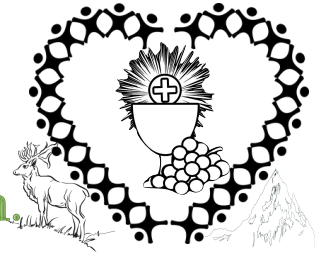


Our Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:

*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).

27th/28th August 2022

Dear All,

Having been out of the parish for two weeks with Covid and then away with the CWL for another week, there was a pile of work waiting for me when I got back. So here we are once more just after eleven o'clock Thursday night and I am only now starting the newsletter. Accordingly, please don't expect too much this week.

As I write this I am just conscious that this week I have seen a number of people in the Valley who have also been incredibly busy in their jobs. And while at the end of their long day many of them have to go home and cook meals or look after loved ones in some way or another, in contrast all I have to do is walk Thumper; so really I am very blessed and I shouldn't complain as my life is a very good life.

What is more, while today was a long day – certainly I was on the go for over twelve hours without a stop for lunch – the incredible gift I have living in this Valley is that when I had finished doing all I was going to do, it only took me about an hour to load the fridge in my camper with food, fill the water tanks, and then disappear off into the bush. By nine o'clock tonight Thumper and I were out in the middle of nowhere on an extended wander down a forest service road. Okay, it is now passed eleven o'clock at night and I am working on the newsletter, but I am somewhere that is completely silent with no one within miles of me. Thumper and myself hopefully have thirty-six hours out here.

I should also add that as I write I can hear rain drops falling on the roof of the camper, which is a lovely sound; I hope the ground gets properly wet.

*We have come to a new
camping spot that I
have not used before.
Still just fifteen minutes from
Sparwood, middle of nowhere
but with great cell service so I
can zoom and e-mail.*



For the Autumn —***The Season of Creation 2022***

Next week I have a zoom meeting with members of my diocese back in Britain when we will be looking at how we might celebrate the ‘Season of Creation’. This ‘season’ runs from next Thursday, 1st September, to 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is an opportunity for us all to reflect on how we care for our Common Home, and to challenge ourselves again about how well we are being stewards of creation.

This year the theme of the season is “Listen to the Voice of Creation”, and the first day of the season, Thursday 1st September is designated as a ‘World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation’. The Pope is producing a message for this day. I hope to explore this a bit more as we get into September, but if you do get the chance, do try to make next Thursday a day when you don’t hurt the planet too much!

Deacon Stephen

Deacon Stephen is recovering well after his bike accident. And while he says that healing is a slow process, we hope he will be well enough to be with us in early September to preach one weekend.

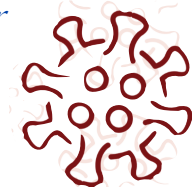
Part of the gospel that Deacon Stephen will be preaching on says, “Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27) So let us hope that his injuries from falling off his bike won’t be a too greater ‘cross’ for Deacon Stephen to carry. *(Perhaps he was trying to carry his cross on his bike, and that is why he fell off!)*

**And Finally...**

I am still bouncing after the CWL convention; we did have a good time.

During the convention Thumper was in some lovely air conditioned kennels and had great fun playing with lots of new friends all day. So he got used to a lot of exercise and came back just wanting to run and run. So this week I took him on a long cycle ride up to the top of somewhere – about 6,000 foot above sea level *(left)* – and made sure he got good and tired.

With prayers, *Fr. David & Thumper*



**Listen to the
Voice of Creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Our churches are open to those *without* any Covid symptoms.
But Covid is still a real threat – thus caution is needed!



Zoom Links – To Our Sunday Masses

Link to Our Sunday 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, if you don't have the internet but have a phone you can still listen to Mass 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.

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.

Those who are attending church in person, **be careful:**

Covid is everywhere and people still have vulnerabilities. Therefore please continue to be careful when you are in church and continue to sanitise your hands; wear a mask if you wish and always think of the good of others. As you move about in church you might come within a ‘breath distance’ of others, so please be conscious that others might have health vulnerabilities that you don't know about.

Everyone still needs to be careful.

