

Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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Holy Family Parish is organised together with St. Michael's, Sparwood and St. Bernard's, Elkford.

Sunday 21st August 2016 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. David...

Monsignor Charles Patrick Mulvihill RIP

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mgn. Charlie Mulvihill. He had not been in good health for some time and had a short illness before dying peacefully on Tuesday at the age of 84.

For those who didn't know him he was a kindly man who had worked for 42 years in this diocese. Born in 1932 in Galway, Ireland, he was ordained a priest in Ireland in 1959, following which he emigrated to Canada. After working for a short time in the Edmonton diocese he came to our diocese in 1960. He retired in 2002.

His funeral will be in Kelowna where he ministered for more than 25 years. Prayers are on Tuesday evening at the Immaculate Conception Church followed by a funeral Mass there on Wednesday. He will be buried after the Mass in Kelowna. I am not sure how many people from here would have known Fr. Charlie, but obviously if you did know him you are welcome to attend his funeral.

I will be attending on behalf of the parishes so will leave on after Mass on Tuesday and probably won't be back until sometime on Thursday. So there will be **no Mass this week at Rocky Mountain Village**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Charlie, that he will get the reward of his goodness and the lots of hard work he did for Christ and his Church.

Sparwood Telephone – 250-425-2327

We are trying to rationalise the internet and telephone systems in Fernie, Sparwood and Elkford. Our aim is to provide a better service at a significantly lower cost to the parishes. We are grateful to the parish council who are working hard to be prudent with the parish's income. With this in mind, as from this week the telephone number [250-425-2327](tel:250-425-2327) will now ring in both the Sparwood parish office and the Sparwood rectory. So to get hold of someone at the church you only need to ring one number.

Hopefully there will be other improvements during the coming weeks.

My Trip to Britain

As you might know I am on loan to the diocese of Nelson from my home diocese of Plymouth in the South West of England. In September I shall be returning to my home diocese for a series of meetings. Recently we had a new bishop in Plymouth, Bp. Mark O'Toole, who I haven't as yet met, so a big part of my trip is so I can meet him, spend time with him and get to know him a bit. I will also be spending time with my former bishop, Bp. Christopher Budd, who originally asked me to go to Canada. Then I will be attending a meeting in Devon with a group from our Council of Priests and a meeting in London of priests from my old seminary. Additionally while I am in England I will also be presiding at my Godson's wedding – he and his fiancé are obviously delighted that the dates have worked out for Uncle David to marry them.

But my trip is not all work, on my way back I will be having three full days and four nights in Iceland, hopefully doing a quick dash around some of their geological features.

While I am away Fr. Harry Clarke will be with us. I know many people are very much looking forward to seeing Fr. Harry again.

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday
Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Holy Family Church –
9am Tuesday

Rocky Mountain Village –
No Mass this week or next.

*Also (but please see local
newsletter for weekly variations):*

St. Michael's, Sparwood –
9am Monday

Lilac Terrace, Sparwood –
11am Friday

St. Bernard's, Elkford –
11am Thursday



The Chautauqua and Fall Fair is being hosted from Thursday, 8th to Sunday 11th September. This fair recreates two events that were once held in Fernie. The Chautauqua, a popular travelling cultural festival, was held each June in Fernie from 1917 to 1935. The Fernie Fall Fair was a staple of the Fernie event calendar from the late 1910s to the 1960s.

The Holy Family Parish will be participating in one of the events during this four-day festival. On Saturday 10th Holy Family Parish will be opening the doors of our church to the public from 11am to 4pm. Volunteers are needed to act as hosts and tour guides to welcome both locals and tourism to our church and to provide them with a short 10 to 15 minute informal tour that provides information about the history of Holy Family. A minimum of two and a maximum of four tour hosts/guides are needed. Please sign up by calling Terri Tombosso at [\(250\) 430-1275](tel:2504301275) or by emailing her at terri@fernie.com

The organizers of the Chautauqua and Fall Fair also invite members of the Holy Family Parish to “Viva Italia, Viva Fernie: A Celebration of Fernie’s Italian Heritage”.

A home-cooked spaghetti dinner hosted by Fernie's Italian community kicks off the 2016 Fernie Chautauqua and Fall Fair at the Fernie Family Centre at 6pm to 9pm. Special guest, author Lynne Bowen, will share stories about Fernie’s early Italian community from her book, ‘Whoever Gives Us Bread: The Story of Italians in British Columbia’. Entertainment by Rosanne Anselmo and Mike Bruschetta. Tickets are \$15 a person and are available from the Fernie Museum; no tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds support the Fernie Museum’s Community Memory Project.

Also on the Friday and Saturday, 9th & 10th, parishioners are invited to participate in a fundraising which is part of the fair. All funds raised will go to the Syrian Refugee Family for Fernie Fund. On the Friday night from 3pm to 7pm Fernie residents including Mary Menduk and Shelby Cain, will be interviewed about their stories, and there will be reading from their works of prose and poetry; this will be at the Chautauqua Tent next to the Fernie Historical Museum. From 7pm to 9pm on Friday there will be a Old Time Family Street Dance with live music Hootenanny Style. During these two events we need volunteers to help out with the bar service and also to make pies to sell by the piece at the event. Please contact Cecila Roccamatisi at 250-423-8507 or Sharon Switzer at 250-946-6919 if you can help with this event. On Saturday morning the group will host a Pancake Breakfast for the community also at the Chautauqua Tent from 8:30am to 11am. Volunteers are needed to set-up, take-down and help cook and serve breakfast. Please contact Alan Westhaver at 250-423-4818 or Rob Greene at 250-423-9521 if you can help.

From the Diocese and Beyond...

Family Camp at Kootenay Lake

On the weekend of Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September there will be a Family Camp at Kokanee Park Group Camping on Beautiful Kootenay Lake. There will be crafts, fun activities, campfire songs and speakers. Do join them and learn more about our faith! The cost is \$55 per family. To register please contact Dawn Rodman at 250-229-4943.

Ministries:

Saturday 27th August:

Eucharistic Minister:

Ewa Langer

Reader:

Lisa Westhaver

Greeters:

Nellie Dunlap/Hilda Cadorath

Sunday 28th August:

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Readers:

G. Kitchen/Sandy Carter

Greeters:

Sharon Switzer

Church Cleaning for this week:

G. Hughes and Regina Vinge

Finance

Collections:

13th/14th July \$1187.26

Candle money.....\$5.85

Pilgrimage of Faith (to date):

..... \$13,343.52

Our Diocesan Goal: .. \$14,600.00

To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund please go to our website:

www.holyfamilyfernie.ca and there is a link on the home page. You will receive a charitable receipt for any donation from Canada Helps.Org

Suggested Websites:

Diocesan Website:

www.nelsondiocese.org

Catholic Women’s League:

www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus:

www.kofc.org

Development & Peace:

www.dev.org

Rachel’s Vineyard:

www.rachelvineyard.org

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: www.cccb.ca