

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



November 16th, 2025

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you into our midst.
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey in faith, you are welcome.
It is a blessing to have you worship with us today!
The Parish of the Valley respectfully acknowledges that we gather for worship
on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

BUILDING A KINDER, CHRIST-CHILD-LIKE WORLD

As we journey through the changing colours of autumn the Church marks several important feasts and commemorations. First, we encounter the Autumnal Triduum – All Hallows Eve (October 31), All Saints Day (November 1), and All Souls Day (November 2). Followed closely by our national observance of Remembrance Day (November 11), these dates collectively remind us of the Communion of Saints, in heaven and on earth, who have gone before us, sacrificed for us, and cheer us on as we run the race of faith. We then continue through the final weeks of our annual liturgical year until we mark The Reign of Christ, or Christ the King. On this final Sunday in the church year, we are reminded that while human leaders and nations rise and fall, God's love is unfailing, and God's reign endures forever.

During the period beginning Sunday, October 19 and continuing through The Reign of Christ (November 23), the Parish of the Valley will make use of the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation for our communal prayers of Confession and Absolution during our Sunday Eucharistic liturgies. Note that when the sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated, the baptism liturgy beginning on page 151 of the Book of Alternative Services takes precedence.

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation emerges out Coventry Cathedral, UK, and the International Community of the Cross of Nails. Coventry Cathedral was decimated by bombing during the Blitz of the Second World War. The phrase "Father Forgive" was inscribed on the wall of the ruined Cathedral by Provost Dick Howard after the Blitz, where it can still be seen today. Out of these ruins has emerged an international community of disciples who commit to praying to "Build a kinder, Christ-child-like world."

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation was written by Canon Joseph Poole in 1958 and continues to be prayed in Coventry Cathedral every weekday at noon, and throughout the world by partners in the Community of the Cross of Nails – including our very own Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa. This adaptation of the litany, with the refrain "Creator Forgive" in place of "Father Forgive" is used in our cathedral church.

THE COVENTRY LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

Celebrant: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Celebrant: The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Silence is kept. The priest then pronounces God's absolution, saying:

Celebrant: Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**



Cross of Nails, Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, ON.

LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, this week we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-Designate of Canterbury. We pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. We pray for our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Shane Parker, our Primate. We pray for Anne Germond, our Metropolitan. We pray for Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop.

In our Diocese of Ottawa, we pray for Michael Bird, our Diocesan Administrator. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to elect a new bishop on February 28th: for those discerning a call to let their name stand for election; for the candidates; for Members of Synod. We pray for our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope & the Anglican Foundation. We pray for the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and we pray for the Church of the Epiphany, Gloucester.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. Thomas', Rankin, part of the Parish of the Valley.

In our Parish of the Valley, we pray for Matthew Brown our Incumbent; and for Gillian Hoyer, Nicholas Forte, and Christine Muise our Associate Incumbents. And for the life and members of our Parish of the Valley Community, this week we pray for: Gale & Paul Edmondson, Darlene Edwards, Dick & Mary Edwards, David & Debbie Estabrooks, Betty & Ed Fabian.

For those preparing for baptism: Lily Perfetti.

For those who have died and all members of their families as they grieve: Jessie Snyder, Donna Liedtke.

For the sick, those who have asked for our prayers, and all others who are on our hearts...

Alice & Petawawa: Issy, Nora, Marion, Lynn, Wanda, Rose, Laurie, Lois, Gloria, Ronny, Patricia, Sammy, Chandra, Shane, Michael, Larry, Trent, Minnie, Scarlett, Brittany, Donna, Shawn, Gerry.

Barry's Bay & Whitney: Mary Ann, George, Poppy Joe & Penny Jane, Fred, Blake, Cathy, Susan, Patricia, Elspeth, Debra, Mary-Jayne, Fern, Shirley, Marilyn, David, Susie, Sharon, Bob.

Killaloe/Tramore & Eganville: James, Hilary, Heather, Jan, Harold, Richard, Dorothy, Betty, Ann, Sheila, Andrea, Sharon, Junior, Peter, Richard, Pauline, Phyllis, Ethel, Anice, Paula, Rosemary.

