

Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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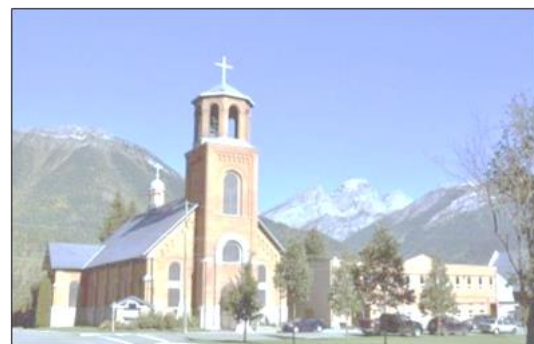
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21st July 2019

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish

Pastoral Letter – From Fr. David's Bishop in Britain

Fr. David writes: In Britain the bishops will usually write a 'Pastoral Letter' to the parishioners of their diocese three or four times a year. These letters are a chance for the Bishop of the Diocese to address his people, and the people to hear the words of their Shepherd. While traditionally these pastoral letters would literally be letters written by the Bishop and read out by someone in the parish, as technology advanced, recordings of the Bishops reading their own letters became more common in churches. Now many of the Bishops put their pastoral letters on YouTube!

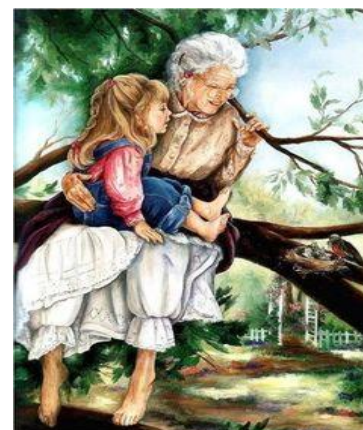
I regularly get a copy of the pastoral letters that my bishop in England sends out. Often they will relate to issues or initiatives that are taking place in the diocese, but sometimes they are more general. The pastoral letter Bp. Mark has written for this weekend seemed to be appropriate and says something that might not normally be said in one of my sermons, so at the Masses this weekend I will be playing a recording of Bp. Mark O'Toole, the Bishop of Plymouth, reading the pastoral letter he has written to his diocese. I particularly hope that all the grandparents in the parish enjoy it!

Thank You

Our church is so grateful for all our wonderful volunteer's that willingly give their time and efforts in are many Ministries: Music, Sunday Coffee, Catechism, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Church Cleaners, Maintenance, Office Help, Fundraising, Special Events such as Funeral receptions, and teas.

Prayer Candle Votives

Our prayer candle standing at the back of the church is fully operational again. The votives consist of 100% Beeswax thus eliminating the damaging effect that ordinary candles cause.



Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Mass

11am Mass at
Rocky Mountain
Village

Photocopying room in the Family Centre

We are very fortunate at this time that we have most of the Family Centre utilised for various activities, groups and organisations; so much so that we have been asked if more space could be made available. Specifically, a room has been requested for small meetings of groups, for example, support groups. As the Family Centre is a resource to the community we want to help. Also, the more utilised the Centre is, the more income we get to maintain the property, which is something we need to do to ensure that the Family Centre is not yet another drain on the parish's financial resources. We have two rooms that are currently not rented out at all, the coffee room we use on a Sunday and for other parish functions, and the smaller photocopying room that is relatively close to the front door. The Parish Council very much want to keep the coffee room exclusively for parish use, so we won't be renting this room out, but the current photocopying room does have potential for other uses.

Accordingly, we need to clear out all the items that are stored in the photocopying room. Different groups or individuals might have items stored in there. If you or a group you belong to have items in that room, can you please arrange for these items to be identified and stored somewhere else. This needs to be done in the *next two weeks*, because at the beginning of August we intend to redecorate the room and furnish it ready for rental at the beginning of September. If you don't have a key to the room, you can access it while Ginny is in the office: Tuesday to Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

At some point we might also ask for volunteers for a short 'work bee' to get rid of any items left in the room, as we think many of the items in there will need to be thrown away.

The Parish Council would also like to thank those who have worked so hard keeping the Family Centre as a hub of activity; this is not just good for the community, it also provides significant revenue to do vital upgrades to the building to keep it as a safe, modern facility.

Fernie Family Garden

We have some additions in the garden. Two new beds were put together this past week, which makes five in total. That makes the first block of garden beds to be available for rent. If you are interested in one of these garden beds or know of anyone who is, please email ferniefamily@gmail.com, or contact the Parish Office to inquire. Soil will be topped up and ready to go for a fall planting (Garlic anyone?), or for next spring.

Weeds in the garden space are being removed over the next few weeks. A few types of noxious weeds have been identified, so it is vital they are removed properly.

Fundraising continues towards the fence building. Please consider dropping off your bottles at the church shed, or you can donate your designate return money to the Fernie Family Garden right at the depot. This helps our volunteers out a lot. Thank you for your support.

Ministries

Saturday 27th July

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

Billy-Anne Kowalski

Greeters:

Nellie Dunlap & Hilda Cadorath

Sunday 28th July

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Reader:

Christine Fleming

Greeters:

Jesse Mong and Family

Church cleaning 2 week starting Monday 22nd July:

H. Binter, L. Campisi & M.
Scarpelli

Finance – Collections:

13th/14th July 2019 \$1541.45

Candle..... \$15.00

Pilgrimage of Faith:

Diocesan Goal..... \$12,150.00

Given to Date \$7475.85

Need to reach

Diocesan Goal \$7,165.00