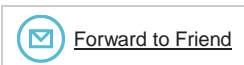


Sacred Journey | Re-entering the Land



There is just over a week until Bishop Logan McMenamie sets out to Alert Bay to begin his Sacred Journey. This penitential walk, undertaken as a personal act of repentance by the bishop and on behalf of all Anglicans in this diocese, is one more step along the path towards "Reconciliation and Beyond" - one of the lenses through which our diocesan vision of Re:newed Hearts, Re:newed Spirits, Re:newed People will be realized.

The journey planning is now done, and months of hard work and anticipation have come together to prepare the way for what promises to be a transformative and historically significant event in the life of our diocese and our communities.

Schedule

Subject to change. Check the [Sacred Journey](#) website regularly for updates.

Date	Activity
Fri March 4	Alert Bay—Preparation (private)
Sat March 5	Alert Bay—Preparation (private)
Sun March 6 Lent IV	Alert Bay—Preparation & Worship (private)
Mon March 7	9:35 ferry Alert Bay -> Port McNeill Side trip to church to meet confirmands Plan to be on the road by noon (Public send-off)
Tue March 8	Continue past Nimpkish to viewpoint just south of Zeballos turnoff

Wed March 9	Continue past Woss to parking area at Mt. Cain turnoff
Thur March 10	Continue south, stop for night at designated rest area
Fri March 11	Continue south, stop for night at Sayward Junction
Sat March 12	Continue south, stop for night at Roberts Lake
Sun March 13	Outdoor service on the road
Passion Sunday	Continue to Campbell River (o/n there)
Mon March 14	No travel today. Possible daytime events TBA. Dessert event at church 7 pm.
Tue March 15	Campbell River to Saratoga Beach via 19A
Wed March 16	Saratoga Beach to Courtenay via 19A Possible evening event in Courtenay TBC.
Thur March 17	Courtenay to Fanny Bay via 19A
Fri March 18	Fanny Bay to Qualicum via 19A
Sat March 19	Qualicum to Parksville Detour to Coombs en route. Overnight Parksville. Community dinner at church.
Sun March 20	10 am service at St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville (lunch to follow?)
Palm Sunday	Head south as far as Lantzville
Mon March 21	Early start to Nanaimo. Use E&N Trail through town. Lunch with diocesan clergy, followed by Blessing of Oils. Overnight Nanaimo.
Tue March 22	Nanaimo to Chemainus Route TBC, could be 1A
Wed March 23	Chemainus to ~10 km north of Mill Bay Route – north of Duncan could use portions of Cowichan Valley Trail Lake TBC South of Duncan use highway to Cobble Hill Rd. Overnight at Cobble Hill.
Thur March 24	Morning walk into Mill Bay Noon departure on canoe trip Mill Bay -> Brentwood Bay Then by car to Holy Trinity, North Saanich o/n private home on Saanich Peninsula
Fri March 25	North Saanich -> Home Via West Saanich Road
Good Friday	
Sat March 26	Walk through Greater Victoria Easter Eve Easter Vigil at St. Barnabas
Sun March 27	Walk from home to Easter Day at Cathedral Easter Sunday Visit Men's Final Soccer Match 3 pm at Royal Athletic Park. TBC

Following the Bishop

During the week of February 28 your parish will receive a small laminated picture of a bishop and instructions on its use as a way to follow the bishop as he travels. You can also track the bishop's progress on the [Sacred Journey](#) website.

Participating in the Journey

Several events, both diocesan and those being held in partnership with First Nations, are planned along the walk route. The walk will culminate in an Easter Day liturgy at Christ Church Cathedral. Here are some ways you can participate in the journey:

- Wrap the bishop and the First Peoples of these islands in your prayers.
- Participate in the Sacred Journey Daily Meditations. You can do this by sending [this link](#) to your parishioners and encouraging them to complete the form on the website to sign-up to receive a daily meditation from February 28 - March 28 (also available for download on the [Sacred Journey](#) website beginning February 28.)
- Be present to send the bishop off at Port McNeill on Monday, March 7 (approximately 11:00am - 12:00pm)
- Welcome the bishop as he enters each community. Please check the [online calendar](#) regularly for schedule updates.
- Interact with the bishop on Twitter [@bc_logan](#).
- Contribute financially towards offsetting the costs associated with the walk and/or building a legacy fund to be used to continue truth and reconciliation work within the diocese (please email finance@bc.anglican.ca for more information about how to be involved in this way.)

Walking with the Bishop *(an open letter from the bishop)*

Dear Friends,

I have been touched—and perhaps just a wee bit overwhelmed—by the number of people who have expressed their desire and intention to walk with me for part of the Sacred Journey. Let me first of all say thank you and bless you for your support and your obvious personal commitment to this important work of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

I have said that I am walking on behalf of the entire Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. In that sense, all Anglicans on these Islands are already walking with me. As individuals, you can join me in spirit, by praying with me and for me, by following our progress, and by participating in the Sacred Journey Daily Meditations. You may also wish to reach out in your own way to Indigenous Peoples and communities where you live.

I'm sure that many of you are also planning to attend one or more of the services and other events that are being planned along the way, in places like Port McNeill, Courtenay/Comox, Qualicum, Coombs, Parksville, Lantzville, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Duncan, Cowichan/Mill Bay, North Saanich, Esquimalt and Victoria, among others. I look forward to seeing you there.

For those who wish to actually walk part of the way, let me say that of course you are welcome to do so. I'm sure you understand that this is a penitential quest with a serious purpose. I intend to walk, as much as possible, alone and in silence. Others may follow the same path, but in their own time and space.

It's also important for you to know that unfortunately, we simply do not have the organizational capacity to provide any logistical support to other pilgrims. Anyone who decides to walk a portion of the route will need to make their own arrangements for food, water, transportation, accommodation, emergency communication, etc. You will certainly want to dress sensibly, and take appropriate safety and security—as will I. Remember that in many places, we will be travelling on busy highways with narrow shoulders. Police detachments have been informed, but it is not our intention to stop traffic.

One good option is to plan to join us as we move into, through and out of the various villages, towns and cities along the route. We hope to be able to provide up-to-date information on our progress and “estimated time of arrival,” but much will depend on how events unfold from day to day and hour to hour. A central focus as we proceed is stopping to ask permission from each First Nation to re-enter their territory, and the protocol for doing this will naturally take precedence over other priorities.

Thank you again for your support and interest.

Yours in Christ,

+Logan

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