

St. Edward the Confessor

June 2, 2019

Ascension of the Lord



Thank You

. . . very much for your support and generosity.



Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1130.00

Welcome Fr. Jessie

We welcome Father Jessie Dimafilis from St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish as our celebrant this weekend.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Tuesday, June 4 at 7:15 pm in the south wing. The Council meetings are open to any member of the parish.

Balcony Boutique

St John's last rummage sale before the summer will be on June 12, 10:00 am to noon in the church balcony.

Celebration for Fr. Ernie

Father Ernie has retired as our priest in charge and we will celebrate his many years of service to us next Sunday, June 9 with a reception following the 9:00 Mass. There will be no 5:00 Mass on Saturday, June 8 in favour of this special event. Father Ray Lafontaine will be our guest celebrant for the Mass and will be with us to help mark the occasion for Ernie. Although lately Ernie's health has made it difficult and sometimes even impossible for him to celebrate with us, he has faithfully served our community through two appointments totaling 25 years!

His passion for social justice and love for the folks in Guatemala has become our passion too.

There is a card for Ernie at the back of the church and everyone is encouraged to sign it.

Looking Forward

This weekend will be the last time we celebrate a Mass at 5:00 on Saturday for the summer months.

At this moment we are without a priest, but the hope is to share a priest with St Edmund's. St Edmund's has two priests, so our sharing of one essentially reduces them to 1.5 priests and we pick up the other half-time priest. We at St Edward's have never had more than a half-time priest so this should feel quite normal for us. More details are expected in the coming weeks.

Goodbye to Jan Krejcar

After more than 10 years serving as our Sunday morning music leader, Dr. Jan Krejcar, will be leaving us. His last Sunday will be June 23. Thank you Jan for your excellent leadership.

Rev. Birgit

Next Sunday, June 9, will be Rev. Birgit's last Sunday as minister at St John's. Following St John's 11:00 am service there will be a luncheon to honor Birgit's long service to St John's. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dale Palin, chair of St John's Council of Ministries, is collecting memories and thoughts about Rev. Birgit and her time at St John's to be compiled into a book for Birgit. Send your thoughts or pictures to palin@rppr.com. It can be a recollection of a moment or something she said or did or your thoughts on how special she has been to our community of St John's and St Edward's. Please send your thoughts by Sunday evening, June 2, as everyone's submissions will be put into a book for Birgit for June 9.

An Inspirational Short Story

It was a normal, busy morning, about 8:30 when, George, an elderly gentleman, well into his 80's, arrived at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, England, to have stitches removed from his thumb.

George told me that he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:15 am. I weighed him and took his blood pressure and invited him take a seat in the waiting area, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On examination, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the Doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked George if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. George told me no, but that he needed to go to St Christopher's Nursing Home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a little late. George replied that she no longer knew who he was and that she had not recognized him in five years.

I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know who I am, but I still know who she is.'

I had to hold back tears as George left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.'