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Prayers for the Week

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering persevere in prayer.” Rom 12: 12

- For the world:** For all those suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest or disaster
- The Global Church:** The Church Australia
- For the Diocese:** Anglican Church Women
- Ministerial:** Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church
- Parish Ministries:** The Ministry of our Readers
- Parish Families:** Jason Duggan & Courtney Cutts, Ena Edwards, Betty Eley

The sick or those in need: Ian, Hedy, Pauline, McLean Family, Fred, Thomas & Anita, Mary, Roy, Mavis, Gary, Freda, Anna, Vivian, Dorothy, Margaret, Karen, Marie-Louise

And all those living with chronic problems, our housebound parishioners and their caregivers

Prayers – If you desire prayers for yourself, family, or friends, please contact the prayer chain. Members of the prayer chain will uphold your name(s) in daily prayer for 30 days. **Please contact Elaine Fisher, 416-281-9659 with your prayer request.**

Daily Devotions – Copies of Forward Day by Day are available at the back of the church. This devotion includes a short passage of scripture, a brief reflection and a prayer focus for each day of the week.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS

If you are new to our parish, or you are visiting, please complete this form and place it on the Offering plate, or give it to one of the Sidespeople at the back of the church. Thank you for your presence.

- Yes, I would like more information about St. Nicholas
- Yes, I would like to receive emails from the Parish
- Yes, I would like to financially support the ongoing ministry of the Parish

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

Nick's News – Please take this home March 15, 2020 The Third Sunday in Lent

We warmly welcome those who are visiting with us today. We would very much like to get to know you. Please fill out the “Newcomer / Visitor” Information form (on the back page of this bulletin) and place it in the offertory plate. Please also join us for refreshments following the 10:30 a.m. service.

The Rev'd Canon Janet Read-Hockin is available for conversations about life or faith, and to respond to concerns, rumours, pastoral situations and pastoral emergencies. Please don't hesitate to contact her at 416-691-0449 ext 223 or via email at jrh@stnicholasbirchcliff.com In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact her at 416-648-1418

LARGE PRINT bulletins and Announcements sheets are available at the back of the Church.

This Week at St. Nicholas

Today	12:15 p.m.	Barnabas Group
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Adult Community Lunch - (St. Nick's preparing)
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Service at Chester Village - Postponed
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist

Scripture Readings for next Sunday March 22nd - The 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41

A FEW SERVICE NOTES....

Gluten free wafers are available for communion. To indicate your need, please pick up a purple card from a sidesperson. With the purple card in your hand at the altar rail, the communion minister will know that you require a gluten free wafer.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive Communion in the Anglican Church. If you do not wish to receive the bread please come to the Altar, and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. (please note: we are currently not administering the wine),

The Offertory: During the Offertory, we offer many things to God. We offer the bread and wine of the Eucharist. We also offer ourselves—our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. **At the 10:30 a.m. Service, please place your 'treasure' offering into the plate at the back of the Church.**

Children are welcome at St. Nicholas! Children are invited to attend our Church School Program downstairs during the 10:30 a.m. service.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!

March 25	Michael Perry's Ordination to the Priesthood at St. Peter & St. Simon
March 26	Craft Circle - Postponed
March 28	Family Friendly Fellowship - Postponed
April 4	Parish Breakfast with The Rev'd David Bryant - Postponed

The Adult Community Lunch continues until May, on Tuesdays from 11a.m.-1p.m. The next St. Nick's hosted lunch is on March 3rd. **Alterations to the Community Lunch in light of Covid-19 are being made and updates will be provided.**

Please remember our Bluffs Food Bank Special thanks to all who made such generous donations of sugar in January and February. By last week you donated enough sugar that we were able to add sugar to each and every hamper. That means that we received over 325 bags of sugar. WOW! This month we are requesting donations of canned vegetables, specifically: **corn, carrots, potatoes, yellow beans, green beans and peas.** Due to the current blockade of railway trains, the usual supply of commercial donations of fresh vegetables is limited. We hope you will help us address this shortage with donations of the canned vegetables that are listed above. **Currently, we have a plentiful supply of tomatoes, protein beans and beans in sauce.** Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

The next Family-Friendly Fellowship and Supper scheduled for March 28th has been postponed

"Lent Madness" allows us to get to know some amazing people who have come before us in the faith and reminds us that there's no reason for a dreary Lenten discipline. If this helps you connect with the risen Christ during this season of penitence and renewal, and have a bit of fun in the process, then it continues to be worthwhile. **We have booklets available with the biographical information on each person, as well as a poster in Robinson Hall for us to track the progress.** More about Lent Madness can be found at <https://www.lentmadness.org>

St Nicholas Craft Circle welcomes you. Do you knit, crochet, sew, carve, bead, paint, cross stitch, or want to learn a new craft? You are very welcome to join our new craft circle – date to be decided. Share your ideas, learn new skills, and make something for yourself and the bazaar. All instructions and materials for new projects will be supplied. Call Stephanie Ford at 416 690 0213 with ideas, questions and offers of help and donations. Let's share our talents, have fun, and get an early start on the beautiful items that make our bazaar a success.

The Diocese of Toronto's directives in respect to Covid-19

The World Health Organisation has now named the Covid-19 outbreak as a global pandemic. The need for prayer is more urgent than ever, and our vigilance in caring for each other must remain intentional and strong.

- ❖ *The Diocese of Toronto has suspended the sharing of the common cup at celebrations of the Eucharist. Presiding celebrants are to consecrate both the bread and the wine, and to consume in both kinds, but to administer only the bread to the rest of the congregation. The Church's ancient teaching is that the whole Christ is received whether one receives only consecrated bread or both bread and wine. (please see the rubric in the Book of Common Prayer, top of page 584)*
- ❖ *During the Exchange of the Peace, people are advised to share words and smiles only, not handshakes or hugs.*
- ❖ *But in those places where healing ministries are normative during services, we encourage those who desire it to come forward only for the laying on of hands (on the shoulder or arm) with prayers for healing.*
- ❖ *The person-to-person passing of collection plates is suspended. Now is a good time to consider alternative ways of donating in your parish by Pre-Authorized Giving -PAR (forms are available at the back of the Church or via CandaHelps.*
- ❖ ***we are immediately ceasing the practice of coffee hours and all other purely social non-essential gatherings, especially those that involve the serving and sharing of food for social reasons. Ministries where food is served to hungry and disadvantaged people can, and should, continue, using the most current health and safety guidelines available from public health. Updates in respect to changes for our Adult Community Lunch will be provided.***

For the Safety of all, please:

- ❖ ***Practice diligent hand washing and use hand sanitizer.***
- ❖ ***Cover your cough and use a tissue if you sneeze***
- ❖ ***Practice safe "social distancing" a minimum of one metre distance between you and your neighbour.***
- ❖ ***Avoid touching your eyes, nose, face...***
- ❖ ***If you have been out of the country, please follow the guidelines and self-quarantine for 14 days.***
- ❖ ***If you are feeling unwell, please look after yourself, and others, and stay safe at home.***

As the Covid 19 virus increasingly affects all aspects of our life - industry, supply of medicines, travel, gatherings, especially high risk groups....

We pray for those on the margins of our society, we remember the millions in the world already living in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions, with little access to clean water or to health care. We give thanks for all who care for the sick and for those researching how best to combat and defeat disease. Give us compassion Lord that we may treat one another with love and respect and share our resources to bring relief and aid.

in Milford

From St Philip's Anglican Church