



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

June 4, 2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the sixty-second edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

Shout Outs

If you would like some special occasion like an anniversary or birthday acknowledged in the Sunday service, Fr Julian will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be into either Father Julian or the office by **MONDAY EVENING** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

Caitlyn Findlay celebrates her 10th birthday on June 6th

Janis & Michael Perkin celebrate their 47th Wedding Anniversary on June 8th

Bob & Yvonne Temple celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary also on June 8th. They were married at St. Mark's with the church completely full of friends and family. Many of the members of the church are still with us today. They chose that day because it was the birthday of Yvonne's father Frans and Bob's sister Kassie, both of whom have passed away.

Karen & Alex Greer's celebrate their 16th Wedding Anniversary on June 11th

Statement from Bishop Shane

Here is an excerpt from the statement from Bishop Shane which was published on June 2.

Statement from the Bishop of Ottawa concerning the Indigenous Children who perished in the Kamloops Residential School

On May 27, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation announced the discovery of the bodies of 215 Indigenous Children at the former site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School. This news is heartbreaking and horrifying, and is profoundly distressing

for Indigenous people, especially Survivors and intergenerational Survivors.

Now is a time to listen to Indigenous voices, and to hear the profound pain, anger, and wisdom in those voices. The lives of the Indigenous Children matter very much, and the voices of Indigenous People matter very much as we absorb the full reality of this heartbreaking horror.

And so, first of all, I point you to three Indigenous voices:

The Honourable Murray Sinclair, former Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sinclair-kamloops-residential-remains-1.6049525>

The Honourable Mary Jane McCallum, Senator and residential school Survivor:

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/our-hearts-are-broken-sen-mccallum-delivers-gut-wrenching-speech-on-residential-schools-1.5451997>

Albert Dumont (Oshki Nodin) of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Ottawa Poet Laureate:

<http://albertdumont.com/215-dead-children-kamloops/>

(...)May the bracing and challenging love of God be with us all as more stories of Indigenous Children who perished in residential schools come to light.

The Right Reverend Shane Parker
June 2, 2021

(This statement came out after the service had been recorded for this week and therefore, while there is a prayer for the children during the service, it is not the one from Bishop Shane)

Video Services

Holy Eucharist for June 6 should arrive in your inbox on June 5 at 12 pm.

Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the music editing for this endeavour.

References for the Sermon

Here are references for several things which are mentioned by Fr Julian in the sermon for Sunday: [fungee](#), [flying fish](#), [conch](#), [poutine](#) (probably don't need to look at that one) and [grits](#). There is also a reference to a [song](#) by Bob Gilman.

Bible Study Continues on Wednesday

The Zoom Bible Study led by Fr Julian will continue on Wednesday, June 2 and continue until the summer. Please contact Fr Julian to let him know you are interested.

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The Thousand Doves Project

On behalf of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa's refugee ministry, thank you for your generous support for The Thousand Doves Project! We write to update you on this special initiative and the planning for the installation of the doves at Christ Church Cathedral.

Thanks to our dedicated team of dove-makers across the Diocese (and beyond), some 1,300 paper doves have been created in all shapes, sizes and colours! It was great fun to learn how to make the origami doves, with Zoom workshops and lots of laughter!

And with gratitude to all the project's sponsors, The Thousand Doves Project has also surpassed its fundraising goal! This is a testament to how much people in our Diocese value the life-giving ministry of refugee sponsorship, and the funds will help our ministry be even stronger!

But an important part of The Thousand Doves Project is the inspiration of seeing the doves take flight at the Cathedral. As you know, while we had planned to launch the doves at the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday, at this time of COVID restrictions, there would be no opportunities for viewing the installation. So even though the installation has been planned, we have decided to delay the launch until such time as the peace and hope the doves represent can be appreciated in person.

But don't worry. The doves are comfortably nesting and they will fly to Christ Church Cathedral in the not-too-distant future! We will share more news as it becomes available.

Thank you once again for helping spread the wings of hope in support of the Diocese of Ottawa's refugee ministry!

Today 4 Tomorrow

You are invited to help build a community of hope by supporting



Today 4 Tomorrow. This year your gift will continue to support people who are most at risk during the pandemic: people struggling with poverty, Indigenous peoples, young people, and refugees. To learn more about Today 4 Tomorrow and the ministries it supports, and to donate online, please visit <https://www.today4tomorrow.ca/>. Cheques are payable to Today 4 Tomorrow and sent to: Today 4 Tomorrow, 71 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6G6. Thank you for sharing to deliver hope in our communities.

Video Backgrounds

Thank you to those who have sent in pictures this week. It is so nice to see the gardens come alive...and lovely to have a stock of photos to choose from. If you do not see your photo this week, it may be held in reserve for another week.

Please make sure the pictures are in landscape orientation or they don't fill the screen. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. Thank you to all who have sent photos.

Donations to the Church

We are extremely fortunate at St Mark's that there are a number of people who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If you are not on PAR, we would encourage you to continue your donations. Of course, putting a cheque in the mail is always a great option for getting your donation to us. If you wish to make a donation by credit card, you may do so at CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.

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You will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca