

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 5, 2020



July 6 - 12

- Mon 9:00 am** – Tammy Willis (Int) +  
Private Masses: Cindy Dormer (Int) and  
Jessica Munn (Int)
- Tue 9:00 am** – Frank Beirnes +  
Private Mass – Unannounced Intention  
**7:00 pm** – Fred Fries +
- Wed 9:00 am** – Eva Korczak (Int)  
Private Masses: Theresa Wilson & Family (Int)  
Blessed Mother's Intentions
- Thu 9:00 am** – Frank Foch + & Michael Foch +  
Private Mass – For the Holy Souls  
**7:00 pm** – Antonio Chianello +
- Fri 9:00 am** – James Gambell (Int)  
Private Masses: Michael Boyes (Int) and  
Salvation of Souls in our Households

### Saturday – July 11

- 5:00 pm Henry & Darlene Lee (Int)  
Private Masses: Jeffrey Parsons +;  
Nicole Boyes (Int)

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12

- 9:00 am Owen Sound** – Fred Fries +  
**Chatsworth** – Bruce McCarthy +
- 11:00 am Owen Sound** – Pro Populo  
**Meaford** – Howard & Marie Jones +  
**Warton** – Danuta & Piotr Suwala +
- 1:00 pm Cape Croker** – Pro Populo

### From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

#### This week we pray for:

- Mon Fr. Venil D'Souza  
Tue Fr. Melvin Pinto  
Wed Sisters of Social Service  
Thu Fr. Naveed Arif  
Fri Fr. Lawrence Parent  
Sat Fr. Francisco Cruz

**\* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**  
Available upon request

### Come Home

*a woman's perspective*

Before I was married, I spent a year on an island, teaching in a one-room school house. The population of the island was about 100 and there was no church of any denomination. The school teacher (me) and my aid lived in the 'parsonage,' which was where the minister would come and stay in the summer months.

The island is approximately 35 kilometres from the mainland (Maine) and, in those days, it was a two hour boat ride or a costly plane trip back to *the real world*. Every Sunday I would hike off to a jagged cliff that stood facing the east; facing Great Britain. The sea

was always churned up and I loved God's beauty and majesty on full display there. That was my church, my prayer time; my time for reflection and meditation. My faith became self-contained on that island. When I returned to 'the real world,' I felt I had everything I needed inside of me. It took a long while, but eventually the desire for the Eucharist drew me back to Church; to the Mass. And, when I came back I soon realized in addition to the Eucharist, the *community* played an essential role in growing my faith.

We've been deprived of the Eucharist these many months, we've been able to view the Mass but not participate in it. Now the Church has opened its doors once again and this is Good News, indeed. Many, of course, have legitimate health concerns and the nightly news does nothing to alleviate their worries. They are afraid to go out in public, the coronavirus is still a force in the world; it's real, and it's very dangerous for those people. We must respect each individual's approach to their *new normal*. But, perhaps some of the rest of us have adjusted to life without Church, without the Eucharist – our faith has become self-contained. I can say from experience, that kind of faith is seriously lacking, and will fail you.

During our time of self-quarantining, we were also denied the ability to visit family. Some of us did the zoom thing (some of us with great difficulty), but, just as with the Masses on YouTube, it was not very satisfying. Have you gathered with your loved ones since the restrictions have relaxed? We got together with our one son and his family as soon as we could. Our youngest son is not ready to widen his circle. He has health concerns that make him anxious about resuming outside activities. We need to respect that. Everyone needs to take the time they need and everyone else needs to understand that...just as in the return to Mass.

For those who are fearful and nervous about coming back to church, I would like to allay your fears. The Diocese has put so many safety measures in place, you're very safe here. Everyone in the church is a distance away - in front of, behind and to the side of you. Sadly, there's no singing, but that's to keep us from the spray of other's exuberant voices. There is music – beautiful, meditative music at various times during the Mass. The entire experience of gathering together - to pray, to listen to God's Word, to sit in the same space as the priest giving us his homily, to receive the Eucharist, and to be in God's presence and meditate – it's like coming home. So, come on back, we need you here in our midst; you're part of our circle, our *community* of faith.

*Margery Frisch*

### Safety Measures for Returning to Church:

As of Tuesday, June 16th, we have begun to offer public Masses once again in our churches. Given the number of restrictions still in place, Bishop Crosby has

extended his dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those who may feel uncomfortable to attend at this point. Please make your own decision in this regard. Anyone who is feeling sick or who has travelled outside the country in the last 14 days is asked not to come to church. Our weekend Masses will be offered in Owen Sound, Meaford, Chatsworth, and Wiarton. After consulting with parishioners I have decided not to open Tobermory, Lions Head, and Sauble missions at this time. If you live in those regions and would like to attend Sunday Mass, please consider going to either Wiarton or Owen Sound for now.

We will be following the safety protocol while at church, as has been outlined in Bishop Crosby's letter to parishioners. Here are a few highlights in summary form:

1. When you arrive at the church doors you will be greeted by one of our ushers who will open the door for you and invite you to sanitize your hands
2. You'll be asked to sit in such a way as to respect the social distancing rule of 2 meters. Members of the same household do not have to follow that rule and can sit together.
3. Wearing safety masks is encouraged, and we will have some available for those who need them.
4. All printed materials will be removed from the pews: hymnals, Sunday missals, etc. Music will be provided by an instrumentalist and a cantor. Choirs are not permitted.
5. There will be no lectors or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion during this time. The priest will be the only one in the sanctuary.
6. When coming up for Holy Communion, social distancing of 2 meters will be observed. One side of the church will come up for Communion, in a single row, and then the other side.
7. Before reaching the priest the mask will be lowered, and Communion is to be offered without any exchange of words between the priest and the communicant.
8. Collection is to be placed in the baskets on the way out of church, and there should be no socializing with one another before or after Mass.
9. Printed bulletins will not be available, instead parishioners will be able to view the bulletin on our website.
10. Confession will not be offered before or after Mass, but we continue to offer Confession by appointment in a drive-thru format.

I hope that all these steps undertaken by our churches will provide extra protection for our parishioners and

their loved ones. Please follow these as best as you can. I hope to see you soon as we return to a somewhat normal church practice.

In Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Wojciech Kuzma*

**★ In the Diocese ★**

**Blessings in the Midst of Trial:** The COVID-19 pandemic kept our parishes closed for three months, but it hasn't kept the good work of the Church from taking place. The Stewardship and Development Office asked for a few examples from our pastors and parish leaders, and the response was so great that we want to share as many as we can with you. A few are listed here, and we'll have more in the weeks to come!

**St. Catherine of Siena, Hamilton** "We arranged for a number of parishioners, including high school students, to phone each person on our parish database. Some who were away for a long time were gratefully surprised by the call, and particular needs of some people, especially for prayer, were uncovered. It opened us to see the need for greater outreach in the future!" – Fr. Mark Gatto

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Pope Francis

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#### **Donations received from June 28, 2020**

Owen Sound	\$ 4,941
Meaford	909
Warton	1,228
Hepworth	173
Chatsworth	469
Lion's Head	134
Tobermory	162
Sauble Beach	1,040
	<b>\$ 9,056</b>

**Weekly cost to run the parish \$11,734**

*God bless you for your generosity.*

**Please Note:** Reaching the parish by email – the email address has changed from [smm@bmts.com](mailto:smm@bmts.com) to [stmaryowensound@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stmaryowensound@hamiltondiocese.com)