

# ~ Tri - Parish News ~

## **The Roman Catholic Communities of**

**Immaculate Conception,  
Heatherton**

**St. Andrew,  
St. Andrew's**

**Ste. Croix,  
Pomquet**

**1<sup>st</sup> of August 2021  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### **Facebook**

Tri-Parish of Heatherton,  
Pomquet and St. Andrew's

### **Baptisms**

By appointment,  
please phone Fr. Andrew

### **Marriages**

Please call Fr. Andrew at least  
12 months in advance to ensure the  
marriage course is arranged

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

by appointment and also  
before Mass on Sunday from  
9:30 – 10:00 a.m., and also  
before Weekday Mass

### **Mass Intentions**

Contact the parish office  
to request a Mass offering

## **August ~ September**

**All 4 weekend Masses will be first come, first serve**

**Saturdays** - 6:00 p.m. in Pomquet

**Sundays** - 9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's (no music)  
10:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's

**Sundays** - 11:00 a.m. in Heatherton  
you may pre-register by phoning Regina at 902-386-2914



We wish to express our most sincere condolences to Deacon Art on the recent passing of his great grandson, Roman Arthur Young. May our Lord bless and comfort his family during this time of grief and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

### **Exposition and Rosary on Tuesdays**

5:30 p.m. for Exposition and Rosary and 6:00 p.m. for Mass

Please sign in at entrance

- On Tuesday, 3 August at Ste. Croix in Pomquet (with 100 people)



## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, 7 August**

6:00 p.m. in Pomquet – late Theresa and Alex Benoit

### **Sunday, 8 August**

11:00 a.m. in Heatherton – late John William Boyle

**Please note:** A reminder to those who have copies of the "Sacred Scripture Selections For A Funeral Liturgy" (blue booklet) or pyx for Holy Communion to the sick, to please return them to the Tri-Parish Office. You may leave them in the drop off box located near the door or you may drop off to the office, Monday to Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thank you in advance.

The Daily Prayers calendar for the month of August has been emailed with this bulletin and is also posted on Facebook. Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests, deacons and others serving in our diocese, by praying each day.

The Tri-Parish Office has a drop-off box for envelopes which is located outside the main door of the Heatherton Community Centre. This box is locked but we ask that you please don't leave cash in this. This mailbox is emptied on work days.

## **~ Church Contributions ~**

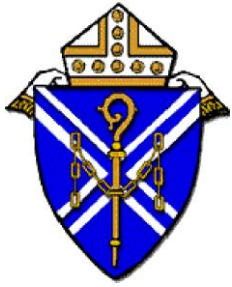
The Diocese of Antigonish has added a menu item called **DONATE** to the Diocesan Website for those who wish to contribute to their parish of choice. Clicking on this main menu item **DONATE** to the top right of the Home Page of:

[www.antigonishdiocese.com](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com) will enable them to contribute

The diocese will send weekly cheques to any parishes that receive donations online.

**ALSO**, for our Tri Parish parishioners who may want to keep up to date with their contributions you may do so by mail to our post-office box or **E-TRANSFER** to pat3catholic@gmail.com Funds we receive will pay operating expenses immediately.

We have copies of "The Word Among Us" (Daily Meditations for Catholics) which are available for purchase for \$3.00 for the August issue. Please ask one of the ushers at the weekend Mass if you wish copies.



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July 31, 2021 (Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola)

My Dear People

It has been a troubling eighteen months in dealing with COVID-19. We hope that September will bring greater freedom as we enter Phase 5. Once mandatory restrictions have ended, we will likely be encouraged to continue wearing masks indoors throughout the fall and winter months.

We are dealing with COVID grief, depression and broken-hearted people who have lost loved ones but were not able to gather with family and friends to grieve. The Assumption of Mary is an anticipation of our hope of glory. In light of this, I have suggested that our parishes offer a cemetery Mass praying for all who have died during this pandemic at either the Vigil or Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday August 15, 2021. We ask Mary the Mother of God, the special Patron of Acadians and Mother of all to intercede for us from her place in heaven, close to her Son, Jesus Christ.

As we reflect upon the Bread of Life discourses from the gospel of John this summer, we hear how Jesus accuses the crowds of forgetting their faith history. Maybe this why Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim. This year's theme was "I am with you always". Pope Francis saw this feast day of grandparents of Jesus, as a teachable moment as he speaks directly to them by saying, "You are keepers of the faith, steadfast and persevering." You have the vocation "to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones" irrespective of their age. Saint John Paul II wrote that the elderly are "guardians of our collective memory which support and guide life in society."

Despite these uncertain and turbulent times, the Lord and the Church are close to you, dear grandmothers, grandfathers and elderly persons. The Holy Father wishes to remind the whole world that the voice of the elderly is precious because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples. We are in need of this message.

Across Canada, this year we have also witnessed an increase in waves of racism with an increase in hate crimes. Clearly, we need more education to better understand and accept one another.

The ongoing tragic news of unmarked graves on the sites of former Indian Residential Schools is deeply troubling. Our newly installed Governor General, Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Mary Simon, who was born in Nunavik, said, we need to learn the real history of Canada, embracing this truth makes us stronger as a nation. Clearly, this is a "teachable moment" for us. We need ongoing education and with your help, I hope that we can initiate this in our parishes this year.

On a more positive note for our diocese, five new priests have arrived to serve here. We welcome two priests from Congregation of Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy SMMM. Father Chinonso Francis Alaribe and Father Godwin Emeka Obike who will be serving in Bras d'Or. A third priest, Father Christian Emeka Ugwu will arrive later from Nigeria, once he obtains his travel documentations. These three priest join their confreres, Father Callistus Abazie serving in Guysborough and Father Jonathan Nnajofofor serving in Canso.

