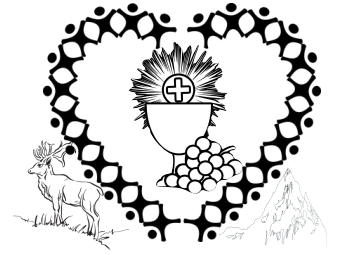


*Our Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:  
Fernie on Saturday evening at 5pm,  
Sparwood at 9am Sunday morning,  
and Elkford at 4pm Sunday afternoon.*



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

Weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Dear All,

The quickest weekly e-mail I have ever written! I have been doing other things this week and once more have not had enough time for all the tasks that need to be done. Thus it is 9:30am on Friday and I am only just starting this e-mail.

Really I am only writing this because I want to include one thing, and that is some details of the passing of my former bishop in England, Bishop Christopher.



## **Hugh Christopher Budd** (27<sup>th</sup> May 1937 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023)

Hugh Christopher Budd (known as Christopher) was born in the East of England and became the eighth Bishop of Plymouth in January 1986. He retired as bishop in November 2013.

### ***Our diocesan website states:***

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our dear Bishop Christopher Budd, the retired bishop for the Diocese of Plymouth.

Bishop Christopher died in the early hours of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at his home; he was aged 85. Canon

Paul Cummins, our Diocesan Administrator said:

*“Bishop Christopher was a faithful servant of the Lord and of the Church.  
He was an inspiration and a friend.”*

On his Silver Jubilee as Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth in 2011, reflecting on his ministry, Bishop Christopher said:

*“The celebration of a bishop’s ministry should not principally focus on the person of the bishop. The proper focus is God’s gift of episcopacy to the diocese; the particular bishop is always secondary to that... The source of our ability to minister is the wisdom of Christ made available in his community.”*

Canon Paul continued,

*“I know that you will join me in praying for Bishop Christopher’s eternal joy with the risen Christ as his good and faithful servant – and in offering his family and friends our heartfelt condolences and our prayers over the coming days.”*



There is so much more that I could and should add, but I might have to leave that for another week. But I wanted people to know about the passing of a great man who showed real pastoral love to his priests and to his whole diocese. May he rest in peace.

### **And Finally...**

Poor Thumper, while I have been busy he has been squeezed into the front seat of my truck, which is hardly big enough for him.

With prayers, *Fr. David @ Thumper*



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



## Zoom Link – To Divine Mercy Sunday Masses

To get the link to watch our two weekend Masses via Zoom 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](mailto:info@holyfamilyfernie.ca)

[ElkValleyRC@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

### **Chat:**

*Feel free to send greetings via the chat when you join our broadcast, and if you are praying for anything particular, do also share this with others.*

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

**Covid and other viruses are about and many people have vulnerabilities.**

Some people might have vulnerabilities that we don't know about, and at the moment as well as Covid there are other viruses going around – *the normal winter colds* – but this year they might be slightly more problematic because many people haven't been exposed to colds and flu for a few years. So please continue to be careful. If someone wants a bit of space, we have a lot of it in our churches, so please be respectful.

***Everyone still needs to be careful.***

