

Celebration Sunday: We will be having our March Celebration Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, March 22nd. We will celebrate everyone who is having a special life event in March (i.e. Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Birth of a child, etc.). If you or a family member are celebrating a special event in March, please add the name to the appropriate calendar at the back of Church and we will honour them during the luncheon. There will be sandwiches, cake, coffee and tea. If you can bring a tray of sandwiches, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lenten Lunches Guest Speakers

The Lenten Lunches will continue on Wednesday, March 11th, at noon. A minimum donation of \$5.00 is suggested. The guest speakers are as follows:

- Mar. 11th Ryan Duff-----Victory Park**
Mar. 18th No Lenten Lunch-----Vacation Bible School
Mar. 25th Brian & Monica Shebib–Hospice
Apr. 1st Nicole Cameron-----Youth Mental Health
Apr. 8th Rev. Canon Brenda Drake----Int'l Students

Two Programs for Lent: Lent is a yearly time for the renewal of our faith.

Sundays in Lent: What do I believe? 9:00 AM in the Board Room. Join Douglas+ in conversation and spiritual practices around our Christian beliefs and those that make us Anglican. We will explore what it means for each of us to live our lives with God's help.

Wednesdays in Lent (except for March 18): Where do I find meaning in life? 10:30 AM in the Board Room. Join Douglas+ in a video presentation and conversation about God's intent for our human nature. Together, we will discover what matters most in life as we search for answers to the question, "What really matters?"

The Porch Duty and Counting Teams Schedules from March 8th, 2020 until March 7th, 2021 are now available at the back of the Church. If you haven't already done so, please pick up your schedule as soon as possible. Please take time to read your duties and responsibilities. **Please mark your dates on your calendar. If you are not able to attend on your designated day, please make arrangements for someone to cover for you.** Many thanks to all who have served in the past and to those who continue to do so in this important Ministry.

2nd Annual St. Patrick's Variety Concert on Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 2-4 pm. with Musicians, Vocals and Dancing. A fundraiser for the Catholic Women's League St. Joseph's Parish, North Sydney. Taking place at the North Sydney Firemen's Club, Pierce St. Good-will offering at the Door. Thank you so much for your kind support.

March Break Vacation Bible School: Join us for Vacation Bible School 2020, where kids discover God's Love. It will be held from Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 20th. It is open to children 4-10 and registration is now taking place. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games & songs. To register, please call 902-794-3392. There is no fee! Registration deadline is Friday, March 6th. Registration is limited to 40 children. Don't be disappointed, register early!

Donations for Vacation Bible School (VBS): We are now accepting donations for VBS. If you can help out, please put your donation in the collection basket or drop off at the office. Please put your envelope number on it as well as mark it for VBS. All support is greatly appreciated.

Baptisms: Our next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, April 12th, 2020. Candidates for Baptism may be infants, youths or adults. Please contact Rev. Douglas at 902-877-9884 or the Parish Office at 902-794-3392 or stjohnsns@eastlink.ca by Sunday, March 8th, 2020 to register.

Celebration of New Ministry: This year we get a bonus opportunity to gather and celebrate all that God is doing through us here at St. John the Baptist! It is traditional in the Anglican Church that there be a celebration when a new rector begins. That celebration will take place in the form of worship together. We will give thanks for God's call as we minister together. We will commit to a Covenant of Ministry that outlines the work that God calls us to.

All of this will take place at St. John's on **Friday, March 27 at 7:00 PM.** This is an important day in the life of our church. Please make every effort to attend. And, help us to get the word out. Perhaps you know of someone you've not seen in church for a while. Please let them know what God is up to at St. John's and invite them to join us for this important event.

Easter Memorials are being accepted. The deadline is Monday, March 30th, 2020. The cost for an Easter Lilly is \$12.00. Please mark your envelope# and name of person being remembered clearly on the envelope and either drop off at the office or put in with your Sunday offering. **(Sorry, no exceptions as the Lilies have to be ordered).**

Thank You for the 90th Birthday Open House for Millie Collis: We would like to offer our sincere thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the 90th Birthday open house. Thank you to everyone who helped out. Many thanks to all who dropped by for a visit. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with fun & fellowship shared with family & friends. May God bless you all. Sincerely, Millie Collis & family.

PWRDF Lenten Listening: Take an audio journey with PWRDF. So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." – Romans 10:17. This Lent , PWRDF invites you to join us on an audio journey through the Gospels of Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing each Sunday to Easter, you will receive an email with an audio recording of the day's Gospel and an audio reflection responding to the Gospel by Archbishop Linda Nicholls and six other friends of PWRDF. (Written texts will also be provided.) On each of the following three days, you will receive emails inviting you to listen to the reading again and enter into your own time of reflection using Gospel-based Discipleship, the practice developed by the Anglican Church of Canada's Indigenous Ministries. This practice asks you to identify **how** the words speak to you, and **what** Jesus (the Gospel) calls you to do. Finally, we will invite you to read how PWRDF responds to the Gospel message through our projects and partners. Our diverse group of voices are:

Lent 2 - Dorothy Marshall
PWRDF Representative, Diocese of Edmonton

Lent 3 - Allison McDougall
Postulant, Diocese of Huron

Lent 4 - James Kornelsen
Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Winnipeg

Lent 5 - Elsa Tesfay
PWRDF staff member

Palm Sunday and Holy Week - Rev. Canon David Harrison
PWRDF Board of Directors, Diocese of Toronto

Easter - Archbishop Linda Nicholls
Primate, Anglican Church of Canada