

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	Maureen Simon; Philip & Mary Delaney, Jr.; Margaret, John & Agatha Flynn
Wednesday, April 15	9.30 a.m.	Stan & Ada Craig; Judy & Jim Whelan; Nathe Hammond
Thursday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	Gord Jackman; Louis Fitzgerald; Helen Morrissey
Friday, April 17	9:00 a.m.	Richard, Veronica & Sr. Paschal Dwyer; Peter Shea; Margaret Ashford
Saturday, April 18	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance
Saturday, April 18	5:00 p.m.	Arthur & Gwen Grant; Laura & Bernard Murphy; Frank Pendergast, Sr. & Jr.; Vince & Frances Cabbage; Michael & Margaret McLean; Kevin Dobbin; Carl Nolan
Sunday, April 19	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Meeting of Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

Weekend Collection for April 4 & 5, 2009	
Offertory - 120 Envelopes	\$1,381.00
Dues - 7 Envelopes	90.00
Development & Peace - 3 Envelopes	9.00
Lenten Folders - 7 Adult	140.00
Easter Collection - 1 Envelope.....	\$20.00
Insurance - 1 Envelope	\$20.00
Easter Flowers in Memory	160.00
Thank You for your Financial Support	

The Marriage Course (7 wks): The Marriage Course is very practical, giving any married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. Topics include: communications, conflict resolution, forgiveness, parents and in-laws, good sex, making time for each other, etc. **Facilitators:** Nick and Doreen Westera. Each meeting is done in the context of a candlelight setting with seven fabulous desserts and coffee. Begins **Wednesday, April 22, 7-9:30- p.m.** To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh at 579-0168.

R.T.L.–The Annual Good Friday Vigil: April 10th, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Health Science Complex parking lot. Join the Right to Life Association and show your support against abortion. Call 579-1500 for further details.

April is Cancer Awareness Month: Remember: There are usually no signs or symptoms of Cervical Cancer. A yearly Pap test is recommended. Make an appointment with your doctor today. It could save your life.

Old Time Mother's Day Kitchen Party - Dinner Concert with **Beacon Point & guests.** **Sunday, May 10, 2009**, at St. Michael's Hall. Tickets - **\$22 single.** Call Marilyn Pynn at 488-3020, Kelly Whelan at 488-2866, or Joan Whelan at 488-2182. **Deadline** for tickets **April 30, 2009.**

Special Mass and Healing Service: There will be a special Mass followed by a healing service on **Wednesday, April 22nd** at Mary Queen of Peace Church on Torbay Road at **7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

25th Anniversary to the Priesthood: On April 25, 2009, Father Patrick Power will celebrate his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. Help to celebrate this special event on Friday, May 1, 2009 with Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Witless Bay at 7:30 p.m. and a social to follow at the Kinsmen Centre, Witless Bay. Music by Ronnie & Johnny.

Mercy Associates: Both Groups will meet at Sister's residence on **Wednesday, April 15, 2009** at **7 p.m.** A guest speaker will be in attendance.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, Apr. 18 5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Christine Tulk & Jasmine Brazil
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Jody Whelan, Ray Whelan, Cecilia Kent, Betty Quigley
	Presentation of Gifts:	Mary Power, George Jackman
	Ushers:	Joe Bartlett, John Galway, George Hickey, Fred Carroll
Sunday, Apr. 19 10:30 a.m.	Readers	Valerie Gorman, Geraldine Fitzgerald
	Eucharistic Ministers:	Riv Fitzgerald, Ros Hurley, Vanita Bartlett, Shirley Murphy
	Presentation of Gifts:	Tom Cole Family
	Children's Liturgy	Ros Hurley
	Ushers:	Ray Kennedy, Alex Newell, Ray Whalen, Charlie O'Brien

Archbishop's Easter Greeting 2009

Dear faithful people of Christ,

They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled away. Mark 16: 3-4.

There is profound Easter wisdom in rolling back the stone. For the forty days of Lent, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we invited God to roll away from our hearts the stones that keep the new life of Jesus and the gifts of the Holy Spirit entombed within us.

In Lenten prayer, we asked God to remove from our hearts the stones of blindness that prevent us from seeing Christ's light that shines forth from inside ourselves and others. We asked Him to remove the stones of deafness that prevent us from hearing His word which He continually speaks within us. We asked Him to remove the stones of muteness that prevent us from proclaiming Good News that is to be shouted to the world.

In Lenten fasting, we sought to surrender to God all the disordered attachments in our lives, all the things to which we have become addicted, all the rubble that has accumulated around our hearts preventing us from developing a deeper relationship with Him.

In Lenten almsgiving, we asked God to roll back the stones that hinder the gifts of the Spirit within us from finding expression in our lives through our generosity and compassion toward those less fortunate than we.

And if we have been conscientious, disciplined, and repentant during the forty days of Lent, then we believe that God's healing power and saving grace are at work in our lives. We believe that, even now, he is rolling back the stones of sin and selfishness that entomb the life of Jesus within us, just as He rolled back the stone that entombed the body of His beloved Son, Jesus.

This Easter, then, we celebrate with great enthusiasm and joy - because Jesus' resurrection is Good News and His life continues to be released within our hearts and within our world.

After our Lenten journey, my prayer for you is that the Risen Christ may remove the stones from your life and fill you with peace and joy!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

MOST REVEREND MARTIN W. CURRIE, D.D.

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Easter Sunday

April 12, 2009

Reflection:

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 36-43

We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Peter speaks these words after hearing the amazing account of Cornelius, a centurion who had sought Peter out in obedience to the instruction of an angel. It recounts the whole Gospel: how Jesus "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38), how he was put to death, how God raised him to life, and how Peter and the others were witnesses of his Resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

This passage emphasizes our participation in the Resurrection of Christ and the responsibility that comes with new life. Since Christ is risen, we too must "seek what is above" (Colossians 3:1).

Gospel: John 20:1-18

According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.

Mary of Magdala comes first to the tomb "early in the morning, while it was still dark" (John 20:1). Light and darkness have powerful meanings in the Gospel according to John. This imagery indicates the darkness and sadness in which that first Easter morning began.