



St. Paul's News Bulletin

July, 2020



Parish Events

Fergus will be on vacation from July 1-28. Laura Anne will be in the Office 9-12, each Tues. to Thurs. If a pastoral emergency should arise, please contact Fergus at home (403-938-2467) or Father Cyril. For non-emergency pastoral matters, please contact Fr. Cyril.

July's Video Services will be posted on our website at 9:30 am each Sunday. You can share it via: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>.

Sunday Coffee Time: Everybody's invited to share Coffee Time after the Service at 11:00 am via Zoom. The Zoom link is included with the PDF Order of Service on our website under the Sermon tab. If we have a large number participating, we'll spend part of our time in "breakout rooms", to allow deeper conversations in small groups to take place. It's a great way to touch base together.

Sunday School Resources for Sunday School at home will be resuming in September.

Virtual Vacation Bible School: McKenzie Towne Church is graciously sharing with us a virtual VBS for children preschool to grade 4. There will be a session a week in the month of July, each including a video Bible lesson, worship, game, weekly challenge, and guided craft. The theme is "Serving Others Because We Have Been Served by Jesus." The links to the VBS video material have been sent out to everyone on our emailing list. If you know of someone not in our Parish who would like to receive these, please contact the Office.

Ladies Luncheon: We will meet again for a picnic on July 18 at 11:30 am on the lawn at the new St. Paul's. For more details see the July/August Living Waters.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: Will return on August 5.

Wednesdays with the Word: If you'd like to join this Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday, please email M'Laurel at msthompson@xplornet.ca.

The CHOSEN Discussion Group: Thursdays, with July 9 and 23, at 7:30 pm being the next meetings. The 2017 TV drama The CHOSEN is a multi-season series about the life of Jesus. Here's the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1-FoFj8Jbo>. We'll watch an episode a week of Season 1 on YouTube (for 8 weeks), and discuss it together via Zoom. To participate, please contact Laura at fewestautumn.249@gmail.com. So far, there are 9 participants, but we'd love to have more!

COVID-19 Outreach Task Force: We'd like to establish a Task Force to brainstorm ways we can fulfill our purpose

as the church of spreading God's Kingdom of love in word and deed in this time of COVID-19. Please contact the Office if you'd like to be part of it.

Face Masks: We have reusable masks at the church. If you'd like one, please phone the Office to arrange a time for you to pick it up, or have it delivered to you.

Prayer Group Ministry If you have a prayer request, or would like to join this vital ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com, or Fergus.

Caring Contact Ministry: Helpers in our Caring Contact Ministry contact the households on their lists once a month, and share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to join this Ministry, please let Fergus know.

Grocery Pick-up Ministry: Thanks to all who have volunteered! To join this Ministry, please contact the Office.

Book Borrowing: Books can be borrowed 100% safely from our Parish Library or Fergus' Book Nook. Please contact the Office for details.

In-person Gatherings: All in-person gatherings continue to be suspended. Phone messages and emails are being answered regularly. The Diocese has set up a Task Force to establish phased protocols for Parishes. These will be circulated once approved by Diocesan Council.

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to give your Offering when we're unable to be physically present together. It's critical to helping us fulfill our Mission. Here are ways we can offer our support. We can donate via our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate>). This is completely secure, with the highest level of PCI compliance. We can also mail our Offering (perhaps post-dated cheques) via regular post; drop it off in the Office mailbox (phoning first); arrange for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or set up direct depositing (to download the form, please go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations.")

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Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference !

The Alpha Youth Film Series has been postponed.

Check out our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth>.

Diocesan and Community Events

78th Convention of Synod Saturday, October 24, 2020 Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson along with the Diocesan Council announces that the 78th Convention of Synod has been called for Saturday, October 24, 2020. Licensed Clergy and Elected Lay Delegates to Synod are to attend. During this time of physical distancing, Synod will be held via Zoom. In an effort to make good use of limited time, only the essentials of Synod, in accordance with the Canons, will be dealt with. No motions will be addressed at this event; we intend to hold a Special Synod in 2021 to respond to motions and other business.

St. Edmund's Food Bank Has Reopened: We are in need of donations as the demand has already increased and we anticipate a sharp rise over the coming months with the unemployment rate and CoVid 19-related financial difficulties people are now facing. If you are able to assist with donations of non-perishable OR fresh OR frozen food items, please contact us: (403) 288 6330 or email@stedmundscalgary.org for a safe drop-off time. For monetary donations, please mail your cheques (payable to St. Edmund King & Martyr Anglican Church) to 8336 - 34 Avenue NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 1R2. If you would prefer to e-transfer, please contact Linda Anderson, Bishop's Warden at email@stedmundscalgary.org or (403) 615-0651.

Missional Minute:

The time that is given us... A message from Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson from June 16, 2020

There's an old saying "You are what you eat".

