

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 18th, at noon. A minimum donation of \$5.00 is suggested. The guest speakers are as follows:

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| Mar. 18th | Lloyd MacIntosh-----North Sydney Fire Chief |
| 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?"

2nd Annual St. Patrick's Variety Concert will be held today 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.

Turkey Burger Lunch: A Turkey Burger Lunch will take place at Trinity Anglican Church Queen Street Sydney Mines on Wednesday March 25, 2020 from 10:30am till 1pm. Eat in or Take Out. The Lunch is a Burger, Coleslaw, and Ginger Cake. \$8.00 a ticket. To order please call 902-736-2300.

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).**

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.

Fishcake & Baked Bean Supper: On Friday, March 27th there will be Fishcake & Baked Bean Supper at St. Matthew Wesley United Church Hall, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney, from 4-6p.m. Eat in or Take out. Live Music! \$10.00 per ticket contact Charlie MacLean 902-794-3573 or the Church Office

The Atlantic Memorial Park Society presents a variety concert fund raiser at Holy Family Parish Hall, 889 Main Street, Sydney Mines on Saturday, March 28th from 6:30 pm until 9:30pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For tickets, please call Rose at 902-736-0802. Performers include Lucy MacNeil, Robert Durando, Ian Aker, Fred Lavery, Kuntewiktuk Singers of Membertou, Bob MacDonald, Alton MacKinnon, Allan Gale, Roy Dawson, Ward Glogowski and Hugh MacDonald. Tea and coffee included. Sound by Malcolm MacMillan. Join us for fabulous entertainment for a wonderful cause.

Ecumenical Walk of the Cross: On Good Friday, April 10th, there will be an Ecumenical Journey of the Cross beginning at 12 Noon at St. Matthew Wesley United Church. All are welcome to join us. We will return to St. Matthew Wesley United Church Hall for a Soup Luncheon provided by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Transition House: Mothers' Union are collecting donations of basic personal care items for Transition House. They are in need of disposable diapers, deodorant, feminine products and 2 in 1 shampoo & conditioner. Please put your donations in the box at the back of the Church and we will have them delivered to Transition House. Thanks to all who support our Parish Outreach programs.

Baptisms: Our next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, May 31st, 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, April 30th, 2020 to register.

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 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