

Encountering Islam -- Tuesday September 26 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Michelle Rebidoux, PhD, Professor of Religious Studies at MUN and Professor of Ethics at Queen's College Faculty of Theology.

As the second largest and the fastest growing religion in the world, Islam is quickly becoming a global force. Nevertheless, many people, including many Christians, know little about the core beliefs and practices of this tradition which, as the third of the Abrahamic religions, shares much in common with Christianity. Indeed, popular media portrayals of Islam continue to fuel misunderstandings. This session is designed to help participants understand and appreciate the religious beliefs and practices of the vast majority of Muslims, who detest violence and terrorism as much as any typical Christian and Canadian. It will also address some of the factors involved in the rise of radical Islam in today's global society.

There will be opportunities for questions and answers.

You can attend and participate at Queen's College or you can attend on-line. We use GoToMeeting Webinar platform. The link to join the session on-line is <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/869321781> It is very simple to join, just hit the link or paste it into your browser.

The session will be recorded and available on YouTube. You can connect through our website:

www.queenscollegenl.ca Just go to the YouTube icon.

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<http://www.mun.ca/cep/parking/visitor-parking-request-form.php>

Dates for the other sessions will be provided soon.

Please send along topics or suggestions for presenters.

Also, please feel free to forward this information and an invitation to anyone who might be interested in these topics.

By the way, there is no charge to you for these sessions.

Blessings and best regards,

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A Church Anniversary: During the week, I will attend the 175th Anniversary of the Church in Bonavista. This church must be one of the oldest in Newfoundland, and it was built with hand-sawed lumber, much of it pine, built strong enough to endure wind and weather over all these years. Bonavista was my first parish, and I lived there for five years. I hope to return to the community this week, to rejoice with and celebrate with these people, many of whom I still remember fondly, even after all these years.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings focus on the importance of forgiveness. In the Penitential Act, at the beginning of every Mass, the Priest invites us to "acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries". Then there is a period of silence which provides time to reflect on one's sins. We then acknowledge our sins and the rite ends with a prayer for God's mercy. Whether it be on a personal level by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or on a communal level during Mass, time and time again we ask God for forgiveness and we are mercifully forgiven. Following the example of God's compassionate readiness to forgive us, we in turn are called, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, to be always ready to forgive others, not just in words but from our heart. Each time we pray "The Lord's Prayer" we ask God to "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" – we ask God to forgive us to the extent that we forgive others. This is food for thought. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that there should be no limit to our readiness to forgive. In imitation of God's boundless generosity, let us always be ready to forgive, thus building up God's Kingdom of love and peace at home, in our church communities, and among all people.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Sept. 18th –Sept. 22nd

Monday-----	-----	-----	-----	No Mass
Tuesday-----	7:00 p.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Dorothy Organ,	George Dollimont
Wed. -----	-----	-----	-----	No Mass
Thurs.-----	7:00 p.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Phyllis Felix	
Friday -----	10:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Bessie, George &	Alfreda Harding

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, Sept. 23rd and Sunday, Sept. 24th

St. Alban's-----	Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Sandy Collier
St. Alban's-----	Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.-----	St. Ignatius Church-----	Parish Family
Conne River----	Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.-----	St. Anne's Church-----	Samuel William & Florailda Collier

Bus Lane: During the school week, from Monday to Fridays, people are asked not to drive along in front of the school. In other words, that lane is reserved for buses and for students and teachers to walk safely to and from the school. All cars are asked to use ONLY the main church parking lot for vehicular traffic.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Sept 16	Jenny Maggie	Edith Organ	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Margaret Hoskins	Christine Mary Organ	Julie Ann Chrissy
Sept. 17	Mary Strickland	Perry Cox	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Valerie Hoskins	Edith Juanita	Children's choir Valerie Coombs
Sept. 23	Mary Strickland	Monica Willcott	Anthony Willcott Kevin Organ Francis MacNeil	Ann Benoit	Brenda J. Maggie	Kennedy Willcott Tracy Perry
Sept. 24	Mary Organ	Mary Organ	Perry Cox Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont	Calvin Collier	Anthony George	Lenora Lambert

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – offertory -----	\$1389.00	St. Anne's Church – offertory ----	\$163.45
St. Anne's Church – offertory -----	\$110.00	Baptism Stipend -----	\$25.00
Religious Articles: -----	\$136.00	Candles: -----	\$219.70
Diocesan (Needs of the Church)-----	\$5.00		

Chase The Ace: Chase the Ace has resumed. It will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Chase The Ace proceeds

Many parishioners have been questioning what is happening with the huge amount of money that was raised from our first Chase The Ace lottery. On our application, for the licence for this event, we stated that the earnings would be used for maintenance of parish properties, children's programs and miscellaneous parish needs.

