



St. Paul's News Bulletin

March 7, 2021



Parish Events

[We're following the urging of the Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force and continuing to suspend all in-person Services for the immediate future, because of the increased contagiousness of new COVID-19 variants.](#)

[This Sunday's Service is being posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page. PLEASE NOTE: You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch. You just need to go to the link <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary> and click on the video. At around 11:45 onward on Mar. 7, if you don't have a Facebook account, you'll be able to watch the Service by going to our website \(<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>\) or YouTube Channel.](#)

[Sunday School Resources](#) for Sunday School at home are posted each week on our website, by typing "Sunday School" in the search box, & clicking on "Sunday School."

[Sunday Coffee Time](#): everybody's invited to share Virtual Coffee Time after the Sunday Service at **11:30 am** via Zoom. The Zoom link is included with the pdf Order of Service on our website under the Sermon tab.

[Today: Welsh hymns to mark St. David's Day!](#)

[Next Sunday is Laetare Sunday, or Mothering Sunday \(not to be confused with Mother's Day\). See "Living Waters" for details.](#)

[On Mar. 21, look for a Triple C Service a week early, with a Celtic Liturgy, in honour of St. Patrick's Day.](#)

[Mar. 28 is Palm Sunday! Next week's News Bulletin will have details about how to pick up palm crosses.](#)

[Our Mar. issue of "Living Waters" is scheduled to be posted on our website in the "News" section of our website today.](#)

[EPIC-6, our 6th EPIC Event, will be coming in Mar.](#) These Events, St. Paul's expression of "Messy Church," are always great and fun for the whole family! **All ages, toddlers to teens, parents and grandparents, are WELCOME!** To join in, please email Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com. Please spread the word, and invite family and friends! THANKS, Shannon, and all helping lead these!

[Our Lenten Study this year is "The 7 Last Words of Jesus."](#) We're reflecting on Our Lord's words on the Cross, and the profound insights they give into the heart of existence. Weds. to Mar. 31, 10:30-12 noon & 7:30-9 pm. So far, 17 are participating, and we'd love to have more! To join us, please contact Fergus.

[Daily Lenten Reflections from the Church of England are available.](#) They've several ways to receive them. Please click [here](#) to find one that works for you.

[Prayer Group Ministry](#): Members of this vital ministry lift up requests given to the Prayer Group in their daily

prayers, and gather on the 2nd or 3rd Mons. of the month via Zoom. **The next Zoom Meeting is 7:30 pm, Mon., March 15.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

[Our Ash Wed. Video Service](#): was posted on Facebook & YouTube. So far, it's been viewed by 37 households. Baggies of ashes were given to 18 households to use during the Service. (Thanks again, Robbie, for these!) You can watch the Service by clicking [here](#).

[Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted 2 or more times a month on Facebook & YouTube. A Celtic Prayer Service in honour of St. David's and St. Patrick's Days was posted on Mar. 4. You can watch it by clicking here.](#) The easiest way to view the Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page). **Fergus is participating in a Deanery Live Streamed Service on Mar. 25 at 7:30 pm. Next week will have details. The next midweek Video Service after this will occur on Apr. 1, Maundy Thurs.**

[Caring Contact Ministry](#): Caring Contact Ministry Helpers contact the households on their lists ice a month, & share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to become a Helper, please contact Fergus.

[Pastoral Visits](#): Fergus is available for regular visits via phone, email, or Zoom. He's also available for in-person visits in pastoral emergencies. Please contact him if you'd someone with whom to talk and pray.

[Offerings](#): Thank you for continuing to give your Offering when we're unable to be physically present together. It's critical to helping us fulfill our Mission. Here are ways we can do this. We can donate via our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate>); mail our Offering (e.g. post-dated cheques) via regular post; drop it off in the Office mailbox (phoning 1st); arrange for it to be picked up from our mailbox; set up direct depositing (the form is on our website: type "Donation" in the search box, & click on "Pre Authorized Donations"); or use e-transfers (please use the email gift@stpaulscalgary.ca; no password is needed; put your envelope no. in the "message" spot). **If you'd like your 2021 Offering envelopes please contact Murray at murray.sykes@shaw.ca or 403-200-8869, to arrange for pick-up or delivery.**

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Incumbent:	The Rev'd Fergus Tyson
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Wardens:	Cam Cline, Murray Sykes, & Ingrid Bolton
Facebook Page:	stpaulscalgary
Twitter:	@stpaulscalgary & @Pastor_Fergus
YouTube:	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCldxfHv5pFYST-j8as1GVg
Pastor's Postings:	pastorfergus.wordpress.com/

Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference!

The Alpha Youth Film Series has been postponed.

Check out our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth>.

Diocese and Community

Spring Cleaning for the Soul: A Lenten Retreat in Daily Life

Our first Workshop was amazing!

We explored how freeing Forgiveness is, we looked at 4 concepts to deepen our understanding of Forgiveness and learned 3 deeply transformative Forgiveness Practices.

There is still an opportunity to sign up for the next two Workshops by Gael.

In our next Workshop, I will be sharing 3 tools that I used to help me navigate my cancer journey in strength rather than fear. You are warmly invited to join us.

Click this Link to Join us on Zoom this Saturday:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/6481488888>

SOFCI (South of Fish Creek Interfaith) meets together for group discussion and planning service projects once a month. If you are interested in joining Murray as a rep for St. Paul's, please contact the Office.

Monthly Rosary - via Zoom

Second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm

The Rev. Jerrod McCormack will be offering a monthly rosary via Zoom, on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. These services usually run for 30 minutes. Time is taken to share intentions with one another and then to pray the rosary together. If you are interested you can contact Jerrod, and he will send you the link.

Kuriakos Camp Information Summer 2021

Even in the bleak mid-winter, we can believe in the life-changing power of camp, and it's needed now more than ever. Programmes will proceed when we are confident that we can provide them safely, but we're planning for a great summer.

To find next summer's programmes and to register online, [click here](#).

Light Magazine, Alberta (formerly City Light News):

A Monthly Christian Lifestyle/Community publication for Alberta. Only available online at

alberta.lightmagazine.ca



Sunday Offertory Counters

This job entails counting the collection from the two services and recording the envelope numbers and amounts. Also we might deposit the funds into the bank, which requires you to do a bank deposit slip. There are two counts for each Sunday. The time commitment is about an hour after the 10:00 service. Two people are required to do each count as we need to balance the offering to the Bank deposit statement. Training will be provided. A schedule is set up for 6 months at a time.

Thank you to Roxie for organizing this ministry.

[Thank you to Murray for acting as our Offering Counter from the suspension of Services in March 2020 to the present.]

The Hand Chime Ministry

St. Paul's has a 3-octave set of Suzuki Tone Chimes that needs a group of 11-15 people to make them ring. The 'Ding-a-Lings' have played at Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Easter, Pentecost and Baptism services as well as performed for fund raising events.

First time chimers will be given an orientation session before their first practice. The orientation will cover the basics of ringing and dampening techniques, counting and the format of our colour-coded music. No prior formal music training is required, although it is useful.

Practices begin about 6 weeks prior to the event date and are scheduled for one hour at times that are convenient to the ringers.

Come have fun with the 'Ding-a-Lings'!

Financial News

Our deficit to February 28, 2021 is \$6,681.43

Thank you to everyone who is helping support our Mission financially in this time when we are unable to worship together physically. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please continue to pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.



Outreach

PWRDF

A quote from Martin Luther that is relevant to PWRDF's work of loving our neighbours wherever they may be:

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and un-bending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of our brother."

Pastoral Care

Inreach: With many in our Parish congregation going through financial struggles at present due to the economy, a special fund has been set-up. Donations marked "Financial Help for Parishioners" are also welcome. If you are in need of financial help, or know of someone in our Parish who is (and you have their permission), please let Fergus know. He will maintain absolute confidentiality. This is one way we can care for one another, and all get through this challenging time together. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund, which presently sits at approximately \$3,700 with \$6,100 having been disbursed.

If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact Robbie Collier.

If you'd like to be part of our Pastoral Care Team, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden.

Please contact Fergus if you or someone you know would like a visit.

Grief Support & Prayer Shawl: Laura Anne is looking at having a ZOOM meeting for both of these Ministries. If you are interested in either one please let her know at office@stpaulscalgary.ca. See Living Waters for more details.

Opportunities to Serve

2021 Flower Chart is now available. *We are still taking dedication requests for flowers, if you would like to make a dedication please send it to Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca.*

The cost for flowers is \$30.00.

Prayer Chain Requests: Please contact Dinah Breu with your prayer requests.

Casserole Ministry: If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a casserole. Please contact Linda Huber.

Card Ministry: Gail Munro will send greetings on behalf of our parish to anyone in the parish who is ill, etc.

Grocery Pick-up Ministry: If you would like to help pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who cannot get out, please contact the Office.

Living Waters: This Monday, March 1 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the March Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Sign: We'd like to change the sign more regularly, but to do this we need helpers. If you can help, please contact Paul Bourgeois or the Office.

Servers: We are looking for more volunteers to be servers at our Sunday services. ***Adults are welcome to join this ministry.***

Parish Council: We are looking for people to serve as ***Deputy People's Warden and Youth contacts on Parish Council (for the Youth contact, we are looking for a teen, age 16 or older)***. If you are interested in either of these positions or would like more information, please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

(Please Note: All in-person activities are discontinued until further notice)

- Sun.:** Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays (*postponed*)
EPIC (Encouraging People In Christ) Zoom Events (*next is a Sun. in Mar. TBA*)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month) (*next is Mar. 15*)
- Wed. :** "Seven Last Words" Lenten Video Study (via Zoom): 10:30 am & 7:30 pm (*to Mar. 31*)
- Thurs.:** **Video Midweek Prayer Service (1st and 3rd weeks of the month)** (*next is Mar. 25*)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month in new year) (*postponed*)
TOPS : 6:30 pm (*postponed*)
Choir practice (*postponed*) (*The Choir is now recording music via Zoom. If you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois*)
- Sat.:** Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*)
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*)