We also welcome three priests from Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception CFIC. Fr. Joby Augustin, Fr. Silvichan Dominic and Father Daniel Tshimbalanga who will be serving in Margaree and Inverness.

We thank these priests for coming to serve in our diocese. They have left behind their family and friends to be with us, to share the faith. Let us welcome them with open hearts.

I am pleased to make you aware that we have two seminarians David Rankin and Joseph MacMaster. It is a hopeful sign for our diocese. I also grateful for the co-operation of our priests who have graciously accepted new pastoral appointments that will take effect on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, the feast of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.

We express our gratitude to all who will be assuming new pastoral responsibilities. It is never easy to pack up and move on but they have responded to the needs of our diocese with generous spirits. May our prayers provide support and encouragement for them. We pray that the people in parishes where changes are taking place will warmly welcome their new priests.

We also extend profound gratitude to the priests who are leaving the diocese, Father Michel Exalant CSC and Father Cosmas Epifano OSB. We are grateful for their generosity in serving here and we wish them well in their future ministries.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. We pray that St. Joseph, the patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally yours,

+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

A children’s bulletin is posted each week for those with little ones who would be interested in checking it out .. the link is as follows: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

**Bottle Refundables for Emiliani Project in Colombia:** Thank you to everyone who continues to drop off their refundables (drop off location is near the side of the church in St Andrew’s) and please spread the word that we are doing this, so that we may continue to help get more children out of poverty. **PLEASE NOTE:** For those who wish to make a monetary donation, please visit <https://emilianiproject.org/donate/> directly - it will be received in U.S. dollars OR you may make a donation in Canadian cash. We are unable to accept cheques or issue charitable tax receipts.

**Please Note:** A reminder that the Tri-Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 2 August due to the Civic Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, 3 August from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**TRI-PARISH COVID-19 RELIEF SERVICES**



Covid-19 continues to be in our midst and there continues to be a need to wash our hands, wear a mask and social distance. The Tri-Parish Covid-19 Relief Group continues to be available for pick-ups and delivery, visits with seniors or anyone who is housebound and to assist anyone struggling as a result of Covid-19. While we will never be able to replace your income we may be able to provide some emergency assistance with utility bills, groceries, transportation to out of town medical appointments, etc. Phone 902-386-2810, Monday to Friday, between 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. or email [jolene3catholic@gmail.com](mailto:jolene3catholic@gmail.com). If you are aware of someone who maybe in need of some of these services, please contact us at the above number/e-mail address.

**~ Diocesan News ~**



Please see the following link for a list of the Masses online in our Diocese: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/churches-online/>

**~ Immaculate Conception Parish News ~**

**Funds received this week with thanks include:**

Regular Sunday = \$610.00                      Loose = \$15.00                      etransfer = \$50.00

**~ St. Andrew Parish News ~**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** – we are sure you all noticed the barometer on the lawn of the Church in St. Andrews; Well, the mercury is now on the barometer and you can see it is starting to rise! We urge you to complete your pledge sheets; we have had a few calls where the forms have been lost/misplaced. Please call the Parish Office at 902-386-2810 and we will gladly send you another form. You may also get a brochure at the weekend Mass so please ask one of the ushers if you would like one. Thanking you in advance for your kind financial support of this very big project for St. Andrews Church.

**Funds received this week with thanks include:**

Regular Sunday = \$560.00                      Loose = \$37.00                      Giant’s Lake = \$50.00  
Cemetery = \$50.00                      Maintenance = \$100.00                      etransfer = \$50.00

**~ Ste. Croix Parish News ~**

The Ste. Croix Cemetery Mass will be held on Saturday, 14 August at 6:00 p.m. This will also be the Acadien Day Mass so it will be in French. Bilingual Rosary will be held before Mass at 5:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in the church.

**Funds received this week with thanks include:**

Regular Sunday = \$470.00                      Loose = \$49.25                      etransfer = \$50.00  
Cemetery = \$100.00                      The Word Among Us = \$9.00

**~ Community News ~**

The Heatherton Heritage Group is helping to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of 4-H in Nova Scotia by erecting interpretive panels at the Heatherton & Area Community Centre and we are asking for your help in locating old photographs of any members of the Boys' and Girls' Club, which was started here in 1914 and later became the 4-H Club. In particular, photos of 4-H members showing their animals, their sewing projects, their gardens, participating in public speaking, pulling tug of war, or participating in various exhibitions, planting a 4-H tree; from 1922 to the 1980 periods. We are also seeking any photos from 4-H members from Paq'tnkek. If you would like to share these memories, phone Doreen at 902-386-2590, Regina at 902-386-2914 or Audrey at 902-867-3466. We thank you for your help and have fun going through all those old photos in the boxes in the closets.

The Heatherton Activity Centre has rescheduled their AGM for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7pm. Due to COVID19 restrictions space is limited. If you would like to attend, please contact Treena at 902-386-2808 Monday to Friday, 8am to 3pm, by August 11. Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be in place. You will be asked to sign in for contact tracing.

**Fête nationale des Acadiennes et Acadiens-Free Concert August 14 at 7:15 pm** Salle Baccardax / Baccardax Hall ...  
Weldon and Josée Boudreau with Dennis (Nick the Pick) Boudreau and local artists. You can register with Paul at [dg@societesaintecroix.ca](mailto:dg@societesaintecroix.ca) or 902-386-2679

*~ Notice to all parishioners to please remember your parish in your estate planning ~*