

Hello St Hilary's Parishioners,

In this week's email you will find news, important announcements, and the bulletins for Easter Sunday, March 31st.

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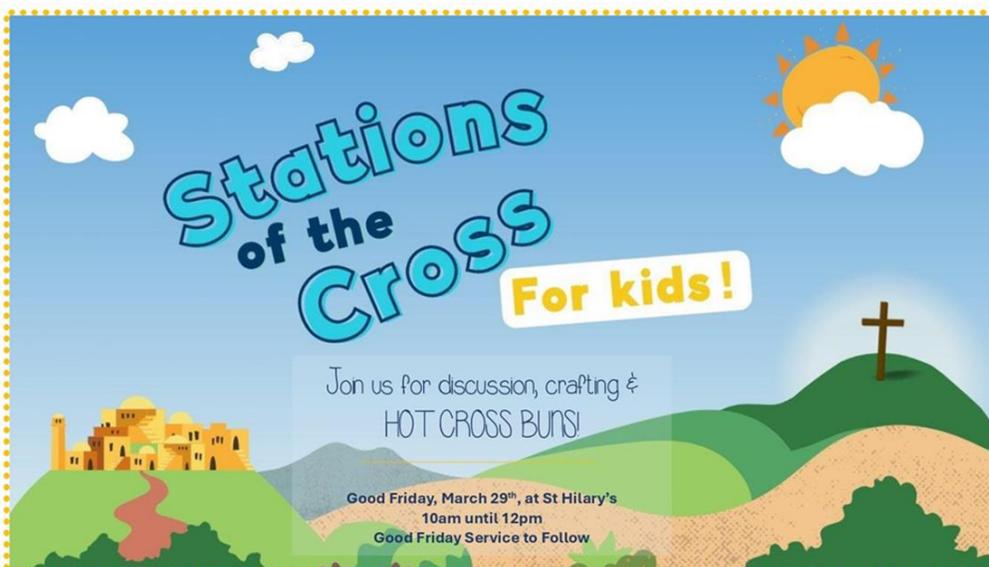
- **Out of Office Alert**

From Monday, April 1st until April 15th Nadine, office administrator, will be on holiday. Please contact Rev Adrienne with any urgent matters.

- **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**



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



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 22nd, 2024



Dear friends,

It was sometime in 1972, before the movie appeared in the cinemas. My father was given a copy of the double album by a parishioner, who told him that he should take a listen. It was a Friday evening. Dad invited us all to join him in the living room to hear what all the fuss was about. He took the first disk from the now classic brown sleeve, which was emblazoned with gold images of angels praying. He placed the disk on the platter. The needle dropped into the groove and the rectory on Yates Street in St. Catharines grooved to the music of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. I don't think the HiFi had ever rocked quite like that before.

We listened to the whole thing in one sitting. It took a bit for me to get into the groove. At the time, I had only ever heard the story of Holy Week properly told through the liturgy of the BCP. Now here was an interpretation sung through music that was familiar and popular. At first, I think I adopted the posture of restraint and modest disapproval. I wasn't sure whether I was supposed to like it or not. Some of the tracks were jarring. And yet my toes tapping to the music revealed quite a different sentiment. The slang, the groovy talk and the rhythm brought the scenes to life in a new way. *Everything's Alright, Heaven on Their Minds, I Don't Know How to Love Him, Could We Start Again Please* are just a few of the songs that invited me to step inside the story in a new way. For the first time, real life was engaging scripture and making it real for me.

It's the Friday before the week of all weeks. Holy Week is the time that the Church invites us to listen, to watch, to pray and to remember what all the buzz is about. It is tempting to only listen to the tracks that appeal to us and skip over the parts that are jarring and uncomfortable. It's tempting to come to Palm Sunday and then return for Easter. Like listening to a whole double album in one sitting, the week entices us to do likewise. Come apart, slow down. Bring your joy and hurt, your sorrow and anxiety. Bring yourself to engage with *Stations of the Cross, Blessing of Oils, Maundy Thursday, Washing of the Feet, Stripping of the Altar, Veneration of the Cross, Easter Vigil, Sunrise Service, Easter Day*.

The journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day is one seamless liturgy. Love breaks bread, pours out the wine. Love faces arrest and persecution. Love carries the cross and bears the shame. Love lets go that we might have life, eternal life. Love in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

- **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 sthilaryscooksville@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**

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 and 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...

