

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Feb. 16	7:00 pm.	Fred Watson, Doherty & McCarthy Families; Mae Fitzpatrick; Rita Yetman
Wednesday, Feb. 17	7:00 pm	Paddy McCarthy; Joseph Somerton; Elizabeth Murphy
Thursday, Feb 18	7:00 pm.	Michael & Margaret McLean; Susan Gorman; Marjorie Cahill
Friday, Feb 19	9:00 am.	Carl Nolan; Peter Nolan Jr.; Vince Fitzpatrick
Saturday, Feb. 20	4:00 pm	Confessions
Saturday, Feb. 20	5:00 pm	Vincent & Marion Sweeney; Thomas Gear & Special Intention; Kathleen & Harold Gosine; Steve & Mary Hawco; Monica Budgen; Tom Brazil; Bride Fitzgerald
Sunday, Feb. 21	10:30 am	Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT: The season of lent begins on **February 17th** with the **liturgy of Ash Wednesday.**

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.** Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 7TH, 2010

Offertory (105 Envelopes)	\$1191.00
Dues (5 Envelopes)	\$60.00
Initial (1 Envelope).....	\$5.00
Haiti Donation	\$166.00
Christmas (2 Envelopes).....	\$35.00
New Years (2 Envelopes)	\$35.00
In memory of Steve & Mary Hawco	\$10.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, FEB. 20 5.00 P.M.	SUNDAY, FEB.21 10:30 A.M.
READERS:	Pat Craig Christine Tulk	Valerie Gorman Ros Fitzgerald
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Karen Seward Irene Delahunty	Christine Quinlan Sister Phyllis
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Bob Seward Family	Tom Cole Family
USHERS:	Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey	Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:		Teresita McCarthy

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 14: “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.” Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord for you by serving Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact: Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL YOUTH MINISTRY CO-ORDINATORS from ALL Parishes. Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 7:00pm at The Archdiocese Pastoral Centre. It is important that you make the extra effort to attend this meeting!

HAITI FUND: The total collected for the Haiti Fund is now \$185,000.00 from the Archdiocese of St. John's and \$66,000.00 from the Grand Falls Diocese. Thank you to all who contributed!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY VOCATIONS SUPPORT GROUP: Our Next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 7:00pm at MQP church. Open to men between the ages of 18-55 who are interested in priestly vocations. Please Contact Fr. Steve Courtney 726-3660, or stjohnsvocations@gmail.com.

MINISTRY LIST UPDATE: The ministry list for March – June will be prepared within the next week. If you would like to add your name to one of the ministries or will be away during this time, please inform Rosanne at 488-2190.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Friday, Feb. 19th at 7:30pm. All members are asked to please attend.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2009: Copies of your Tax Receipts for the year **2009** are available at the back of the Church. **Thank you for your generous offerings!**

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE SALE!!! Big, Big sale at the Diocesan Resource Centre during the month of February!

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR: For people who have lost a loved one. This two-hour seminar describes the grieving process and presents some information on things individuals and families can do to help themselves and others during the time of grief. Presented by Dr. Rick Singleton, Director of Pastoral Care and Ethics with Eastern Health. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 22nd at the Health Science Centre in room 2J-618-19. No registration is necessary. For more information call 777-6959.

NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL is sponsoring a weekend retreat entitled, "Return to the Father" at St. Catherine's Renewal Centre, Grand-Falls Windsor on April 16th -18th with Gerard MacDonald, facilitator. For more information and to register call 747-9730.

A TWO-LOCATION BOOK BLITZ: Saturday, Feb, 20th from 10 - 2 pm at: (1) the Arts & Culture Centre St. John's in a collector truck on the main parking lot and (2) at Lester Farms 92 Pearltown Road, (off Brookfield Rd.). Sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's, in planning for the Giant Book Sale April 23rd -24th to fund scholarships. We are unable to accept encyclopedias, Reader's Digests and textbooks. Contact 570-7596 or cfuwstjohns@gmail.com.

COUNSELLING SERVICES: One call to 579-0168 brings help. To register call Sr. Loretta Walsh or Helen MacKinnon at 579-0168 or email: flb@nf.aibn.com. For listing of all programs refer to our website: www.stjohnsarchdiocese.ca/flb.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 – MADRID, SPAIN: For all those interested in finding out more about World Youth Day: Pilgrims must be 18yrs as of August 2011 to attend. Information session will be held on **February 16th, 7:00 pm** at the Pastoral Centre, Archdiocese of St. John's.

MUN CHAPLAINCY: **Weekly Mass:** St. John's Chapel at MUN - **Sundays at 6:00 pm.** Priests from the Archdiocese will preside at the subsequent masses. If you know a University student, please pass on this information, however **ALL ARE WELCOME.** For further information or to register for these events please contact the office at 726-3660 and speak to Noreen, Anne or MaryLou.



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PARISH WEBPAGE: www.bellisland.net/rcparish **OFFICE HOURS:** Tue. & Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2010

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 17: 5-8**

***Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals;
blessed are those who trust in the Lord.***

Those who turn from the Lord and trust only in what they are able to see, experience barrenness of every sort. Those who turn to the Lord, on the other hand, experience abundance and fruitfulness even in the most dire of circumstances. Let us place our trust in the Lord and prosper by bearing great fruit.

SECOND READING: **Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20**

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Paul proclaims the intimate union shared between Christ and his body, the Church, by linking the Resurrection of believers to the Resurrection of Christ. To deny the general Resurrection of the dead is, in fact, to deny Christ's own. The Church rejoices for Christ has gathered us to himself and shares the fullness of his new life with us.

GOSPEL: **Luke 6: 17, 20-26**

Blessed are the poor, but woe to you who are rich.

For Jesus, those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and hated exemplify those who place their trust in God and so will be blessed. On the other hand, the rich, satisfied, jocular, and well respected in this age will one day experience affliction. We are blessed when we stand with Christ, who emptied himself and stood with us in our lowliness.