

Mass Intentions

Tuesday Dec. 6 th	10:00am 7:00pm	Clergy Day , St. John’s Pete & Nell Power; Ed Jackman; Josephine Kennedy; Carolann Kennedy; Brendan Jackman; Peter & Agnes Quigley; Rita Newton
Wednesday Dec. 7 th	9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Theresa Fitzgerald; Michael Gosine; Dec. of Hammond, Stone & Eveleigh fam.; Steve McLean; Margaret Cahill; Edward Dwyer; Regina Barry Council of Priests Meeting Regional Pastoral Council Meeting, Torbay
Thursday Dec. 8 th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Richard, Veronica & Sr. Paschal Dwyer; Dan, Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Winnie Ryan; Mary, Nicholas, Kevin & John Byrne; Mark Nolan; Molly, Bill & Brendan Stone Meeting for year 5 , Home Religion Program
Saturday Dec. 10 th	4:00pm 5:00pm	Sacrament of Penance Alice Kennedy; Tom Brazil; Marjorie Sweeney; Michael Fowler; Claire Learning; Kay Kent; Edward & Peter Brown; Errol Keels
Sunday Dec. 11 th	10:30am	For All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Collection

Offertory - 111 envelopes.....	\$1068.25
Dues - 31 envelopes.....	\$335.25
Annual Dues - 1 envelope.....	\$75.00
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Donation for Christmas Flowers in Memory of Loved Ones.....	\$145.00

Thank you for your financial support

Blood Donor Clinic

There will be a Blood Donor Clinic at St. Michael’s High School in Wed. Dec. 7th from 5:00 to 8:00pm. All donors are welcome.

Liturgical Ministers

Sat. Dec. 10 th	5:00pm	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers: Presentation of Gifts: Ushers:	JoAnn & Jeff Childs Teresita McCarthy; Loretta Byrne; Fred Carroll; Cecilia Kent Shirley Murphy & Carol Clarke Peter Power; Bill Hammond; George Jackman; Joey Kent; Christopher Delaney
Sun. Dec. 11 th	10:30am	Readers: Eucharistic Ministers: Presentation of Gifts: Children’s Liturgy: Ushers:	Kelly Whelan & Karen Seward Sr. Eileen Osborne; Connie Cole; Rosanne Grant; Shirley Murphy Rita Lahey Family Janet Lahey Sid Maddigan; Ray Whalen; Alex Newell; Art Whalen; Michael King

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM - 3 FOR WEEK OF DEC. 5TH TO DEC. 9TH
George Jackman; Andrea Galway; Lorraine Cahill; Darrin Galway; Mary Doherty

Home Religion Program Meetings

Parents/Guardians / and Youth who are registered for the Home Religion Program are asked to attend the following meetings:

- Year 5 program: Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. at parish hall*
 - Year 1 program: Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. at parish hall*
 - Year 2 program: Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m. at parish hall*
 - Year 3 program: Saturday, December 10th at 2:30 p.m. at parish hall*
- These are very important meetings and all families are asked to attend.

Family Day

On **Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m.**, the Knights of Columbus/St. Michael’s Parish will host our annual Family Skate at Msgr. Bartlett Arena. It is an hour of free skating followed by a visit from santa and plenty of food to be shared. All families / friends are invited to attend and celebrate . Hope to see you at the arena.

Mercy Associates

The regular monthly meeting of the Mercy Associates will be held at the Sister’s Residence on Tuesday, December 6th at 3:30pm.

Choir Practice

All interested persons who desire to practice the music for our Advent/Christmas liturgies are asked to attend the following rehearsals:

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on : December 13th , 15th ,20th

All the regular members and new individuals are asked to participate in these very important times for practice.

Flowers In Memory

If you wish to make a monetary donations to help purchase flowers in memorial of your loved ones for the Christmas season, please do so during the coming weeks. Your offering will be recorded and the mass intentions for your loved ones will be remembered during the Christmas masses. Please place your offering in an envelope with the name of your loved one and we will purchase the flowers. Thank you for your kindness.

Advent Penance Celebration

On **Sunday December 18th at 6:30 p.m.** we will gather to reflect on our need to experience Gods' forgiveness in preparation for the joyful birth of Christ. During this time of prayer we will sing hymns of praise and listen to the message of the scriptures. All are invited to gather and pray for Gods' mercy .

Ecumenical Service

On **Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m.** you are invited to attend our annual Ecumenical Service at the hospital. Please join the residents and staff and help celebrate the blessings of the season and to warm the hearts of the residents by your words of love and your smile.

Government Grant Approved

During the past week we received approval of a government grant. I am very pleased since a major portion of this money in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be used for wages. The project will be for 14 weeks and will benefit the parish in completing much needed work around our property. Sincere thanks to Minister Whelan and Mr Vokey in their kindness in assisting us with our request.

Sale of Work

The annual St. Mary's ACW Afternoon Tea & Sale will be Held on **Saturday, December 10th** at St. Augustine's School beginning at 2:00pm. All are welcome!

† St. Michael's Parish †

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 4TH, 2005**

Today's readings sound an uncomfortable note in the pre-Christmas shopping season. They draw our attention to the largest possible dramas, the ultimate end of all things in God's judgement and vindication. "The heavens will pass away with a mighty roar...and the earth and everything done on it will be found out." But the message is one of both caution and hope: "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sin." "Say to cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord God...here is his reward with him, his recompense before him." This Sunday, how will we put the pre-Christmas rush into perspective, and to see that what we will celebrate on that day is the dawn of our redemption and the promise of liberation from every sort of sorrow?

Christmas Mass Schedule

The Christmas Mass Schedule/New Years will be at the following time:

Christmas Eve: 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day: 10:30a.m.

New Years Eve: 5:00 p.m. New Years Day 10:30