Parish council decided that the bulk of this money will be used for needed church repairs - such as replacing the exterior storm windows of the church. The stained glass would be left intact. Because of the complexity and magnitude of this project (21 windows - 14 large and 7 small) it was decided to put the project up for tender. The Parish council received no bids for this tender so it was decided to wait and re-tender the project later. The money is being put aside for the eventuality that we find a successful bidder for a future tender.

Parish council decided that, until further assessment, future Chase the Ace lotteries will become our regular parish Fundraiser - as was the case of our Wednesday night bingos in the past.

Municipal Elections: The advance poll for municipal elections takes place on Wednesday, Sept. 20th here in our community. The general election will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 26th at the firehall. We have a very good community here in Bay D'Espoir, and we must continue to support the town, and make every effort to help our town to move forward, making it a happy place for our families and our children to live and work and grow. I encourage all to take pride in our communities, and to cast your vote in the up-coming elections.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

'Finding God' Religion Program: Parental Information Session and registration for the 'Finding God' religion program for 2017-2018 will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm in the parish residence. The registration fee will be \$30.00 per child. This program is designed for all children in Grades 1-9, and it prepares our children for the various sacraments. Please note that the grade 9s will be preparing for Confirmation. Would you please make every effort to attend this session as important information will be discussed. Thank you.

Leader Recruitment: We are looking for leaders for our **Finding God Religion Program** and the grade 9 Confirmation Program. If you are interested or have more questions, please call the Parish Office at 538-3106 or Valerie Hoskins after 6 pm at 538-3780.

Children's Sunday Liturgy: *The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.*

Happy Days of Fall: The partridge season is open. Rejoice!! Lift up your hands and rejoice. After ten months on his chain, the dog may run free. The hunters, the eternal boys, will pack their kit bags and head out over the barrens. The chance to get a few birds, the kettle boiling far from the hustle and bustle of the noisy world, and the joy of returning to the camp in the evening. 'Home is the hunter, home from the hill!' oh, the joy of it! Rejoice with me.

A New School for Conne River: Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 will be forever a significant day in the community of Conne River. On that day, we celebrate the opening of the new school in the community. The new school, Saint Anne's School, is different from all other schools in Newfoundland, as it is a blend of cultures, incorporating much that is significant in the Native heritage of the Mi'gmaq people. Every school tries to lead their students to greater wisdom and knowledge, but the new Saint Anne's School radiates a love and respect for native values and heritage as well. We rejoice with the little ones who will attend the new school. We rejoice with the parents who will be so proud that their children will be able to learn and grow in this magnificent school. We rejoice with the teachers who will work with the boys and girls, leading them, forming them in wisdom and in knowledge. We rejoice with our Chief, and all those who helped make this dream a reality. We congratulate all the workers who laboured diligently to construct this great institute of learning. We pray, I pray, that God will richly bless this beautiful school and everyone who goes in and out of this wonderful place of learning.

A New Refuge Family: At our Pastoral Days in Grand Falls this past week, Bishop Daniels announced that our diocese will sponsor a second refuge family. This family is from Syria, a father and mother and two little children. When Bishop Daniels asked for financial support for the first refugee family, the response was so very generous that we have sufficient funds to care for this new family which we hope, will be arriving soon. The first refugee family are living in Clarenville, and have been able to find work, and have become a happy part of the community of Clarenville.

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. **Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

Weddings: Please allow at least 6 months notice before the date of the wedding. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Prayer for Health

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I come to ask you for the gift of restored health, that I may serve you more faithfully and love you more sincerely than in the past. I want to be well and strong if it is your will and rebound to your glory. If, in your divine wisdom I am to be restored to health and strength, I will strive to show my gratitude by a constant and faithful service rendered to you.

Grace before meals: “Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading the Word at Funeral Masses: At every Mass, the Word of God should be read with the greatest clarity and reverence and dignity. At every Mass, the Word of God should be proclaimed well. At Funeral Masses, the family and the people attending are most attentive to the Word to find comfort and peace at a very difficult time in their lives. I will speak to both funeral directors in our parish, and a list of readers will be provided so that the family of the deceased can choose readers who have had experience and training in reading of the Word of God. This way, the family do not have to choose family members to read the Word of God.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL: \$200.00
Wedding: \$200.00
Baptism: \$25.00

A prayer to the Holy Family: This is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Family, and we could say this prayer, asking God to bless and help our own family.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
In you we contemplate
The splendour of true love
To you we turn with trust

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Grant that our families too
Will have places of prayer and peace

Holy Family of Nazareth,
May our families never again
Experience violence and division
May all who have been hurt
Find ready comfort and healing

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Make us more mindful
of the sacredness of the family
and its beauty in God’s plan

Jesus Mary and Joseph
Please hear our prayer
Amen

SUMMER HOLIDAYS BLESSING

Lord God,

We put ourselves into your hands

And pray that you will bless us

And our families during the wonderful months of summer.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxJoy, love and peace and safety

May we be generous and considerate,

not thinking only about ourselves,

But helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen