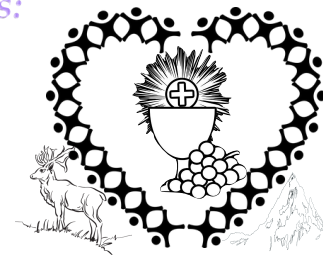


Our Current Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:

*Fernie on Saturday evening at 5pm,
Sparwood at 9am Sunday morning,
and Elkford at 4pm Sunday afternoon.*



The Sunday Mass is broadcast via Zoom from Fernie & Sparwood (see below).

Dear All,

Once more I find myself writing this in the middle of the night – not my best time for being articulate; I really need to be more organised.

Series of Lent Talks

We have now had four of our ten Lent Talks, and the word ‘eclectic’ comes to mind; indeed, I think it would be hard to find four more diverse talks all on the subject of Lent! And without passing any comment on last Monday’s talk, the rest have taken us to places I really wasn’t expecting, but as our companions on the journey knew the places so well, each was fascinating in its own way.

The series continues this week with talks on Monday by Dr. Mark Nash. Now I must admit that I don’t know him, but he is the director of the Diocese Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis for the Catholic Church in the southern half of London, England. His doctorate was in Russian and East European Studies. With his wife Rachel he is a father of four and works in the southern half of London and surrounding areas encouraging and enabling evangelisation within the church and on going formation of Catholics in general but priests in particular.

On Thursday we have Fr. Peter Montgomery, who was at seminary with Fr. Mark who is hosting these talks. Before seminary he studied (Civil) Law, and after ordination studied Church Law (Canon Law). More recently he gained an Masters Degree in Art, Aesthetics and Cultural Institutions. He is a parish priest in the north west of England.

Now, Church Law, Art, Aesthetics, Cultural Institutions and East European Studies – what are we going to hear? I am fascinated and can’t wait. And don’t forget Mass on Wednesday. As previously mentioned, each talk is independent other talk, so if you miss one don’t hold back from joining in with the other talks. The talks are being recorded and at some point will be available via YouTube.

Monday 8st March Dr. Mark Nash *“Mending the Nets –
Preparing for Mission”*

Wednesday 10th March Mass from somewhere in the Elk Valley

Thursday 11th March Fr. Peter Montgomery *“Guilt and Shame
in a Post modern world”*

Zoom Link to All the Talks and Masses

To get the link to our Lenten series of talks and Masses please send an e-mail to one of our parish offices with your name and you will then receive the link.

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All talks and Masses are at 12noon Mountain Time (11am Pacific, 7pm England). Talks will last about an hour and be followed by questions, but there is a sharp cutoff at 1:30pm. The Masses will be shorter, perhaps about 35 minutes.

Other Lent Resources

At 6am this morning I was having lunch with some people from my diocese back in Britain (*okay, they were having lunch and I was getting my first coffee down me*) and one of them asked if I had come across the Lenten series by the Redemptorists in Britain. This is a series of eight talks given by Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R. Fr. Denis has a most wonderful voice and a wonderful way of telling stories, and the two together make for a real oasis in a busy day. But you do need to sit still as each of these twenty minute or so talks is given at a gentle pace, and each talk is a reflection on a different picture. Fr. Denis writes:

Reflecting with paintings: One of the things that has always intrigued me about Jesus is how so much of his teaching he chose to do through the medium of fiction. All his parables are fiction: each could begin ‘Once upon a time.’ Jesus asked his hearers to leave their own world and come with him into an imaginary world, and then return to their world to have an inner conversation of how they see things in the light of the parable. Jesus’ parable world is a world of great variety. You meet all sorts of people: difficult judges, committed burglars, broken families, wounded beggars, awkward neighbours, selfish priests, eccentric employers, desperate hosts, surprised guests, wise and foolish virgins. Paintings, too, have their own language, from pictorial to representative, to coded, to abstract, to you-name-it – communicating another world to the onlooker, another slant on looking at people and things, or simply to provoke unspoken communication between the artist’s emotions and the viewer’s. For this Lenten retreat I invite you to look at selected paintings, to imagine another world, and then to return to your own story in the hope that some inner conversation might be provoked through the strange encounters.

The first talk can be found on the following website (*go down the page and the first talk on “Old Woman Praying the Rosary” is there together with the picture about which he is talking.*). The second talk is also now available.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/reflecting-with-paintings-retreat>



And Finally...

Did you know that Bp. Gary, the bishop in Victoria, has a new pastoral assistant? His name is Taku. The Bishop says that after the lockdown is ended and he starts travelling around his diocese again, Taku will travel about with him. You can see the whole message at:

www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/meet-taku

So watch out Thumper, there is another dog working in the church that has a cute face and just looks adorable. I hope the Taku and Thumper can meet at some point.

With thanks and a promise of prayers,

Fr. David @ Thumper



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Link to Weekend Masses

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Link to Lenten Talks & Masses

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Waiting Room: *Please note when you log on you will be put in a “waiting room”.*

Hopefully as soon as we see you waiting we will let you in.

If there is a bit of a delay, please just wait;

the co-host or myself will be with you as quickly as we can.