

NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing June 18, 2017



Second Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector

This coming Sunday is Father's Day. Father's Day often gets buried under many other events taking place at this time of year and so does not always garner a lot of attention. It might offer a barbecue or a small gathering of the clan but it usually plays a bit of a back seat to other things taking place. And for the most part this is fine with me. It feels a bit like a made-up holiday that really doesn't have the full support of everyone. And of course, some people do not have a good relationship with their father and so this day for some becomes rather awkward at best or a reminder of past (or present) darkness at worst.

But I think Father's Day is a good day to consider what it means to be a man in Canada in 2017. It is a good day for men to consider how they treat women. It is a good day to wonder about equality. It is a good day to consider feminism but offered from a male perspective. Too many of us men are silent about issues that women need us to be more vocal about: men abusing women, men abusing children, the violence of men, equal pay, health concerns for women, balance of work/life, compassion for people in need and many others. Father's Day should be a day where the voice of men is heard speaking out against so many injustices perpetrated by men.

In Saudi Arabia women are not to drive a car, and it is even encouraged that they be punished if they do. There are so many other things that take place in too many countries around the world that perpetuate an inferior role for women compared to men: arranged marriages, discouraged from gaining higher education, the target of so much violence, seen as part of the problem in situations of abuse, wages, and many other things. Men's voices need to be heard standing up in support of women in this world. More locally, men's voices need to be heard in places like the Missing Women, domestic violence, living wage and fair wage, equal opportunity. Father's Day is a good day to be thinking about this.

From the United Nations' website we read: "Attaining equality between women and men and eliminating all forms of discrimination against women are fundamental human rights and United Nations values.

Women around the world nevertheless regularly suffer violations of their human rights throughout their lives, and realizing women's human rights has not always been a priority. Achieving equality between women and men requires a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which women experience discrimination and are denied equality so as to develop appropriate strategies to eliminate such discrimination."

In the gospel reading for this coming Sunday, Jesus tells his disciples to go out and to tell people that the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. We, as followers of Jesus Christ in this day and time, are called to proclaim these same words and live them ourselves. How we live with and respond to our neighbour is central to this it seems to me. How men treat women is reflective of how we live out our faith.

Happy Father's Day!

O God, known to us and Father and Mother of all people, bless us this day. Guide our thoughts and our prayers to focus on your love and to live that in how we show compassion and care to others. Strengthen those who struggle, lift up the weak, honour the poor, guide our hands and feet to be bearers and believers of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

National Aboriginal Day of Prayer is on June 21

An event is being held at St. Mary's Kerrisdale that evening. This litany was prepared by the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land:

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,
Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,
Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,
Saviour, forgive and heal us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.
Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one.

Amen.

Ordinations on June 24 at 10:30am at Christ Church Cathedral

Please keep the following people in your prayers as they prepare for ordination this coming Saturday:

To the Sacred Order of Deacons: Ron Berezan, Hyok Kim, Jeffrey Preiss, Sharon Smith, Marion Wong

To the Sacred Order of Priests: Ross Bliss, Mark Munn, Lucy Price

If you are able to attend, please come and support all the candidates but especially our own Ross Bliss!

The Wedding of Sarah Scarfe and Peter Cuzzetto

Sarah and Peter are both parishioners of St John's and we are delighted for them that they will be married on July 2! Please keep them in your prayers!

June 21 Church Committee

The next church committee meeting is June 21 in the Trendell Lounge at 7:00pm. If you have a report to submit, please be sure that Janet receives it at least two days in advance.



Thank you for supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada!

Our young parishioners Erin and Ben are raising funds for the JDRF to help find a cure for Type 1 diabetes (and improve management while they work towards a cure). Last Sunday they took part in the annual JDRF 5km walk at Stanley Park with their family. This is their 6th year of taking part in the walk and fundraising.

During coffee hour on June 4th, Erin collected \$74 from SJS parishioners, and the family really appreciates the support. To date Erin and Ben have raised over \$2100! This is the link to the JDRF and the walk:

<https://jdrfca.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1350>

Garden Tools and Equipment Wanted

Do you have any gardening supplies in your garage that you don't use any more, and would like to donate to the church? Please bring them to church on Sunday, or contact the office to arrange pick up. Gloves, shovels, brooms, forks, carts, knee pads, pruners, etc. can all be put to good use by our growing team of volunteers. We also welcome more volunteers!

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team of SJS has started its work of "coming alongside to offer encouragement and comfort and company" to those who would appreciate it--whether it's because of illness, individual or family issues, or simply a desire for more personal connection. We are committed to complete confidentiality, as we make contacts under the guidance of Mother Liz and Fr John, with Helen Kline acting as team liaison.

How can you help? Please pray for us, that we act with wisdom and compassion and respect as Christ's representatives in our world. Also, feel free to make a referral on behalf of someone you know who could benefit from a regular phone call or personal visit. To do so, contact the Church Office to leave a message for Mother Liz, Fr John or Helen Kline. Thank you.

Please watch your valuables in the church

Two laptops were recently stolen last week through open windows. Always keep a close eye on your valuables.

Mother Liz away

Liz is on a well-deserved holiday from June 8 – 24. We look forward to her return, and wish her a wonderful holiday.

Wednesday, June 21

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

Anglicans in West Point Grey invite you

Join us at the labyrinth for an evening of stories and song, from and by Aboriginal Peoples, in honour of National Aboriginal day.

7-8 pm Evening Programming

8-9 pm Reflection & Social

Hosted at St. Mary's Kerrisdale Anglican Church
2490 West 37th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6M 1P5

We acknowledge that this event will be taking place on unceded Indigenous land that includes the territories of the Musqueam Nation, where St. Mary's is located.

For more information or questions, contact us at christine@stmaryskerrisdale.ca

Volunteer Drivers Needed

We are looking for several volunteer drivers for some members of our congregation who require a ride to church. These senior parishioners are just a **five minute drive from St John's**. Hopefully we will set up a rotating roster of drivers. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.

Parish Picnic at Maple Grove Park

Once again this year, our parish of St. John's Shaughnessy, is joining with other Anglican parishes of our area for a Parish Picnic. It will be held at Maple Grove Park (5800 Yew, between Marine & 51st) on June 25 after our 10:00 Mass. Please bring something to share (hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided). We will be joining St. Mary's Kerrisdale, St. Faith's and St. Augustine's.

Syrian Refugee Fund

We are hoping to raise \$12,000 to support a Syrian Refugee family. St Helen's Point Grey is taking the lead on supporting them (along with a group in the Archeology Department at UBC). St John's Shaughnessy has offered to raise the money needed to pay for their plane fare that they needed to get to Canada. Currently we have raised \$8,685 (about 72%). Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Do you have a bike in your garage that needs a new home?

Janet in the office is looking to purchase used bikes for herself and a family member. They can be 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, it doesn't matter. Any age road bike, touring bike or a hybrid, men's or women's - just not a mountain bike. Please email the details to the office, or talk to Janet directly. Budget is up to \$500.00. Thanks!





ANNUAL ARCHDEACONRY
Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
MAPLE GROVE PARK, 12-3PM

BASEBALL GAME STARTS @ 1:30PM

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE ANNUAL CLERGY SACK RACE!
JOIN US FOR GAMES, FACE-PAINTING, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

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Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Confessions are by appointment with the Rector. Please contact us if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you.

