

Parish News

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council
2nd Thursday

Finance Committee
As Announced

Knights of Columbus
3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings
2nd & 4th Sunday (11 am to 1:00 pm)

Ladies Group
As Announced

CHUCKLE CORNER

On a vacation to Australia, a Texas farmer meets an Aussie farmer and starts talking to him about his farm. The Aussie takes him to see his big wheat field, but the Texan isn't impressed. "We have wheat fields that are twice as large as this one," he told the Aussie.

The Aussie farmer drives him around the ranch and shows off his big herd of cattle. "Oh, our longhorns are at least twice as big as these," the Texan bragged.

The Aussie farmer is getting frustrated, when the Texan suddenly notices a herd of kangaroos hopping across a field. "What on earth are those?" he asks. The Aussie turns to him with a mischievous smile. "Don't you have any big grasshoppers like this in Texas?"

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Wednesday, December 6 - St. Anne's

Reconciliation Service: 3:30 pm for Catechism & Youth Group
7:00 pm Parish

Thursday, December 7 - St. Anne's

12:00 pm Ministerial Meeting and Lunch

Wednesday, December 13 - St. Anne's

Confirmation

Thursday, December 14 - St. Anne's Parish Hall

6:30 pm PPC Meeting

Saturday & Sunday, December 16 & 17 - St. Anne's Parish Hall

Saturday After Evening Mass: Fellowship Coffee
Sunday After 9:30 am Mass: Fellowship and Coffee

Development and Peace

Psalm 80 asks "Why, Yahweh, do you let us wander from your ways and let our hearts grow too hard to hear you?" On earth as it is in heaven, we recognize the urgent need for Christ as we work in collaboration to create peaceful systems and structures that hold justice and respect for life above economic gain. Thank you to everyone for their support of Development and Peace's Fall Action campaign to put Women at the Heart of Peace. May you all have a blessed Advent season!



The Ladies' Christmas party will be held on December 4, beginning at 6:00. If anyone would like to help set up, we will be starting to do that at 5:00. If you have any questions, please call Judy at 780 674-3805.



MASS TIMES AND INFORMATION

St. Anne's Parish, Barrhead

Saturday: 7:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am

St. John the Evangelist, Swan Hills

Sunday: 1:00 pm

St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine

II Wed. of the month 7pm

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday:
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Pastor

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1st Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (John 20:21-23).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholic Church. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins committed after baptism and reconcile with God and the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers us the opportunity to reflect on the areas in our lives where we have failed to be the people God has created us to be and to bring these failures to God in humility and confidence. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ. So the Church strongly urges everyone to receive this Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness, and to celebrate Christmas with joy and renewed hearts. To prepare for this graced encounter with Jesus, we should begin by asking the Holy Spirit to give us insight into our innermost being so that we can discover what needs to be changed in our life and relationships, express a true and sincere sorrow for our failures, be desirous of changing our life, confess our faults in the sacrament of reconciliation and do the penance assigned.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact the office at 780-674-2662 to register for Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Johnny will be available for the Sacrament an hour before the weekend Masses or call the office for appointment.

Marriage

Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Johnny.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing of the sick.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

BARRHEAD



General \$ 1,470.15

Children \$ 16.50

SWAN HILLS

General \$ 590.00

Mass Times, Dates and Intentions December 4 to December 10, 2017

Monday, December 4 - St. Anne's	From	
6:00 pm	Syro-Malabar Mass	
Tuesday December 5 - St. Anne's		
7:00 pm	Betty Bredo (RIP)	Tim & Lorna Kallal
Wednesday, December 6 - Keir Care Centre		
10:00 am	Fr. Casey Bukowski (RIP)	Knights of Columbus
Thursday, December 7- Hillcrest Lodge		
9:30 am	Shamus Martin (RIP)	Moira O'Neill
Friday, December 8 - St. Annes'		
9:00 am	Louis Robinson (RIP)	Theresa Cherwonka
Saturday, December 9 - St. Anne's		
7:00 pm	Anna & Giovanni (RIP)	Pina Granger
Sunday, December 10 - St. Anne's		
9:30 am	All Parishioners	

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, December 10, 2017

1:00 pm	Darcy Braga	Greg Braga
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Mass at St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine

Wed. 7 pm December 27, 2017



Mark your Calendar: Join us at the Barrhead United Church on December, 17th @ 7:00 pm. for the presentation of the cantata "Tapestry of Light". This is a Celtic Christmas Celebration brought to you in the narrative and song. A Monetary donation will be accepted at the door as admission, and all proceeds will go to the Barrhead Food Bank. For further information, please call Chris Mast at 674 2607.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Wednesday December 6 there will be confession for Grade 3 & above beginning at 3:30 pm (including Youth Group)
- The common celebration of Reconciliation for the Parishioners in preparation for Christmas will begin at 7 pm.

* **Chalice fundraiser:** Our Catechism children are raising money for Chalice. Every Wednesday from now till December 21 they will have a chance to donate. During their Christmas party children will choose items that Chalice can buy with the money raised. The weekly children's collection will be added to this.

* **Christmas party:** Wednesday December 20th. There will be a festive snack followed by a special craft activity (from 3.30pm till 5pm as usual).

* **Christmas pageant:** Will take place on Christmas Eve, during the Family Mass at 7pm. All the children are invited to join in this Pageant! Practise is after Catechism classes on December 13th and 20th at 5 pm for approx. 30 minutes. All help would be appreciated.

There will be a **Sign up sheet** for the Nativity Pageant on the Catechism Bulletin Board by the Hall.

For more info contact Michelle Steele at [780 674 3019](tel:7806743019).

Youth Group Christmas Fun! Sunday, December 10th Chris and Michele are planning a special event after Mass. We invite all the youth ages 11+ to join us and celebrate the season. **Be prepared for Fellowship and a Great Time!**

Workbooks for Lectors: The 2018 readers workbooks are available at the entrance to the church. If you are a reader please pick up your copy.

Bake Sale: We will appreciate donations for a Bake Sale to be held at the Co-op Store from 10 - 4 pm on Friday Dec 8. Proceeds will go to "The Ripple Connection Support Centre. Items can be dropped off between 9:30 and 9:45 @ Co-Op. For info please phone Rose @ 674-2576 or Sandra @ 674-3943

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council

Pat Jackson (780-674-3452)

Finance Committee

Merv Boser (674-4759)

Sacristan

Marie-D Stoby(780-967-4045)

Liturgical Ministry / RCIA

Judy Lefebvre (780-674-3805)

Altar Servers

Lorraine Badry (780-674-7742)

Eucharistic Adoration

Rose Petrushik (780-674-2576)

Catechism, Youth & Young Family

Michelle Steele (780-674-3019)

Parish Choir

Chris Mast (780-674-2607)

Music Ministry / Decorating

Brenda Dahlseide (674-4663)

Youth Leader

Monica Waggoner (674-0637)

Knights of Columbus

Mike Maykut (780-305-5053)

Prayer Chain

Theresa Cherwonka(674-5613)

Dorothy Zallas (780-584-2687)

Hillcrest Bingo

Sandra Hein (780-674-3943)

Meals on Wheels

Marie Menshik (780-674-3094)

Funeral Lunches / Ladies Group

Yvonne Fluet (780-674-3467)

St. Anne's Cemetery

Ed Robinson (780-674-3276)

Richard Rau (780-305-8367)

Maintenance

Greg Gramlich (780-674-3520)

Communion to the Sick

Lorne Zallas (780-584-2687)