

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tues., November 30</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ruby O'Keefe; Arthur &amp; Gwen Grant; Margaret &amp; Edward Kent</b>
<b>Wed., December 1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Billy Murphy; Dan Murphy; Molly Delahunty</b>
<b>Thurs., December 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>William Ford; Dianne Ford; Margaret, Nicky &amp; Albert Ash</b>
<b>Friday, December 3</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Florence Stone; Myles Brazil; Elizabeth Gorman</b>
<b>Sat., December 4</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sat., December 4</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vincent &amp; Marion Sweeney; Harold &amp; Mary Quinlan; Kevin Stone; The Moore &amp; Ford Family; Reg &amp; Loretta Durdle; Stephen &amp; Gertrude &amp; Gary Hickey; Thomas Gear &amp; Special Intention; David &amp; Helen Whalen</b>
<b>Sun., December 5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

<b>Tues., December 7</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dan, Vera &amp; Colleen Dwyer; Carmel Butler; Bride &amp; Bill Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Wed., December 8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Ann McLean; Richard, Veronica &amp; Sister Paschal Dwyer; Patrick Stoyles</b>
<b>Thurs., December 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Gertrude Fleming; Terry Drowns; Fronie Kent</b>
<b>Friday, December 10</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>John &amp; Ellen Moore &amp; Deceased Family; Margaret Brown; Jack &amp; LouAnn Kent</b>
<b>Sat., December 11</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sat., December 11</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nell Clarke, Madeline Tulk &amp; Special Intention; Peter &amp; Annabelle Conway &amp; Deceased Family; Elizabeth &amp; Richard Ryan; John &amp; Alice Ford &amp; Deceased Family; Roger O'Toole &amp; Deceased Family; Evelyn Mansfield; Madeline Normore</b>
<b>Sun., December 12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael's Parish</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 5.00 P.M.</b>	<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>READERS:</b>	<b>Colin Taylor John Kent</b>	<b>Valerie Gorman Christine Quinlan</b>	<b>Ashley Curnew Jasmine Brazil</b>	<b>Sharon Hammond Ros Fitzgerald</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>Fred Carroll Mary Power Art Whelan Irene Delahunty</b>	<b>Shirley Murphy Vanita Bartlett Joey Somerton Bev Rees</b>	<b>Karen Seward Ros Hurley Helen Pitts Tom Spracklin</b>	<b>John Kent Teresita McCarthy Des McCarthy Geraldine Fitzgerald</b>
<b>PRES. OF GIFTS:</b>	<b>Bob Seward Family</b>	<b>Colleen Lahey Family</b>	<b>Lydia Brazil Family</b>	<b>Ruth Bennett Family</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>Leo Byrne Brian Tulk Fred Carroll</b>	<b>Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen</b>	<b>Joe Bartlett John Galway George Hickey Jason Hickey</b>	<b>Tom Cole Kevin Delahunty Ray Whalen</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b>		<b>Diane Delaney</b>		<b>Patricia King</b>

**VISITATION OF SICK AND SHUT INS:** Father Jim will be visiting the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish on Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please prepare for their visit. If you are not going to be home on that day, please notify the Parish office at 488-2525, as this will give them extra time to spend with others who are in need.

**ELECTION DAY – THURSDAY, DEC. 2:** Bell Island residents are congratulated on their impressive turnout in the recent by-election nomination process. Special ballots can be arranged by phoning 488-3400. Please be sure to exercise your democratic right and vote on election day!

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION – NOV. 21, 2010**

<b>Offertory (97 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$1099.50</b>
<b>Dues (3 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$24.00</b>
<b>Heating (3 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Roof Fund in Memory Larry &amp; Dora Dunn &amp; Anonymous Donors...</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Roof Fund to Date</b> .....	<b>\$5625.00</b>
<b>In Memory of Karl Kent</b> .....	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Additional Fall Fair</b> .....	<b>\$100.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!**

**THE BELL ISLAND FOOD BANK:** Please support your local food bank! We are asking for donations of canned and boxed goods. If you wish to donate, a box can be found at the back of the church.

**FAMILY CATECHESIS - RETREAT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN:** All retreats will have a children and parent component. It is a great way for children throughout the Archdioceses to come together to prepare for sacraments.

**Confirmation Retreat:** A series of three retreats for teens aged 12-18 who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, but who would like to. First session, Becoming Disciples is on Saturday, **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at the Pastoral Centre. Parishes will have to register for those wishing to attend, *the Monday before each session* by contacting the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at 726-3660.

**Parent and Children:** First session on Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> for parents at the Archdiocese Pastoral Centre from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. This session, Waiting for Advent will end with a tour of the Basilica Museum's Nativity Collection. Space is limited. Please register your group with MaryLou 726-3660 no later than Monday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM UPDATE:** We had a very informative meeting with parents and children on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Augustine's School with Ms. Noreen Yetman, Director of Family Catechetics, in attendance. She was very enthusiastic about the children's scrapbooks and enjoyed her visit immensely. We thank Ms. Yetman and all the parents and children for their attendance, and we assure parents of our continued support in the faith formation of their children. Themes 7 to 12 were distributed and should be completed prior to the next scheduled meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** **February 27, 2011**, for all parents and children at the Parish Hall.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:** We encourage any parents who have not yet done so to register their children for the program by the **cut-off date of December 5, 2010**. Anyone who has not registered their children by that date will be required to wait until next year.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:** We invite all children to be part of the children's choir at the Christmas Eve Mass Celebration. Practice dates will be listed in the bulletin, so "Stay Tuned."

**HELPERS FOR THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSIONS:** We are still in need of helpers for the Children's Liturgy sessions during Sunday Mass. If you would like to help, please let us know. Anyone who might be interested can feel free to accompany the children with their leader at any of the Sunday celebrations to familiarize themselves with the program in order to help them make their decision.



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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2010

#### REFLECTION:

##### FIRST READING: *Isaiah 2: 1-5*

*The Lord gathers all the nations into the everlasting peace of the Kingdom of God.* Isaiah sees the Lord's house above the highest mountain, and all peoples of the earth on pilgrimage to that holy place, their weapons of war changed into useful tools. We climb this mountain to be taught the Lord's ways. This version of the future ends with an invitation for here and now: "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord".

##### SECOND READING: *Romans 13: 11-14*

*Salvation is nearer to us now.*

Saint Paul, like Isaiah, uses imagery of war to describe the parousia. Isaiah imagined the people beating their swords into ploughshares; Saint Paul envisions each Christian preparing for spiritual battle, not with armor of steel and weapons of destruction, but with armor of light, clothed in Christ himself.

##### GOSPEL: *Matthew 24: 37-44*

*Keep awake, you must be ready.*

In Matthew's account of the Gospel: the point is not to terrify the disciples, but to wake them up, to urge them to an attitude of awareness of God's presence and action, who indeed comes to us in the midst of our daily activities.

Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Verna & Gerald Simon!

\*\*\*Please note that Sunday Mass has been changed to 10:00 a.m.\*\*\*