



# the Parish of St. Dunstan

*On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation*

October 27, 2019

*Feast of Dedication*



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# Welcome!

This is a diverse & safe congregation for people wherever they are on their journey with Christ. We are an inclusive church which means we celebrate women in leadership, children at the Eucharist & welcome LGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the community.

## W O R S H I P

***This is the Fall of Feasts. For the next few months we will focus on our priorities as Christians & learn how to celebrate them.***

### *For Children*

*The Nursery is staffed & open for children ages 0 to 4.*

*There is no Sunday School this morning for children ages 5 to 12.*

*Activity bags are available in the entry near the colouring table.*

**All our volunteers & staff have a criminal record check.**

### *Taking Communion*

*Everyone is welcome to receive bread & wine as a sign of our commitment to Christ & Christ's commitment to us.*

*There are **gluten-free wafers** for those who need it & **juice** for those who prefer.*

**Prayers for healing** with the anointing of oil is offered beneath the cross during Communion. Please **light a candle** as a sign of your prayers.

# Today's Scripture

Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett

**1 Chronicles 29:** At the end of David's life he begins to gather the materials needed for his son Solomon to build a temple for God.

**1 Peter 2:** This reading contains a rich tapestry of images, most of which connect with images from the Old Testament. They all set the qualities of a new life in Christ.

**Matthew 21:** Jesus upsets the religious leaders by cleaning out the temple and healing people.

## Sermon Notes

### Today's Christian Priority: Renewal

We are thrilled to have our Archbishop, **the Most Reverend Melissa Skelton**, with us this morning. Archbishop Melissa will preach & preside through the service. She will also confirm two of our members, **Katherine & Marisa**, & dedicate **the Centre for Spiritual Renewal**.

Confirmation is a sacrament of the church for people to renew their baptismal covenant & receive a special grace of the Holy Spirit. All baptized followers of Jesus are encouraged to be confirmed as a sign of their ministry in the church & the world. We pray with Katherine & Marisa that their lives continue to express the grace of Jesus Christ in everything they do.

Today we dedicate the work of the Centre for Spiritual Renewal. This labour of love has now offered retreats, prayer practices, study groups, conferences, workshops & so much more for over a year. We are so grateful for the financial support the Diocese has given us to build this dream & the many volunteers that have facilitated the goings on. We are also grateful to have Lorie Martin, the Associate Director of the Centre, with us this morning for the dedication. We are grateful for her work & the fruit of her labour evident in so many people's lives.

May God continue to renew us in love & in the life of Jesus Christ, our Friend & Helper, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The liturgy is taken from the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymns numbers are indicated after the hymn title & found in the blue Common Praise hymn book. The readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. The entire service is projected on the wall.

## Gathering the Community

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**Holy Ground**

*the Greeting*

**All Are Welcome**

*the Prayer of the Day & the Rededication of the Font*

## Proclaiming the Word

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*the Rededication of the Pulpit & The First Book of Chronicles (29:6-19)*

**Psalm 84**

*The First Letter of Peter (2:1-5, 9-10)*

**O God of Font and Altar**

*the Gospel according to Matthew (21:12-16) & the Sermon*

*the Confirmation, the Peace & the Offering*

**We Come to Your Feast**

## Holy Communion

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*All are welcome to receive bread & wine (or juice) at Communion.*

**Take, O Take me as I am**

**Bread of Life**

**Deep in Our Hearts**

## Sending the Community

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*the Dedication of the Centre for Spiritual Renewal*

*the Blessing*

**Go Make a Difference**

**Coffee & refreshments are served in the hall following the service.**

**Please visit the Welcome Table in the hall or the Information Table in the entry if you have any questions.**

# OUTREACH

## Monday

### Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's

*Low cost counselling is provided by supervised counselling students from Trinity Western University. For more information, please connect with an intake worker at 604-513-2113.*

## Tuesday

### Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen

*The Parish of St. Dunstan's has committed to cooking & serving soup on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please connect with Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 or [ann\\_embra@telus.net](mailto:ann_embra@telus.net) to learn how you can get involved.*

### ESL

*Classes are at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information please connect the church office.*

## Thursday

### Thursday Community Meal

*Each Thursday at 4:30pm.*

*Want to help create this amazing meal? Please sign up on the poster at the entrance to the Worship Space. For more information on what volunteering involves, please connect with Laura Wallace at 604-856-6463, 604-807-3524 or [laura\\_w@telus.net](mailto:laura_w@telus.net)*

