

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOOLER: Next CWL Meeting Mon. Feb. 26th at 7pm in the Parish hall. Please join us.
CWL World Day of Prayer 2018 – Theme “All God’s Creation is Very Good” prepared by the Christian Women of Suriname, South America. The service will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 7pm at St. Alphonsus Church hosted by our CWL with a reception following in the parish hall. The World Day of Prayer service unites women in prayer from various Christian churches in order to empower them to act on social injustices against women around the world. This celebration is open to all men, women and children of all Christian denominations. Please join us and bring a friend to learn that we are all called to care for God’s creation.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed after weekend Masses at St. Alphonsus and St. Jerome, following the closing prayer during Lent.

St Alphonsus sidewalks and entrances must be kept free of ice and snow. If you can volunteer to help with this as needed, kindly assume this responsibility on your own over the winter months. Salt and ice melt provided at each door. Thank you for your help.

BRIGHTON: The Knights of Columbus are conducting the "40 Cans for Lent" project again this year to collect food items for the Brighton Fare Share Food Bank. This is separate from any ongoing parish programs. Last year the Knights donated over 1000 pounds of food. If you wish to join the Knights in this endeavor, please collect 40 cans/items of food during Lent and contact a Knight in your parish to arrange for delivery or pick up. We will gather the items the Sundays of March 4th and 25th so that they may be delivered to the food bank before Easter Sunday. Questions? Ask a Knight or call Michael Muzzerall at 613-475-3292.

Holy Angels 60th Anniversary Committee-Persons interested in being on the committee can contact Brenda Richardson or Katelyn Huizinga.

Stretch Classes -Tuesday at 3pm; **Rosary** – Thursday at 9am followed by **Stitches & Yarns** until 2pm in the Church Hall.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministerial Lenten Services held in Christian Churches in Brighton each Wednesday at 12 noon, followed by refreshments and fellowship. The first service will be at Holy Angels Catholic Church on February 21st. The free will offering will go to the New Life Girls’ Home, the Beacon Youth Centre, and to Pregnancy and Family Care of Quinte West.

The Call For Conscience Campaign: Most Rev. Bishop Miehm and bishops across Ontario are collecting email addresses and/or postal codes from every Catholic family in their community. This information will be used to communicate periodically on issues of particular importance. A sign up sheet is located at the back of each church for you to fill in your contact information and then this information will be forwarded to the Chancery Office.

The First campaign of 2018 is the **Call for Conscience**, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. Thank you for living your faith!

During the following week, and in particular Friday, February 23rd, our Bishop, Daniel Miehm, has asked us to include in our prayer, the directive of Pope Francis, who calls for a day of *Fasting and Peace* in areas of conflict for the peoples of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	PLACE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sat.Feb.17	4pm	Warkworth	+Joel Hines	St. Jerome CWL
Sat.Feb.17	7pm	Brighton	Missa Pro Populo	
Sun.Feb.18	9am	Wooler	+Frank Wanjon	Corry & Family
Sun.Feb.18	11am	Brighton	+Bob O’Neill	Cathy O’Neill
Mon.Feb.19	9am	Warkworth	No Mass	
Tue.Feb.20	9am	Wooler	No Mass	
Fri.Feb.23	9am	Brighton	Int. of Weber Family	Family
Sat.Feb.24	4pm	Warkworth	Missa Pro Populo	
Sat.Feb.24	7pm	Brighton	+Trish Burley & Holy Souls in Purgatory	Kim Dorrington
Sun.Feb.25	9am	Wooler	+Albert Janiga	Fred & Kris Edwards
Sun.Feb.25	11am	Brighton	+Harold Foley	Mary Foley

Readings – Sunday, February 25th: Gen 22:1-2, 10-13; 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

PRAY FOR: Nicholas Antonik; Matthew Bonneau; Mary, Adele & Michael Dudley; Mark Duffie; Giulio Fabiilli; Gail Grundle; James Hallas; Ann Heggarty; Cairine Higgens; Caden Hopkins; Bill Johnson; Edward Kasala; Paul Kasala; Sharon Koster; Robert Lawrence; Gerry Layman; Anne Lepage; Vic Lepage; Edward Luck; Patty Martin; Gerald McDonald; Elaine McDonald; Helen McRae; Sheila Millar; Kathy Mulder; Bernie O’Brien; Lil O’Loan; Chris Phillips; Suzanne Sabourin; Lucille Scanlon; Darwin Souci; Andy Thomson; Audrey Vernoy; Hannah Villeneuve; Theo Vreeburg; Stephanie Willick **Children:** Charlotte; Craig; Frederick; Jacob; Julie & Julia **Deceased:** Margaret Bolton; Most Rev. Joseph MacNeil, Archbishop Emeritus of Edmonton *RIP*

*Please say the prayer to St. Joseph daily,
asking for his intercession and help in making repairs to our Churches.
Kindly use your 'Contingency Fund' envelope on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.
Ushers will take up the collection before the closing prayer.*

Remember Your Local Food Bank Collection bins are located in the foyer of each church. Please consider donating non-perishable food and groceries to those less fortunate.

During the season of Lent, we must enter into the silence of God.

In a life of prayer some support is necessary, because we always run the risk of going far from ourselves when we are invaded by noises, dreams and memories. Reading the Bible silently and diligently is the best method. The Gospels place the reader in front of Christ, his life and his mind. This helps us to contemplate and to meditate on the life of Jesus, from his birth in the crib in Bethlehem to his death and Resurrection. That is how we will feel involved in his life. In this silence that confronts us with his Word, God is close to us. He does not leave us. We perceive him and he perceives us. This face-to-face inundates us with his light and imbues us with his presence. We stand facing each other, and we welcome each other reciprocally in interior silence.

...excerpt from the *Power of Silence*, by Robert Cardinal Sarah