

Information regarding Churches - COVID-19

The following will apply to all Churches in our Parish

- Everyone must wear a non-medical mask at all times (including the officiant and musicians);
- Congregational singing is not permitted;
- the presider and cantor can remove their masks when speaking/singing
IF: - they are a minimum of 6ft/2m away from other people,
- they are the sole person using a given microphone
(i.e. these are practices already in use in our diocese and also apply to the lectors)
All other musicians and choir members must remain masked
- The names and contact information of all attendees must be recorded and retained for 14 days for contact tracing and must be shared with public health officials if requested.
- Physical distancing must be maintained between individuals from different family groups; and,
- Entry must be restricted to only those who do not have COVID-19 symptoms and who are not required to self-isolate for any reason.

Parishioners are asked to respect and follow the direction of volunteer greeters and ushers while in the church. These volunteers will be assisting with seating, communion and exiting. This will ensure adherence to required guidelines.

Each church will have a different capacity based on size and layout. Pre-registration to attend mass will be required.

To register to attend mass you are asked to contact the designated volunteer for your church between **10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Wednesday**. Please respect this process and only call at the indicated times.

- Sacred Heart Church, Placentia: Evelyn Ennis 227-9053
- Holy Rosary Church, Freshwater: Wayne Power 227-4913
- St. Anne's Church, Dunville: Joan Meaney 227-0094
- Sacred Heart Church, Fox Harbour: Mary Griffiths 227-6500
- St. Theresa's Church, Ship Harbour: Shirley White 227-5375

Fundraiser – Grand in your Hand:

Winner of the November draw was Annie Power. Tickets for the month of December are now on sale and are available from the Parish Office or by calling 227-2412 or e-transfer olapgrandinyourhand@gmail.com . Tickets are \$10 each. Thank you to all who continue to support this fundraiser.

Parish Office

Closed from December 27th – January 3rd

Will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
December 25, 2021



Pastor: Fr. Jose Joaquin

Secretary: Kay Whiffen

Parish Pastoral Council: *Chair* – Margie Lannon, *Secretary* – Mary Linehan, Mary Griffiths, Joan Meaney, Stephen O'Keefe, Ian Walsh, Shirley White

Finance Council: *Chair* – Wayne Power Jr., Mary Greene, Mary Griffiths, Robert Power, Shirley White

Bulletin

In Loving Memory of

Deceased members of Pomroy & Byrd Family

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

December 24

Placentia – Thomas & Leone Hall

Dunville – Vince & Rose Pomroy

December 31

Dunville – Audrey, Columbus & Michael Smith

PLEASE NOTE: This is a two week bulletin

**Schedule for Week of
December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022**

Feast of the Holy Family – December 26

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Placentia Int: Parish Intentions
Minister of the Word: Margie Lannon

New Year's Eve

Fri. 4:00 p.m. Fox Harbour Int: Parish Intentions
Minister of the Word: Ann Griffiths

Fri. 4:00 p.m. Dunville Int: Patrick & Margaret Callahan, Anna Callahan Kelly,
Pat Callahan Jr., Audrey, Columbus & Michael Smith,
Anthony Kelly

Minister of the Word: Jerome McGrath

Fri. 5:30 p.m. Placentia Int: Emmett & Mary Morris, Cammie Nash & deceased
Family members, Winnie & John Ryan, Pat Pearson

Minister of the Word: Janine McGrath

New Year's Day

Sat. 10:00 a.m. Freshwater Int: Madonna Kearley, Derm Leonard, Alfred Whiffen
Minister of the Word: Kathleen Maher

Epiphany of the Lord – January 2

Sun. 9:30 a.m. Ship Harbour Int: Parish Intentions
Minister of the Word: Cathy Griffiths

Sun. 11:00 a.m. Placentia Int: Gerald English, Bridget, William & Ambrose Power,
James & Philomena English, Peggy Quigley

Minister of the Word: Stephen O'Keefe

**Schedule for Week of
January 3 – 9, 2022**

January 8

Sat. 4:00 p.m. Dunville Int: Parish Intentions
Minister of the Word: Linda Walsh

Sat. 6:00 p.m. Placentia Int: Francis, William & Roseann Nash, Alice Dunderdale,
Betty Coombs, Gordon Lannon, Jim & Stella Follett,
Jimmy Barry, Richard Ennis

Minister of the Word: Joan Whelan

January 9

Sun. 9:30 a.m. Freshwater Int: John & Ellen Barnett, John Jr & Joe Barnett &
Deceased family members, Jim Hayward,
Loretta Collins

Minister of the Word: Jacinta Traverse

Sun. 11:15 a.m. Fox Harbour Int: Raymond Traverse, John Whiffen, Shawn King
Minister of the Word: Cindy Fulford

Merry Christmas 2021

The Angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favour with God'.
(Luke 1:30)

The discovery of Covid 19 in November 2019 has brought havoc into our lives until now. This virus is even becoming more infectious as it mutated, like the Delta variant and now the Omicron. Nobody knows how many more mutations. Adding to our anxieties are the conflicts and threats of war among nations as well as natural calamities and financial woes. We are living on a precipice of frustration and desperation.

Is Jesus really with us, as He says; He is "Emmanuel"- God is with us? But it seems there's no light in sight. What will we do?

The announcement of the Archangel Gabriel gives comfort, "Do not be afraid". Do not be afraid because the Lord is with us. Jesus is with us in our sufferings, disappointments, and challenges. Jesus is also with us in our joys and successes, in life and in death. We must trust what the Angel said. However, trusting on these words would not stand without the succeeding phrase, "you found favour with God". Our trust in God must be complimented with our obedience in doing God's will. Our Blessed Mother Mary is an exceptional example of this; she dedicated herself wholly to God.

So, if we seek peace in the world, the end of the pandemic and alleviate poverty, let us like our Blessed Mother, commit ourselves to God. Our Mother's words at the Wedding at Cana; "Do whatever He tells you" and undoubtedly miracle happens. Impossible becomes possible, for nothing is impossible with God.

Let this season of Christmas bring us hope, joy and peace. God is Love. God will not abandon those who trust in Him.

On behalf of Fr. Charlie Kelly and Fr. Jerome Hann, may the spirit of Christmas fill our hearts and homes with love.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Jose Joaquin

