally reject euthanasia (MAID) and assisted suicide as a response to pain and suffering of body, mind, and soul.



The Samaritan came close to the robbed person. He leaned in and attended to the one who was robbed of health and strength. This is the obviously human response to suffering and pain, and to the existential suffering of individuals whose sense of loss of control or the feeling of being a burden to family and friends creates an anguish of soul. Leaving a person abandoned by the side of the road of existence when robbed of health and strength is never the choice of a good neighbour or a just and caring civil society.

The ideology of euthanasia (MAID) is understandable on many levels in contemporary society, as the experience of loss and abandonment is a powerful force of fear and anxiety. We cannot judge the level of fear and anguish in a person's heart who chooses euthanasia (MAID). However, we can say unequivocally to the faithful Catholic people of God that choosing euthanasia (MAID) is never a choice that is the will of the Creator, as revealed in the sacred texts of divine revelation, the Word of God, and the constant teaching of the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

The end of life and the burden of advancing age with the resulting diminishment of mind and body can be a fearful horizon. Christ himself in His agony on the cross cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46). Despite the great advances in health care technologies and the commitment of a just society to do good and avoid harm, we will all experience real crosses. Yet our faith holds to the path of Christ, to be baptized into His death, so as to share in His resurrection from the dead to eternal life. The light overcomes the darkness; engagement and love like that of the saints makes a difference.

Let us use this month of November as a holy time to consider the state of our souls and our relationship with God, and our preparedness for our own health care needs and for our death itself.

- 1) Be reconciled with God, family and friends.
- 2) Have a current health care representative agreement in place (eg, <https://www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2020/MyVoice-AdvanceCarePlanningGuide.pdf>). It is important to name a person in this document, a family member or a trusted friend – a Good Samaritan – who knows our wishes and will act consistently with the health care ethics of the Catholic faith (eg, https://www.chac.ca/documents/422/Health_Ethics_Guide_2013.pdf).
- 3) Choose a trusted person to make financial and legal decisions on your behalf should you become incapable, and grant this person an enduring power of attorney.
- 4) Have have a last will and testament, and be clear about your wishes regarding your funeral and the pastoral care of your remains (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/funerals-and-burials>), and the spiritual consolation of your family and friends.

This month offers a real invitation to be renewed in faith and trust in our Creator. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father" (Mt 10:29). Jesus is among us as friend and brother on the road of life. Jesus is among us as savior and Lord of life and death. Jesus is our light in times of darkness. Jesus is the Way, giving hope for the pilgrim journey. Jesus is the Truth, giving meaning to our existence. Jesus is the Life, for our lives now and forever.

Entrusting ourselves to Mary our mother, we say in all trust: "Pray for us now and at the hour of our death". Amen.

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria



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with Most Reverend Donald Bolen
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Saturday, November 26, 2022

8:30am- 3:30pm

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Faith Day – Saturday, November 26, 2022
SEEKING TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

Presenter: Archbishop Donald Bolen

(For all People of God in parishes and beyond!)

St Edward the Confessor, Duncan

Register on Eventbrite:

<https://Diocesanfaithday2022.eventbrite.com>

Agenda

We are a Church (as community and as individuals) that is wounded and hurting, needing to search out our Paschal bearings and tell our story in a new way – to go deeper into the Paschal Mystery!

How are we to be a Church (poor and for the poor) that reaches out in dialogue, seeking healing paths by walking together?

Saturday, November 26th:

8:30 am - Registration (Church Foyer)

9:00 am - **Welcome & Mass**

10:00 am – Coffee, Tea & Refreshments Break (Church Hall)

10:30 am – **Session 1: A Wounded Church**

11:30 am - Lunch **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH** (Church Hall)

12:30 pm - **Session 2: Seeking our Paschal Bearings**

1:30 pm – Comfort Break

1:45 pm - **Session 3: Walking Together on Paths of Healing**

2:45 pm – **Question and Answer**

3:00 pm - **Closing prayer**

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NOTES Bus Transportation available from Victoria (email whann@rcdvictoria.org)

T-shirts available for sale proceeds to benefit local Indigenous Ministries

SEEKING TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

Diocesan Faith Day ~ Saturday, November 26, 2022

Presenter: Archbishop Donald Bolen



Pope Francis appointed Bishop Bolen as the eighth Archbishop of Regina, formerly the Bishop of Saskatoon, on Monday, July 11, 2016.

Archbishop Bolen was born in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. He obtained his Baccalaureate degree with Honours in Religious Studies with a minor in English from Champion College at the University of Regina. Later, he entered the Seminary of Saint Paul in Ottawa, and completed his theological studies at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, obtaining a Bachelors, Masters and Licentiate in Theology.

He was ordained a priest on October 12, 1991 for the Archdiocese of Regina. After ordination and a couple of years of pastoral ministry, he began a Doctorate of Philosophy at the University of Oxford in England, working on the reception of the documents of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), with Fr. Edward Yarnold SJ as doctoral supervisor. Prior to completion of his doctorate, he was asked to return to Regina to teach at Champion College, where he taught in the Department of Religious Studies, teaching courses in World Religions, Christology, Contemporary Christianity, Ecumenism, and Methodology of Religious Studies.

Archbishop Bolen is currently a Member of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, Co-Chair of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, and Co-Chair of the Canadian Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Dialogue; and is the Co-Chair of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. He served as the Co-Chair of the Joint International Commission for Dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Catholic Church (2013-16) and as a member of the International Consultation between the Catholic Church and the World Evangelical Alliance (2009-2016). He has written and lectured extensively in the field of ecumenism.

For years, Archbishop Bolen has been instrumental with both the Vatican and Indigenous communities to make Pope Francis's recent visit to Canada a reality.

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