In some traditions of the Christian church, this past Sunday commemorated "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ", also known as "Corpus Christi".

In this time of the COVID pandemic, we have not had access to the consecrated sacraments of the Eucharist table.

But I do believe that as a result of the prayerful yearning of our hearts for God's grace, and through the surrender and transformation of our lives, that God feeds us in ways that we cannot see or understand and continues that process to receive the body of Christ that nourishes our souls.

I pray that in the ongoing disrupted times in which we live, our hearts will continue to be open, to be receiving the body of Christ, and to feed on him in our hearts by faith, as the old wisdom says from our prayer book; that

we will indeed become what we eat.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer: The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada) exists to encourage and enable the ministry of prayer in Canada. It is inclusive of all forms of expressions of Christian church life, whether they be lay or clerical, catholic or evangelical, monastic or secular, formal or informal. AFP (Canada) seeks to be a teaching resource to assist both individuals and congregations to grow in the life of prayer. It seeks to increase and strengthen the companionship of Christian prayer throughout the world. The May issue of the AFP Newsletter is a "Pandemic Special edition, with much helpful material. Here's the link to a pdf version of it: <http://anglicanprayer.org/newsletters/AFP%20Newsletter%20pandemic%202020.pdf>.



St. Paul's Anglican Church services are held at Father Lacombe Care Centre every fourth Sunday of the month with the Rev'd Dr. Bob Mummery, or the Rev'd Fergus Tyson officiating. Services commence at 2:30 pm. The Anglicans in residence look forward to this service, but the service is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Most who attend are in wheel chairs and our volunteers are always there with a helping hand. We can always use extra help and welcome anyone who can assist in this ministry. Please contact Kathleen Robinson (403 256-8370).

September 20, Ministry Sunday –Fellowship and Food Groups, ladies pot luck, men's breakfasts, Alpha Groups, Sunday School

Financial News

Our 2020 income to May 31 is 12% less than in 2019. Our Apportionment has been reduced to \$1,000 a month, enabling us to keep our deficit to \$7,659. Thank you to everyone who is helping support our Mission financially in this time when we are not able to worship together physically. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.



Outreach

PWRDF: Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, PWRDF's work continues, and still needs your support. Indeed, it may now be more vital than ever to help those least able to help themselves. For info, go to pwrdf.org

Inreach: With many in our Parish congregation going through financial struggles at present due to the economy, a special fund has been set-up. Donations marked "Financial Help for Parishioners" are also welcome. If you are in need of financial help, or know of someone in our Parish who is (and you have their permission), please let Fergus know. He will maintain absolute confidentiality. This is one way we can care for one another, and all get through this challenging time together. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund, which presently sits at approximately \$3,700 with \$6,100 having been disbursed.

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact Robbie Coller.

If you'd like to be part of our Pastoral Care Team, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden. Training (courses from the Roman Catholic Diocese, which are paid for by the Parish) is available.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome!

Please contact Fergus if you or someone you know would like a visit.

Thank you to Kerry Peters for making "holding crosses" for our Pastoral Care Team to share with those they visit.

Opportunities to Serve

2020 Flower Chart we will still be acknowledging in the Order of Service those who signed up for flowers each Sunday.

Prayer Chain Requests: Please contact Dinah Breu with your prayer requests.

Casserole Ministry: If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a casserole. Please contact Linda Huber.

Card Ministry: Gail Munro will send greetings on behalf of our parish to anyone in the parish who is ill, etc.

Grocery Pick-up Ministry: If you would like to help pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who cannot get out, please contact the Office.

Living Waters: This Monday, June 29 is the deadline for Living Waters submissions for the July/August Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Rides Assistance: If you need or can help provide rides for members who have a hard time getting to services, appointments or visiting their loved ones, please contact the office.

Sign: We'd like to change the sign more regularly, but to do this we need helpers. If you can help, please contact Paul Bourgeois or the Office.

Servers: We are looking for more volunteers to be servers at our Sunday services. **Adults are welcome to join this ministry.**

Altar Guild: If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild please let Robbie know.

Parish Council: We are looking for people to serve as **Deputy People's Warden and Youth contact on Parish Council (a teen age 16 or older)**. If you are interested in either of these positions or would like more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

(Please Note: All in-person activities are cancelled until further notice)

Sun.: Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays

Mon. : Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Prayer Group : 7:30 pm

Wed. : **Video Morning Prayer: 9:30 am—will resume August 5**

Bible Study on the Upcoming Sunday's Readings (via Zoom): 10:30 am

Thurs.: **The CHOSEN Discussion Group (via Zoom): 7:30 pm July 9 & 23; August 6, 13, 20, & 27; Sept. 3**

Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month beginning again in the Fall)

TOPS : 6:30 pm

Choir practice (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)