

Hello St Hilary's Parishioners,

In this week's email you will find news, important announcements, and the bulletins for Palm Sunday, March 24th.

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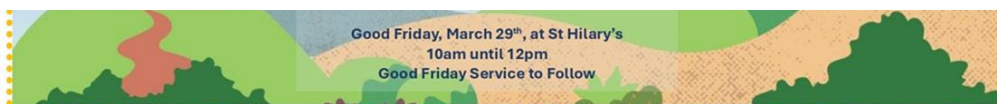
- **Memorial Flowers for Easter**

If you would like to make a memorial donation for Easter Flowers, please fill out the little brown envelope, which is in the pews, and put it in the collection plate or drop it off at the office. The last day for making such a donation is Palm Sunday, 24th of March. For further information please call the office to speak with Nadine – 905 279 2304.

- **Food Cupboard Garden Volunteers Wanted**

St Hilary's Food Cupboard is calling for volunteers to help out this growing season in their garden. Help make a difference in the community! If you or anyone you know would like to learn valuable skills, meet new people, and earn community service hours by helping out with garden maintenance, please send Joanne an email on sthfoodcupboard@gmail.com!

- **Stations of the Cross for Kids**



- [Quiche & Salad Lunch](#)

St Hilary's
Quiche & Salad
LUNCH

Sunday, March 24th 2024
After the 10.30am Service

Adult Ticket \$15
Child Ticket \$10



- **Easter Services at St Hilary's**

Please note, the Good Friday service is now at 12pm, following the Stations of the Cross for Kids



Easter Services at St Hilary's

Sunday, March 24th

8:30 & 10:30am | Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28th

7pm | Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29th

10am to 12pm | Stations of the Cross for Kids

12pm | Good Friday

Saturday, March 30th

8pm | Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31st

8:30 & 10:30am | Easter Sunday

- Letter to the Diocese from Bishop Andrew, March 15th, 2024



Dear Friends,

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting and almsgiving... Over the last number of weeks, I have written about four of the five disciplines. And today, the last word is penitence. According to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary, a penitent is one regretting and wishing to atone for sins.

I still have vivid memories of that moment in Grade 2 when I was introduced to the idea of confession and penitence. In those days, my older brother and I attended a French Catholic school on the West Island of Montreal. We were the only Anglos and non-Catholics attending Ecole Ste. Georges. The Friday before First Communion, the whole Grade 2 class was ushered to the church to prepare for the big occasion by making their first confession. As we walked to the church, I repeated again and again to my teacher, *Je suis Anglican. Je suis Anglican.* As though somehow that declaration would be enough to receive special dispensation. And it was enough. While my classmates lined up outside the confessional, waiting for the little light to glow green, I sat in a pew with my teacher, absolutely mesmerized by what I was seeing. What on earth goes on in there? I wondered.

Live long enough and you collect more than your fair share of regret, of sin that clings, of failures that sting, of hurts that persist. Like fasting, almsgiving, prayer and self-examination, penitence is a discipline. It takes practice to assume the posture of humility and contrition, to admit the sins you have committed or the hurts that you still harbour. Sunday by Sunday, the General Confession invites us to contemplate how we have fallen short both as individuals and as Church. In the season of Lent, many communities begin Sunday worship with the Penitential Rite on page 214 in the BAS. We begin with a broken and contrite heart. Side by side, we express the words of regret and anticipate a word of forgiveness.

Sometimes the burden of sin needs a little more attention. While the confession box was never a fixture in most Anglican churches, the Reconciliation of a Penitent has long played an important role. It is a ministry available to all who desire it. For many of us, this practice is an annual part of our pilgrimage during Lent and Holy Week. If you are curious,

there are two forms in the BAS, beginning on page 167. If this is a ministry you would like to explore, please speak to your priest.

What goes on in there? I wondered long ago. Having been both the one seeking forgiveness and one offering words of absolution, I can say simply, there is a turning, an opening, a relief, a leaving behind, a fresh start, a restoration that is ongoing. We are all works in progress and this sentiment is captured in the closing interchange between the priest and penitent.

Priest: The Lord has put away all your sins.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

Priest: Go in peace, and pray for me a sinner.

Yours in Christ,
The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

- **Read Mark Learn – The Gospel According to Mark**

"*Read Mark Learn* is a new and exciting way for small groups to engage with the story of Jesus as told in [The Gospel According to Mark](#), both 'online' and 'in person'.

Read Mark Learn is for everyone: those who would identify as 'Christian', and those who do not; those of any denomination and none; believers, skeptics, atheists, and agnostics; those who have studied Mark before, and those who are 'just looking'.