## Stewardship

*Have you considered signing up for **pre-authorized debit (PAD)**? It is easy & a good way to support the church even when you cannot be present for a service. Please connect with David or one of the other parish leaders for more information.*



## PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

*For more information, please visit [PWRDF.ORG](http://PWRDF.ORG). There you can read all about the good work it does, current areas of need & how you can participate.*

# COMMUNITY CARE

- Reconciliation**     *The priest is available to hear confession by appointment.*
- Listening Prayer**     *Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Katherine Murray at [katherine.murray22@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.murray22@gmail.com).*
- Spiritual Direction**     *Trained Spiritual Directors are available. To arrange please email [StDunstansCentre@gmail.com](mailto:StDunstansCentre@gmail.com)*
- Ride Sharing**     *If you need a ride, or can offer one, please let someone at the Information Booth know.*
- Visiting**     *If you need a visit, please call the office to arrange. If you would like to become a pastoral visitor, please connect with the priest.*
- Prayer Chain**     *If you wish someone to be remembered in our Prayer Chain Ministry, please email the office.*
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**Men's Coffee**

*Wednesdays at 9am*

**Men's Breakfast**

*the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the hall*

**Women's Coffee & Crafts**

*Fridays at 10am*

**Women's Breakfast**

*the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at McDonald's*

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## St. Dunstan's Catengan

*Did you know that we have a growing relationship with an Anglican Parish in the Northern Philippines? Please keep our friends there in your prayers as well as their bishop, Brent Alawas. We will find wonderful & meaningful ways to connect with them in the near future. Stay tuned.*

*For more information on the partner parish program please visit  
[www.vancouver.anglican.ca/about/companion-diocese](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/about/companion-diocese)*

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Children

**Messy Church** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month (September to May) at 4:30pm. Messy Church includes stories, crafts, dinner & Holy Communion. It is planned with the whole family in mind. All are welcome. Please connect with Carol Tindall at 604-866-6125 for more information & how to volunteer.

## St. Dunstan's & St. Andrew's Youth

Fridays at 7pm at David & Andrew's home. Ages 12 to 18. Call 778-987-0530 for directions & more information

(On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month we meet at St. Dunstan's to help lead messy church at 4:30pm.)



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SPIRITUAL  
RENEWAL

The Centre for Spiritual Renewal is the name we give to our Adult Christian Formation programs at St. Dunstan's. Please pick up the most recent program guide & check our website regularly for more information on coming events.

## Centering Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Fridays at 11:30am  
20 minutes of silence & connection with God.

## Study Group

Wednesday at 7pm  
A drop-in series of studies meant to inspire your faith. This group is a great way to meet members and ask important questions.

**October** the Foundational Stories of our Hope


**November** the Women around Jesus

**December** How to Pray

## Lectio & Labyrinth

Fridays, from Noon to 1pm  
A chance to practice our journeying & listening together. Indoor labyrinth practices are available.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events marked with  are through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

*Be a Host or Be a Guest ☺ meet some new friends ☺ have some great food. For more information connect with Doug at 604-856-4695*

**Centering Prayer Intro**



*Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm  
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*

**Interfaith Labyrinth Walk**



*Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3pm  
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*

**Spiritual Practice Series**



*Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30pm  
Lingering in the Eucharist with Rev. Helen Tervo  
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*

**Messy Church**

*Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm*

**Sung Evening Prayer**



*Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 8:30pm  
With Cathy Hardy & Friends*

**Women in Leadership**



*Saturday, November 23<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm  
Facilitated by Eden Jersak ☺ Lorie Martin  
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*



# WEEKLY PRAYER

The following is a resource to help you connect with Sunday's theme & continue your prayers through the week. This can be done on your own or in the family group. This liturgy is based on Home Prayers found in the Book of Alternative Services (p. 687). **If you do not have a prayer book, please take & keep one for your use.**

The Christian Priority of **Renewal** waxes & wanes depending on the seasons of the church. A well-known theologian, Karl Barth, once wrote that the church is always in need of reform. In every age, in every generation, the Followers of Christ seek out ways to connect with the world to bring God's love to it. This is our call & is the reason why we must always be reformed or renewed. If we do not seek reformation or renewal for ourselves, how will we be available or open to the working of God's spirit in our own time?

## 1. The Preparation

A candle is lit as someone prays,

Strengthen us, O God, with your Holy Spirit; empower us for your service; & renew us all the days of our life. **Amen.**

## 2. The Reading & Reflection

Read the passage from Scripture then reflect using the wonder questions as your guide. This guide uses the New Revised Standard Version.

