

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., July 26	7:00 p.m.	Richard & Fronie Kent; Ellen Lahey; Alonzo Beeso; Special Intentions
Wed., July 27	9:30 a.m.	John Jackman; Edward Stoyles; Audrey Stoyles; Pete & Nell Power
Thurs., July 28	9:30 p.m.	John Tarrent; Hank Sight; Florence Stone
Fri., July 29		No Mass
Sat., July 30	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
Sat., July 30	5:00 p.m.	Veronica & Daniel Dwyer; Vera & Colleen Dwyer; Colleen Cummings; Charles & Elizabeth Bowdring & Deceased Family Members; Bridget Fitzgerald; Cornelius & Ellen Donovan; John & Ellen McLean; Amelia & Patrick Hammond
Sun., July 31	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. Michael's Parish

FAREWELL RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF FATHER JIM: Following Saturday evening Mass, **July 30, 2011**. Come join us at St. Michael's Parish Hall to show your appreciation and thanks to Father. Everyone welcome!

PARISH TRIPS TO EUROPE AVAILABLE:

(1) "The Best of Ireland" - 12 day tour for September 2012.

(2) "Central Europe Alpine Tour" - 12 day tour for May 2013.

Fr. Jeff Kolonel is organizing these two tours and is presently asking anyone, anywhere who is interested in either or both these trips to contact him at Holy Rosary Parish Office in Portugal Cove at 895-6722 or contact the tour leader, Brian Bursey at 576-4551 or e-mail at bbbbursey@hotmail.com. Information is also available on-line for both these tours through the tour leader.

COMMUNITY WEBSITE NEWS: If you have a Twitter account you can now follow bellisland.net. The purpose of using Twitter is to keep residents informed of updates to the town website, Town Council news or new postings on the community events calendar. Just go to bellisland.net and follow the link. While there, check out the community events calendar to see what's happening in our town this summer. If your group has an event, contact Dawn Inglehart at 488-2111 or email asstarena@gmail.com to have it added. The Calendar will also be published in the upcoming Community Newsletter. If your group or organization has not been contacted about submitting an article, please email nicoleneary@gmail.com or call the Council office at 488-2990. Deadline for submissions has been extended to Tuesday, July 19th. The newsletter will be available in both print and an online version at bellisland.net.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	SATURDAY, JULY 30 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, JULY 31 10:00 A.M.
READERS:	Amanda Curnew Rosemary O'Keefe	Diana Durdle Rosanne Grant
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Tom Spracklin Bonnie Spracklin Jody Whalen Carol Clarke	Christine Quinlan Keith Kent Cynthia Stoyles Geraldine Fitzgerald
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS:	Irene & Kevin Delahunty	Diane O'Rourke Family
USHERS:	George Jackman Keith Pitts Pat Murphy George Hickey	Bill Ford Ray Whalen Charlie O'Brien

THE BELL ISLAND FOODBANK continues to be quite busy in our community. For the month of May, 293 people received food from the foodbank, including 87 children under the age of 15 years. We are seeking donations of tuna, beans or macaroni to help fill the orders and would greatly appreciate any help provided. Donations can be left at the back of the church. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Cemetery Mass at The Front.....Sunday, July 24, 2011 2:30 p.m.
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Liturgy.. Tuesday, July 26, 2011 7:00 p.m.
- Cemetery Mass at Lance CoveSunday, August 7, 2011..... 2:30 p.m.
- Parish Fall Fair..... Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - JULY 17, 2011

Offertory (111 Envelopes)	\$1620.00
Roof Fund (4 Envelopes)	31.00
Cemetery Mass (10 Envelopes)	77.00
In Memory of Lloyd & John Pitts	50.00
In Memory of Bob Seward	20.00
In Memory of Carroll Family	20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

MASS STIPENDS: Canon 953 of the Universal Law of the Church (CIC) states: “A priest may not accept stipends for more Masses than he can celebrate in one year. If the priest receives more stipends than he can fulfill in one year, excess Mass Stipends are to be sent to the Bishop of the Diocese. The Bishop will make these excess stipends available to be celebrated in Mission Countries where missionaries have no means of income or support. All Masses are to be registered in a Special Mass Register recording the date received, the donor and the date that Mass has been celebrated to fulfill the donor’s intention.”

When a person dies at St. Michael’s Parish, we often accept as many as 15 to 75 Mass Stipends. We keep five of these stipends for that person recently deceased and celebrate a Mass each month as the schedule allows. Most families pass in additional stipends to honour that deceased person’s birthday, Father’s Day, Mother’s Day or date of death. We pay special attention to those requests. As of this date, we are forwarding 2,784 Mass intentions to the Bishop for the missions. We still have 542 Masses on our register to be celebrated this year. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Note: On all Sundays and Feast Days, Holy Week and All Souls’ Day, all Masses are celebrated for the people of the Parish.

LUNCHEON IN THE LIBRARY: On **Friday, August 5th, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** join Archbishop Martin Currie for a conversation on the General Instruction on the Roman Missal Part II. The Archbishop will lead us in an exploration of some of the issues raised in the Revised General Instruction including Posture, the Role of the Assembly and the Place of Silence. Please call 726-3660 to reserve a place. We have soup and sandwiches, tea and coffee for all. Suggested donation: \$5.00 but anything you can contribute would be appreciated, as it goes to support our pilgrims traveling from the Archdiocese to Madrid, Spain for **WORLD YOUTH DAY!**

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: In our efforts to avail of new technologies and participate in the New Evangelization championed by the late Blessed JPII and now Pope Benedict, the Archdiocese has launched a new website www.rcsj.org. You can also follow us on twitter and join us on facebook from our website.

WEAVING THE WIND: The Basilica Museum Committee presents *Weaving the Wind*, a Celtic harp recital by Ed Kavanagh at the Basilica Museum, 200 Military Road, St. John’s. Every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Concerts begin July 14th and run until August 18th. Admission is \$7.00. This is the sixth year for these summer concerts which feature one of the world’s oldest and most enchanting instruments.



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **JULY 24, 2011**

REFLECTION:

FIRST READING: *1 Kings 3.5-12*

You have asked for an understanding mind.

The Lord has favored Solomon, David's son by Bathsheba; he has been anointed king and married Pharaoh's daughter, and now the nation is at peace as he begins to build the temple. God bids him to ask for anything he wants, and Solomon chooses the gift that will best serve not himself, but the people over whom he has been placed: wisdom. God is pleased with this request, and the wisdom of Solomon has become a proverb.

SECOND READING: *Romans 8.28-30*

God predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

The all-knowing, all-seeing wisdom of God is the focus of this reading. God, who knows all things from the beginning, chose us, called us, and destined us for glory. Because we know this about God, we have nothing to fear—"we know that all things work for good for those who love God."

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13.44-52*

Anyone who finds a treasure in a field, sells all and buys that field.

Jesus continues to teach about the kingdom in parables. The actions of the people in these parables seems more like folly: a man sells all he has to purchase a single pearl; a man finds a treasure, hides it, and buys the field it is buried in. The common thread here is totality: in both parables, the man gives all he has to possess the one thing, the kingdom of God. The last parable, of the net full of good and bad fish, is another parable of the last judgment. Jesus ends by praising those who understand this.

Bulletin in Memory of Henry Whalen