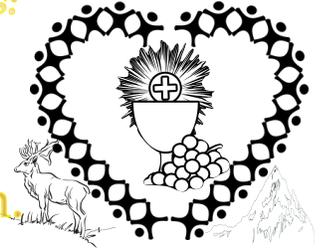


Our Current Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:

**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).

14th/15th May 2022

Dear All,

After all the excitement of the last couple of weeks I was quite tired going into this week. It didn't help that last Saturday I only got back from the CWL diocesan convention at 1:30am. But my awareness of this quickly faded because this week has been a difficult week in the parish for a number of families, some faced with illness and others having to cope with the death of a loved one. I am very conscious of the fact that I am given such a privileged position as a priest because people invite me into their family circle at some of the most important times in their lives; I never take this for granted and am incredibly grateful for the trust the people put in their priests.

We also have a number of people who are recovering from various procedures, so my thoughts and prayers are with all those who are dealing with health issues, and my heart also goes out to those who are going through the pain of grief.



Bishop Mark in Britain

This week I got a lovely letter from Bp. Mark in Britain. A lot of it was personal but he does speak more generally:

Dear David,

*Thank you for your email,
your kind wishes and most
especially for your prayers.*

*I have been very happy in
Plymouth and shall be sad to
leave, but you know our life
means a "yes" when we are*

asked/appointed, even if at times that is not always straightforward! [...] It was good too to be able to visit the Cathedral in Swansea on Thursday morning and pray quietly there and to deepen my "yes" and surrender to the Lord and His Church. [...]

I shall always think warmly of Western Canada despite the challenging winters you can have! I am grateful for your prayers.

Yours devotedly, +Mark



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Visiting Priests

As previously mentioned, we will be welcoming back Fr. Marian in June for a couple of weekends while I am away at the CWL Provincial Convention in Maple Ridge. Then, as another treat, in August when I am away for the National CWL Convention, Fr. Harry Clarke will be joining us for a weekend. I know that many people have very fond memories of Fr. Harry and will be looking forward to seeing him again.

And Finally...

Thumper wants you to know that this is his new toy which he loves. Unfortunately, it is not his, he just “borrowed” it from the neighbours dogs, which means he is particularly attached to it!

With prayers,
Fr. David @ Thumper

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 and to our Holy Week services 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.

Normally there is "1A - 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 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, and be conscious that others might have health vulnerabilities that you don't know about.

Everyone still needs to be careful.

