



2019 HOLLY FAIR NEWS - Bulletin #2

HOME BAKING

Only a short time now until the big day is here (November 23). Our Holly Fair Home Baking stall is a huge draw to customers who scramble to be first to choose from all those special treats that make St. Mary's famous. Cooks are wanted to help us stock up with shortbread (#1 best seller), Christmas cookies, tarts, squares, gingerbread, pies, loaves, Christmas cakes, etc. Trays and plastic bags will be ready for you to pick up from the table in the narthex next week. Buyers with allergies appreciate knowing the ingredients in an item; attach a small tag listing them. There are many requests for Gluten Free foods. Let's do our best to ensure the Bake Table is full to overflowing!!!!

Note: muffins do not sell.

PRODUCE & GARDEN SHOP

Fall produce such as Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, late apples, squash, turnips, etc. are most welcome. We welcome empty hanging baskets that will accommodate greenery. (These may be brought in right away.)

HANDCRAFTS (SEWING, KNITTING, CROCHETING, WOODWORK, ETC.)

Your donations of NEW handmade articles (no bought items, please) will be eagerly accepted - hats, gloves, mittens, socks, slippers, napkins, placemats, tea cozies, potholders, oven mitts, table runners, wood products (cutting boards, birdhouses, etc.)

BOOKS

CD's are welcome. Buyers are mainly interested in soft cover books - particularly mystery and fiction of all genres. Books in good condition by current authors are preferable. Good children's books are also welcome. Non-fiction sales are limited. *Please do not donate books in "tatty" condition, out of date topics, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, religious books, Harlequin romances, magazines, VHS videos or audio tapes.*

GOURMET PANTRY

We're actively seeking a wide assortment of jams, jellies, chutneys, pickles, relishes, salsa, cranberry sauce, fruit butters and preserves, marmalades, mincemeats. Please remember that ALL canning must be in properly sealed jars and processed for food safety. Other food items such as soup mixes, drink mixes, nuts, dried herbs are welcome; and sweet treats like candy, fudge, chocolate barks, brittles, cookie/brownie mixes in jars and other special treats to satisfy your sweet tooth are always good sellers. And don't forget the ever-popular Christmas carrot and plum puddings!!! All contributions will be welcome.

JEWELLERY

Attractive jewellery in good condition is eagerly sought by our buyers. It would be helpful to have these items early to assist in preparing them for sale.

CHRISTMAS OLD AND NEW

Donations of both new and gently-used Christmas themed object d'art, china, ornaments, and items that can be used as stocking stuffers are always welcome.

Please ensure items are clean and not broken.

We regret that old Christmas lights cannot be sold.

MYSTERY BOTTLES

These attractive "Mystery Bottles" are a BIG hit at our Holly Fair!! Our goal is 60 Bottles!!!!. Donations of products in bottles with a monetary value of at least \$7.00 are being sought, but items of greater value are welcome. Suggestions include fruit drinks, wines and liquors, specialty cooking oils (olive, sesame, avocado, walnut), fancy vinegars and sauces, bubble bath, body lotions, etc. Place your donation in the basket on the narthex table; please do not wrap. Please bring in by Wednesday of this week.

SILENT AUCTION

Please ask Ian if he needs any assistance. This is a very big job for one person to undertake!

HELPERS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS

Sign up sheets are on the easel in the narthex if you are able to help in the following ways:

* **WORKERS** at the stalls on the day of the HOLLY FAIR (November 23)

If you are available to work in one of the stalls or in the kitchen on the day of the Holly Fair, please choose a job and sign up on the sheets on the Holly Fair notice board today.

* **FURNITURE SETUP on THURSDAY** afternoon (November 22) @ 1:30 p.m.

If you are able to help carry and set up tables and carry boxes to the different stalls, we could really use your help for 1 hour.

* **CLEAN UP TEAM** (probably the most valued people of all!!!) on SATURDAY after the Holly Fair closes (2:00 p.m. until we're done)

Helpers will be needed to take down and put away tables, carry boxes to return to storage, take down decorations, etc. Many hands make the work go faster and your help will be especially valued as the workers at the stalls will have been "on deck" all day.

DELIVERING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are accepting donations of Mystery bottles, jewellery and home canning right away. The church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings for delivery of your contributions.

All other donations will be welcome:

on **THURSDAY MORNING** (Nov. 21) 9:00 - 11:30 AM
(to the narthex)

or **FRIDAY** (Nov. 22) between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM (to all stalls except Baking).

BAKING will be accepted on **FRIDAY**, (NOV. 22) between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM and on **SATURDAY** (Nov. 23) BEFORE 9:00 AM

PRE-BUYING POLICY: As in past years there will be absolutely no pre-buying. We continue to encourage community support and involvement. As our reputation has grown over the past 25+ years, the first customers are used to finding full tables, not ones which have been picked over by the people running the Fair. This is one of the reasons that we have the same people returning year and after. So please be respectful of this long-standing Policy. Once an item has reached the Church, it must remain there until it is sold – after the doors are open to the public on Saturday.

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Please pray for a successful event!