Pembroke: Jolene, Loreen, Heather, Tristan, Iris, Bill, Bob, Jo, Connie, June, Lawrence, Lomie, Bea.

Stafford/Beachburg/Cobden: Gwen, Elmor, John, Jean, Margaret, Denver, Brian, Ruby, Janice, Susan, Ryan, Haley, Ruth, James, Sharon, Dave, Nicholas, Carolyn, Hillary, Ralph, Thyra, Sandra.

TODAY'S READINGS

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65.17-25; Isaiah 12.2-6 (Canticle 3); 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

UPCOMING READINGS

November 23, 2025 - The Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Luke 1.68-79 (Canticle 19); Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

OFFERINGS

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SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke (with Holy Baptism at 10am)

9am - St Stephen's Micksburg

9am - Ascension Killaloe

9:30am - St George's South Alice

11am - St Paul's Cobden

11am - St John's Eganville

11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay (Morning Prayer)

11:15am - All Saints Petawawa

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thursday, November 27 at 10am (LTC) & 10:30am (RH) - Caressant Care (Cobden)

Wednesday, December 10 at 10:30am - Riverview Heights (Pembroke)

Thursday, December 11 at 10:15am - Valley Manor (Barry's Bay)

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Killaloe/Tramore Congregational Council - Tuesday, Nov 18th at 2pm at Julie McMillan's Home

Pembroke Congregational Council — Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 7pm on Zoom

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The **ACW Holly Bazaar and Luncheon at Holy Trinity Pembroke** will be held on Thursday, November 20 from 11am to 1pm. The Luncheon is homemade soups and sandwiches and dessert for only \$15. Shop bazaar tables with crafts, baked goods, Christmas gifts and decorations, and a quilt raffle.

The **All Saints Christmas Tea** will be held on Saturday, November 22 from 11am to 2pm at All Saints Petawawa. Enjoy a delicious luncheon for \$12. Shop the bake sale, "glitz and glamour," a silent auction, and the Santa table.

This year's **Epiphany Wine & Cheese** to benefit Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay, will be held on Saturday, November 29th from 2-5pm at the Barry's Bay Legion. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling Shawn & Dave Eagles at 613-756-6356.

The **Celebration of Light** at St. John's Eganville will be Sunday, November 30th at 3pm. Please join in this traditional choral evensong with prayers of remembrance. To share names of those whom you wish to be remembered in prayer, please contact Joan Boldt at 613-628-6503 or joan.boldt@live.com before Sunday, November 23rd.

Our next Parish of the Valley **Messy Church** will be held on Friday, December 5th at St. George's South Alice (2968 Doran Road). Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to gather beginning at 4pm, with kid friendly Advent activities getting underway at 4:30pm. We will wrap up by 6:30pm. Supper is provided and all are welcome!

Holy Trinity Pembroke's annual **Joyous Prelude to Christmas** concert will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 3pm. Admission is by free-will donation at the door.

Looking for a pause for **reflection and spiritual refreshment** in the middle of your week? Join the Parish of the Valley each **Wednesday at 10am for a said service of Holy Eucharist** at Holy Trinity, Pembroke.

The St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation's ***Tree of Lights Campaign*** to help purchase essential equipment for St. Francis Memorial Hospital's medical unit in Barry's Bay has begun. Visit the Foundation at 7 St. Francis Memorial Drive, online at www.sfvhfoundation.com, or call 613-756-3045 ext. 217 to donate.

CLERGY TEAM

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Cover: *Carry Me Home*, Yasmin Elnour, Sudanese artist, 2019.

For now, Sudanese artists living in exile can only continue making their work. “This is the only thing I can do, and my father would agree,” Mubarak, Diab’s son, told *ARTnews*. “We’re not soldiers. We’re not freedom fighters. But we can preserve and present Sudan as ambassadors.” He continued, “We can show the world that Sudan is more than endless civil war and bloodshed. We are thinkers, we are creators, we have philosophy, we have art.” *Yasmin Elnour*

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