We will read through the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew this week. It is a collection of parables. Parables are short stories told by Jesus to get a spiritual message across to his followers. They are often thought-provoking & tend to guide the listener into new ways of understanding something that is difficult to grasp. Jesus used parables a lot in his ministry. In doing so he was able to dive deeply into a spiritual truth without using technical or difficult theological language.

## WHY PARABLES? – MATTHEW 13:10-17

Notes on the reading:

- Jesus' parables befuddled his listeners. They often did not understand what they meant.
- Parables are stories for those "in the know." This does not mean that those "in the know" understand his parables any better than others!
- Parables highlighted the spiritual condition of the listeners. People are hard of hearing or cannot see (i.e. understand) the ways of God. Jesus has come to renew sight & hearing.

I wonder what your favourite parable of Jesus is.

I wonder if there is something you don't understand about God that frustrates you.

I wonder if you have ever had an epiphany about God or your place in the world.

Monday

## RENEWAL IS ABOUT GROWTH – MATTHEW 13:3-9, 18-23

Notes on the reading:

- Jesus uses earthy imagery in his parables to get his message across. He does not depend on technical or theological language.
- This is an example of Jesus telling a parable to the crowds & telling his followers what it means privately.
- God's kingdom is like a seed that is planted in various places. God's messages are found everywhere, no place has exclusive rights to God's message.
- One way to read this parable is to reflect on how the soil of our hearts can be renewed to be good soil.
- No one is stuck being one kind of soil.

*I wonder how your understanding or faith in God has grown or changed.*

*I wonder what gives you life in the message of God's kingdom.*

*I wonder where you need a renewal of understanding or depth of spirit.*

## RENEWAL IS ABOUT DISCERNMENT – MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

Notes on the reading:

- Jesus uses a simple theological idea to help frame a human conundrum: Evil vs. Good. What do we do about evil now? What do we do about Good now?
- God's judgment will come when it comes, it is out of our control. What is in our control is how we live our lives. This is the place of discernment & holds the potential for renewal.
- Sometimes we get so focussed on taking out weeds in our own hearts that we forget to renew our heart.
- Sometimes we get so focussed on the bad things people do, we forget about the good we can do.
- Jesus want us to stop focussing on the bad & be renewed in the good. God will take care of the bad in good time.

*I wonder if there is something you don't like about yourself or someone else.*

*I wonder how you can feed your heart & the heart of another.*

## RENEWAL IS INEVITABLE – MATTHEW 13:31-34

Notes on the reading:

- These are two of the most known parables of Jesus.
- Some have said that the mustard seed was considered unclean in Jewish tradition. If this is so, then this parable points out God's presence to renew the world outside of our own traditions.
- Yeast is a fungus that spreads. Jesus is relating God's kingdom to something that cannot be contained or controlled. It is almost like a virus, or, better yet, an anti-dote to a virus.
- God's kingdom, God's renewal of the world is compared to things that seem insignificant in the eyes of people.

*I wonder what the smallest living thing you have ever seen is.*

*I wonder how it feels to know that the renewal of our hearts is inevitable.*

## RENEWAL IS BOTH A SEARCHING AND A BEING FOUND – MATTHEW 13:44-50

Notes on the reading:

- God's kingdom is found almost accidentally (v. 44). Sometimes God surprises us with new life.
- God's kingdom is also something that is found after deliberate searching (v. 45). God rewards those who search after the renewal of their hearts.
- God's kingdom is about taking in everything and discerning what is good for our hearts ☺ what needs to be let go.

*I wonder how you “found” God. Was it accidentally, after searching, an ongoing process?*

### 3. Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

*Choose a litany from the Book of Alternative Services (beginning on page 110).*

*The liturgy concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

## the Fall of Feasts continues...

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: FELLOWSHIP

**The Feast of All Saints** (transferred from the 1<sup>st</sup>). We will remember the great cloud of friends ☺ family who support ☺ love us.

Readings: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: VISITING

**The Feast of All Souls** (transferred from November 2<sup>nd</sup>) ☺ **Remembrance Sunday**. We will read the names of those who have died in the past year.

Readings: Job 19:23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

**St. Hugh**. Who is St. Hugh? I don't have a clue.

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH – THE PRIORITY OF CHRIST

**The Reign of Christ**. We will celebrate the end of the Christian year by looking once again to Jesus ☺ his cross.

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43



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