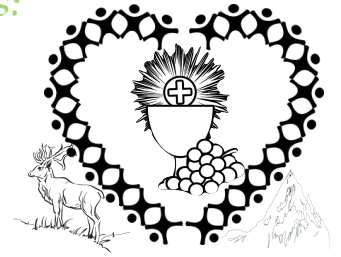


Our Current Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:

*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).



5th/6th November

Dear All,

Just a brief e-mail this week as the last few have been a bit long. Please see the final page that is a news article about Bp. Mark, my bishop in England.

A Little Road Map

Ordinary Time: This week is the 32nd Sunday in ‘Ordinary Time’ and next week will be the 33rd. This means we keep reading sequentially through Mark’s gospel. In Mark’s gospel we get Jesus entering Jerusalem at the beginning of chapter 11. Last week and this week we read from chapter 12 which is part of Christ’s teaching in Jerusalem before his arrest. Next week, we will read from chapter 13 when Jesus is looking ahead to the end of time when *“they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory”*, and we will be told that *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.”* Mark 13:24-32

The following Sunday, 21st November, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King; so we finish our liturgical year by recognising the supremacy of Christ, and while we hold him up as King, he is not a distant or aloof figure, but as Jesus himself will tell us, *“I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.”* John 18:37

Advent: Having concluded one ‘liturgical year’, on Sunday 28th November we will start our new year and the season of Advent. During this coming year we will be reading from Luke’s gospel, which uniquely has some of the longer and very well known stories like the story of the Good Samaritan and the story of the Prodigal Son. And, of course, Luke has the fullest account of any of the gospels of the events around the birth of Jesus and some of his early life, which we will be hearing during Advent and Christmastide.

Then four Sundays in Advent until we get to Christmas Eve, which is a Friday, and Christmas Day, which is a Saturday. But more about that nearer the time.



Parish Issues

Whether you are in the Elk Valley or elsewhere, as our liturgical year comes to a close, parish accountants everywhere will be eagerly looking at the books and seeing how the finances are going.

In this diocese the ‘Pilgrimage of Faith’ now runs from January to December so we will need to have a little push to make sure that we reach our required minimum, that is, the goal set us by the diocese. Fernie particularly needs to look at this. But I would add that Fernie is also getting a lot of money back from the Pilgrimage of Faith as we are hoping that they will give us some assistance with all the restoration work that has been done. So while we might have to pay some out now, I think we will get all of that back when our final accounts are drawn up for the restoration work. And I have to say, thanks to the generosity and hard work of a number of people, Fernie church is looking so good at the moment; it really is the jewel in the crown of the diocese.



And Finally...

I don't know if Thumper likes the snow or not because he doesn't seem to notice it; he is too busy running and playing. With prayers,

Fr. David @ Thumper



Our churches are open *without* a limit on numbers.
But Covid is in the population – so caution is needed!



Zoom Links

Link to Weekend Masses

To get the link to our two weekend Masses please send an e-mail to one of our parish offices with your name and you will then receive the link each week.

info@holyfamilyfernie.ca

ElkValleyRC@gmail.com

Audio Only

Don't forget, you might be heading off to Costco in Lethbridge for an early Christmas shop, but if you have cell service, 'church' is still there and available. So even if you don't have access to the internet you can still listen to Mass while you are on your travels via a phone call to our Zoom link.

Again, e-mail the office for the link for this.

Chat:

Feel free to greet people via the chat when you join our broadcast, and if you are praying for anything particular, do share this with others on the Chat.

Normally there is "IA - Chat (Co-Host)" who watches the chat for any problems or prayer intentions. If you don't want everyone to see your message you can send your message directly and it will remain private.

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; we will be with you as quickly as we can.

And for those who are attending church in person, be careful:

Please continue to be careful when you are in church. Please sanitise your hands, wear a mask at all times, always think of the good of others. As you move about in church you might come within a 'breath distance' of others, and be conscious that others might have health vulnerabilities that you don't know about. **Everyone still needs to be careful.**



Bishop Mark O’Toole becomes Member of the International Council for Catechesis

Thursday, November 4th, 2021 @ 11:22 am



The Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Reverend Mark O’Toole, Chair of the Bishops’ [of England & Wales] Conference’s Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship has been named a member of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation’s International Council for Catechesis.

The Council has the aim of “studying the most important issues in catechesis and encouraging the sharing of experiences between experts in the field, on the one hand, and the Apostolic See and the Episcopal Conferences, on the other.”

The Council has recently assisted the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation’s work in preparing the new Directory for Catechesis and the establishment of the Ministry of Catechist.

Pope Francis has appointed fifteen new Members to the Council.

About the appointment, Bishop Mark O’Toole said:

I was surprised and humbled to receive the notification that I have been appointed a member of the International Council for Catechesis. Pope Francis has consistently stressed the vital role that catechesis plays in the New Evangelisation. This is close to my heart. I experience this appointment as an invitation to deepen my own encounter with the Lord, to invite others who do not know the beauty of this, to come to know Jesus, and to help all Catholics witness to the wonder of our encounter with Him.

www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-mark-otoole-becomes-member-of-the-international-council-for-catechesis/