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*Our Lady of Lourdes (Cardiff) St. John Vianney (Highland Grove)  
St. Mary (Chandos)*



## **SACRAMENTS**

### **Holy Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 PM (Highland Grove)  
Sunday: 9:00 AM (Chandos)  
11:00 AM (Cardiff)

Weekdays: Please refer to the schedule in the Bulletin

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes before weekend Masses

**Baptism:** by appointment

**Marriage:** first appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding date.  
All couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation Sessions

### **Anointing of the Sick and Communion for Shut-Ins**

Please call the office at 613--339-2852

### **Devotions:**

**Rosary:** before weekend Masses in all churches.

**Adoration/Benediction:** First Fridays 11:00 AM (Cardiff)  
First Saturdays 5:30 PM (Highland Grove)

**Mother of Perpetual Help Novena:** Wednesdays 11:00AM (Cardiff)

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**  
**MARCH 15, 2020**  
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Day	Location	Time	Intentions	Donors
Sat. 14	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the People of the parish	
Sun. 15	Chandos	9:00 AM	For the Souls in purgatory	
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Violet O'Brien	Edith Doney & Family
Mon. 16	Cardiff	11:00 AM	Mass w/out intention	
Tue. 17	Highland Grove	7:30 PM	+ Tom Elliott	Brenda & Doug Bowen
Wed. 18	Cardiff	11:00AM	Mass w/out intention	
Thu. 19	Chandos	11:00AM	Mass & Stns of the cross	
Fri. 20	Cardiff	12:10 PM	Mass & Stations of the Cross	
Sat. 21	Highland Grove	4:30 PM	For the People of the Parish	
Sun. 22	Chandos	9:00AM	Intentions of Yvon & Madeline	Evelyn Mutis
	Cardiff	11:00 AM	+Violet O'Brien	Edith Doney & famly

Weekly Financial Report	
March 08, 2020	
Cardiff	\$355.00
Highland Grove	\$195.00
Chandos	\$255.00
Total	\$805.00
Mass Stipends	\$100.00
PAP FEB. 15	\$605.00
PAP JAN 15	\$605.00
PAP JAN 30	\$805.00

**Lectors**

Date	H. Grove	Chandos	Cardiff
	Sat. 4:30 PM	Sun. 9:00AM	Sun. 11:00 AM
Mar. 14/15	Katie B.	Sharon	Theresa P.
Mar 21/22	Gary B.	Gene	Brenda B.
Mar 28/29	Melissa B.	Carm	Sharon P.
Apr. 4/5	David H.	Sharon	John H.
Apr.			

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Give a gift of a Mass for someone's birthday, wedding or death anniversaries, to someone who is ill or undergoing surgery. What better way to show your gratitude to Him than offering a Holy Mass for such intention. Kindly approach and talk to Fr. Vic after Mass. Suggested offering is \$20.00 only.  
**Please pray for the sick:**

Philip Hughes, Anne McCarthy, Brian Dietrich, Tammy Willis, Charlene Ashmore, Nick Novakowski, Kevin Ralph, Robert Cadeau, Bernadette OSullivan, Maeve Moloney, Rhys Telka, Scott McKenzie, Jane Tsagrinis, Fr. Bart Burke, Anne Carr, Sandra Hickey, Noreen Howe, Fiory Sarueda, Sr. Bernadina Aguillon, Sr. Consolata Manding, Ella Richard, Emilee Callzonetti, Peter Malloy, Pierre Longevin, Amelia Vargas, Dennis Hendricks, Eleanor Cadeau, Hermance Therrien, Doug Bowen, Leelani Tan, Loreta Cook, Adelaine Diaz, Jess de Francia, Sr. Pingping Ocariza, Deacon John Cannon, Willy Murdock, Grace Kumor

**Readings (March 22, 2020) 4th SUNDAY OF LENT**

*1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a* (Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.)

*Ephesians 5:8-14* (The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.)

*John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)*

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The heal-

ing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

#### FOOD DRIVE DURING LENT

Can you share a can or any-non-perishable food item during the 40 days of Lent? As your offering, food can be brought to the church every time you celebrate weekend Mass. Let us intensify our response to the needs of others especially during this sacred time of Lent. Almsgiving is a component part of our corporal works of mercy. Thank you.