It's a simple idea:

- Read – listen to a section Mark's gospel
- Mark – take note of anything attention grabbing
- Learn – explore things further in group discussion

If you are interested in exploring the Gospel of Mark join in on this Group's Monday on-line sessions. The sessions begin at 2 pm. The link is below.

I have heard that this is a very exciting and interesting way to get to know the Gospel of Mark.

So, just click on the **Join Zoom Meeting** link below.

Enjoy and blessings,

Rev. Adrienne

Our Zoom series of RML for Lent 2024 will meet as follows ...

Phil Harman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Read Mark Learn for Lent 2024

Time: March 25th, 2024 19:00

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0scuyupzwqHdNU3zrpFzzp5Ab77F5uKMr6/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhrz4vHN2SsB6ARpx5BY_4Z-7xmGZfgqdzqUz_ETB1eBnmY8NAZeVZRc37

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89155697077?pwd=Z1MrZytKaE1CcGsxbTF0QjlidktpUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 5569 7077

- **Lenten Reading**

In his letter to the Romans, we find St. Paul asking his converts if they realize what it means to be part of the Church. It means, he says (and we can imagine their surprise when they heard it), being received into the death of Christ – the unconditional sacrifice of the Cross – in order to walk in newness of life: transformed through self-loss into a bit of that Body which is indwelt and ruled by the Spirit of Divine Charity. No easy application for membership, then, fulfils the demands of real Christianity. It is a crisis, a radical choice, a deep and costly change. When we judge our own lives by this standard, we realise that full entrance into the Church's real life must for most of us be a matter of growth. There are layers of our minds, both personal and corporate, still untransformed; not indwelt by Charity, resisting the action of God. There are many things the Spirit could do through us, for the healing and redeeming of the world, if it were not for our cowardice, slackness, fastidiousness, or self-centered concentration on our own jobs. "Present yourselves to God as alive from the dead," say Saint Paul; and your members - all you have, every bit of you – as instruments, tools of righteousness. That is his standard of Churchmanship. That is the kind of life into which he conceives his converts are baptised; and there is something desperately vigorous and definite about it. What he seems to envisage in the Church is a vast distributing system of the Divine Charity. As we were slaves of 'sin' – that is, held tight in a life which is alien from the real purposes of God, off the track, and uses its great energies for its own ends – so, that taking a new direction which is involved in becoming a Christian, means the turning over of all energy to God's purpose; using it for Him, co-operating with the Spirit working within life for the redemption and hallowing of the whole world. That is what the Church is for; and the Sacraments are there to help those who are prepared to pull their weight.

(adapted from: 'Lent with Evelyn Underhill')

- **Good News from Around the World**

[Click here to check out good news stories from around the world.](#)

- **Reading The Bulletin on Your Smart Phone**

If you would like to read the bulletin on your Smart Phone, please follow these steps:

- Go to sthilarys.com
- Click on the menu icon
- Click on Worship
- Click on Worship Services
- Scroll down to 'Download This Week's Bulletin'
- Click on 'Click Here'

The bulletin will appear in PDF format for you to peruse.

OR

- Open Weekly Email and then click on the bulletin attachment.
- ***Viewing on your phone is beneficial as you can zoom in on text to make it larger and easier to read and it saves paper!***

- **YouTube Link to Livestreaming**

Please [click here](#) to watch a livestreaming of this Sunday's service.

- **Bible Study & Morning Prayer**

Join in the conversation each Wednesday at St Hilary's! **Bible Study at 10am, followed by Morning Prayer at 11am.**

- **Memorial Flowers & Aumbry Candle**

Should you wish to kindly donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Molly on 416 253 6443 / mollymangalathu@gmail.com. Please include who the memorial is for, who the memorial is from, the short message that you would like to have in the bulletin and the date you would like it to appear in the bulletin. An example of a bulletin message is: 'To the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Jane Doe, Grandmother of Anne Doe, and Great-Grandmother of Mary Doe, from her family.' Please note there is a \$40 fee for this request.

To light the Aumbry Candle in memory of a loved one, please contact sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca or 905 279 2304. A \$5 donation fee is requested.

- **Giving to St Hilary's**

If you would like to make a donation, either once, weekly or monthly, you can now do so by sending an e-transfer to sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca.

For more info, please call the church office at 905-279-2304.

- **A Weekly Prayer Devotional**

March 24th, 2024

We pray for our brothers and sisters here, at St. Hilary's Church, for John, Marian, Vernon, Sylvester, Winston, Avery, Lauren, Riley, Gayle, the Churches and people of Nigeria, Gloria & Roy, Pearl & Len...

- **Each Week at St Hilary's**

Sunday	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	10:30am	Sung Eucharist
Wednesday	10:00am	Bible Study
	11:00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	10:00am	Food Cupboard

Thank you for reading...

