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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 suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest or disaster
For Canada Pray for healing and reconciliation among all people.
The Global Church The Anglican Church of Canada
For the Diocese: FaithWorks
For the Deanery: The people St. John’s Norway
Local Church: Scarborough Baptist Church
Parish Ministries: The Ministry of our Sacristans & Servers
Parish Families: Joan Wright, Laurice Abdulmajid, Bill & Joan Alkerton
The sick: For all who are sick or in any need. For all who are dealing with the effects of COVID – 19. For 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 church office. The name will be passed on to the Prayer Chain, who will uphold your name(s) in daily prayer for 30 days. **Please contact the office with your prayer request.**

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 November 21, 2021 The Reign of Christ

Fr. Andrew is happy to be available for pastoral care and spiritual support for anyone in the St. Nick’s congregation and neighbourhood. If you need to reach him, or know someone who could use a pastoral call, you can call him at 416-672-0489, or email amac@stnicholasbirchcliff.com

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

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, Nov. 28, 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-9
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36

This Week at St. Nick’s

Today	Barnabas Group – after 10:30 service, Memorial Room
Tuesday	Community Lunch 11-noon (St. Aidan’s hosting)
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Sunday	Said Eucharist 8:30 a.m.
	Said Eucharist with music 10:30 a.m.

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),

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. Please place your ‘treasure’ offering into the plate at the back of the Church.

Children are welcome at St. Nicholas! At this time, unfortunately, we do not have a Church School Program during the 10:30 a.m. service, however children are welcome to remain with their family.

We have people signed up to sponsor the Altar Flowers every week until December 12th. If you would like to put flowers on the Altar any week beginning December 26, or over Christmas, and continuing into the new year, please give Janet a call, or send an email to the parish office to reserve the week you would like. The cost is \$60, and you can make payment by putting a cheque in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers". Please include your offering envelope #

Barnabas Group, a support group for women dealing with anxiety and /or depression, will resume meetings on the third Sunday of each month beginning November 21st in the Memorial Room. Mask wearing, social distancing and contact tracing are required. Questions? Please contact Cheryle Pollock, Faith Community Nurse.

Help make St. Nicholas ~ Birchcliff a scent free zone! For the health and comfort of those with allergies please refrain from using scented soaps, perfumes and aftershave.

Diocesan Policy on Mandatory Vaccination came into effect on October 1st. All parishioners involved in any volunteer ministry at St. Nicholas, which includes most parishioners, are required to show proof of 2nd vaccination. This information can only be given to the Wardens. Please do not show your vaccination proof to Fr. Andrew or Janet Baron. Thank you to those who have done this already, if you have yet to show your proof, please speak to a warden.

The Community Lunch continues weekly, with St. Aidan's and St. Nick's alternating hosting weeks. Contact Sonia Halloran for more information on how you can help.

Missional Map If you haven't done it already, don't forget to put your pin in the map in the narthex to mark where you live as we start thinking about how far our witness reaches. If there's a part of the map you need added, just let Fr. Andrew know!

Fr. Andrew will be leading this year's **Advent study, "Interrupted by Hope,"** on Wednesday evenings Dec 1, 8, 15 and 22 on Zoom from 7:30 til about 9:00pm. 'Interrupted by Hope' is a video-and-discussion series featuring some of Christianity's great thinkers and theologians of the day. Each session will start with an Advent prayer service, and then the session. For more information, contact Fr. Andrew



Joy Horswill has knit a lovely **crèche scene**. The characters (except for the baby Jesus) are from about 6-9 inches tall.

It is being offered for "silent auction" with a reserve bid of \$150.00. **Beginning today**, and on November 28, and December 5th, there will be a table set up in the east transept with a sheet of paper. If you wish to bid more than \$150.00 (in increments of \$5 or more), please write your name and phone number and the amount of your bid on the paper. We will close the bidding on Sunday December 5th, following the 10:30 service.

We will also have a **sale of crafts** on November 28th after the 8:30 service, and after the 10:30 service. All money raised will be added to the St. Nick's Market proceeds. Barb Cutts has agreed to bring some of her lovely items from the St. Nick's Market to sell. If you are looking for some stocking stuffers, this is your chance. The craft items will be set up on tables in the east transept, and we will observe distancing and masking rules to keep everyone safe.

We have received **certificate of thanks** from Councillor Brad Bradford, and Penny Oleksiak, representing the City of Toronto, for our work to combat food insecurity in Beaches-East York. It is posted on the Manderley bulletin board.