CONDOLENCE to the O'Brien family from Cardiff of the recent death of Karen. May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

#### COUNTERS

March 15 –Evelyn & Frank	March 22 –Doug & Brenda
March 29 –Geraldine & Jack	April 5—John & Sandra
April 12-Gary & Joanne	April 19 –Evelyn & Frank

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE : \* For our Common Home

**PART II Hearing the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth: Building right relationship** Nature itself has an inherent dignity that must be respected and when we humans distance ourselves from nature and allow it to be violated, we are in essence, destroying our own human ecology. Social bonds break down and we forget our love for one another. As the cry of the Earth grows, so does the cry of the poor. The Amazon, for instance, provides 20% of the world's oxygen. Yet, not only are we destroying this essential biome, but those trying to protect it are being impoverished, criminalized and even killed.

The notion of ecology is at its essence about relationships. The symbiosis of these relationships becomes evident when we begin to examine how our relationship with nature impacts on our relationship with our sisters and brothers, and with God. Integral ecology calls us to be in a right relationship with all three, because if there is no harmony within any one, the others will suffer.

As we see in the Book of Genesis, when 'god set forth Creation, His was already an interconnected vision of the world. .When humankind betrays this holistic order, chaos ensues. God flooded the land, but His covenant with Noah provided humankind and the Earth with an opportunity for redemption and renewal and for forming new and caring relationships.

As our common home faces a climate emergency precipitated by human activity, have we betrayed our covenant with God, who sacrificed His only Son to save humankind and to renew the face of the Earth? When we see a rainbow in the sky, do we remember our shared promised with God, to care for what He created and in turn to be cared for by Him?

In his 1990 World Day of Peace Message, St. John Paul II exhorted, "An education in ecological responsibility is urgent: responsibility for oneself, for others, and for the earth. This education cannot be rooted in mere sentiment or empty wishes." This message resonates as powerfully today, if not more so. Is it not time to reconnect with the splendor of God's creation and to extend the love in our hearts to all? (to be continued) 0

LENT:

...He manifested in His human nature as He endured the suffering of those 40 days. Are you ready for your 40 days in the desert with our Lord? While in the dessert, Jesus manifested every perfection within His human nature. And although no one saw this but the Father in Heaven, His time in the desert was abundantly fruitful for the human race. It was abundantly fruitful for each one of us. The "desert" we are called to enter is one that is hidden from the eyes of those around us but is visible to the Father in heaven. It's "hidden" in that our growth in virtue is not done for vainglory, for selfish recognition, or to obtain worldly praise. The 40 day desert we must enter is one that transforms us by drawing us to deeper prayer, detachment from anything not of God, and fills us with love of those we encounter every day. During these 40 days, we must pray. Properly speaking, prayer means we communicate with God on an interior level. We do more than attend Mass or speak prayers aloud. Prayer is first and foremost a secret and interior communication with God. We speak, but more than that, we listen, hear, understand and respond. Without all four of these qualities, prayer is not prayer. It's not "communication." It's only us talking to ourselves. ..(to be continued)

A story.....A boy asked his father, "Dad what is the size of God?". Then the father looked up at the sky and saw a plane and asked his son:"What is the size of this plane?" The boy replied, "It is very small. I can hardly see it. Then the father took him to the airport and as they approached a plane., he asked, "Now my son, how big is the plane? The boy replied, "Wow, Dad it's huge."Then the father told him, God's size depends on how close or far you are to Him. The closer you are to Him, the greater and greater He will be in your life."

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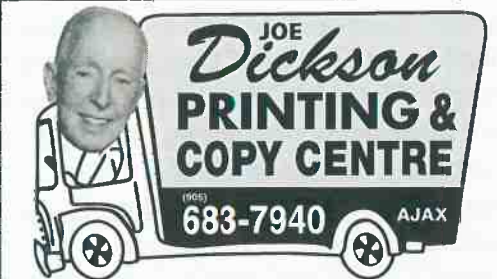
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