

Parish News

Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. June 29, 4:00 pm	Ellen Murphy	Catherine Trenholm
Sun. June 30, 10:00 am	Harvey van Zutphen	Marlene MacMillan
Weekday Masses		
Mon. June 24	6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris
Tues. June 25	6:00pm (R)	Howard MacDonald by Russell Beaton
Wed. June 26	6:00pm (R)	Tina MacDonald by Louise Burns
Thur. June 27	6:00pm (R)	Trevor McDaniel by Wayne/Elizabeth Watson & family
Fri. June 28	6:00pm (R)	Catherine Cannon by family
Sat. June 29	9.30am	Feast of St. Peter, Patron of our parish



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood June 23, 2024

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Baptisms

By appointment, please call.
Parish Office

Marriages

Please call Parish Office at least
six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm
to 5:45pm & Saturday from
2.30pm to 3.30pm

To book Parish Hall call:

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Bulletin

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Send notices no later than 12
noon on Wednesdays.

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may be edited for
brevity or clarity.

Thank you,
Tudi MacEachern

From the Pastor's Desk

"So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (II Cor. 5: 17) Once upon a time, there was a man who was hiking and a halfway through his hike he lost his footing and fell off the mountain. He succeeded however in grabbing the branch of a tree halfway down the mountain. And as he was hanging from the branch unable to pull himself up, the man had one last idea to save himself. With fear in his heart, he looked up to the heavens and cried out, "Is anyone there who can help me?" To his surprise, a calm and reassuring voice responded, "Yes, I am here...it is the Lord. Do you believe in me? The man shouted back, "Yes Lord, I believe in you, I really believe...now please help me". Now the Lord said, "if you really believe in me, you have nothing to worry about and I will save you. Now Let go of the branch". Then the man thought about it for a moment and with even greater urgency shouted back, "Is there anyone else up there to help me?"

This story gives us an insight into how fear and worry can change our approach to faith. We may say that if the man in the story truly believed in God why not take God's advice...why not let go of the branch. This could happen to any of us in our life. Our human perspective clouds our ability to trust in God's guidance. We want to see the path clearly before we take a step. We may say, 'I believe in you God, I really believe'; but when the going get tough, when things don't work out quite as we hope, it can be tempting to take matters into our own hands or look for hope elsewhere. There are many things in life that can completely stress us out and it is easy to worry about many things. It could be something at work, our studies, our relationships in the family and outside, our health or any number of things. The point is that our fears and worries can consume us if we let them. The Gospel for this Sunday tells us the account of Jesus with the apostles as they became afraid in a storm. The disciples were not the examples of faith and courage, that they became later after the Resurrection. During the three years when Jesus was with them, they constantly had crises of faith, they were often afraid and worried about the future. So, when they called to Jesus for help during the storm, Jesus asks them, **"Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"** The same question is being asked us today. Jesus always spoke of a God who is always with us, who takes care of us, and says not to be afraid. The Gospel account of the storm shows that Jesus is always at the midst of His disciples through any storm, and He is urging us to greater faith. He responds to our fears, and He delivers us from all dangers. We are assured that Jesus is always in our midst. Do we have total trust in Jesus's presence with us and faith in the Lord who is there to help us in the times of our trials? True faith often requires us to let go of what we know and trust in the unseen. So, are we ready to let go of the branch to which we are holding and entrust ourselves to the waiting hands of the Lord?

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul: The feast of the **Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul** is being celebrated on Saturday, June 29, 2024. As it is the feast day of **St. Peter, the patron saint of our parish, there will be Holy Mass on Saturday, June 29th at 9.30 am.**

Weekday Mass Schedule: Beginning from **July 1st, 2024**, there will be change in the **Weekday Mass schedule**. On **Monday, Tuesday and Friday the Holy Mass at 6.00pm** and on **Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am**.

Parish Mission: Please mark your calendar for the **Parish Mission** in our church from **2024 October 27-30 (Sunday to Wednesday)** preached by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** Pastor of St. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney.

SUMMER CAMP: The Religious Education ministry of St. Peter's Parish, Port Hood, presents: **Summer Camp 2024!** DRAMA, MUSIC, ART. **Camp 1: July 8-29; Camp 2: August 5-26.** Monday mornings **9:00 am-12 noon** at the St. Peter's Parish Hall. Camp is for children of **ages 5-13 (Ages 14-18 can register for free to be a camp leader)**. Register for one or two months. We will prepare a different theatre play-backdrop, props, music, and costumes-to perform at the end of each month. For more information or to register contact: **Sheila MacIsaac: 902-631-2512 or Maria Jardine: 902-483-5234.** **Registration still open.** (If registration fee is an issue, don't worry, sponsorship is available)

Free Marriage Prep Course: Sunday **June 30th at St Joseph Church in North Sydney** from **10.00am to 3.00pm**. Starting with **Holy Mass at 10.00am** with a homily on the marriage laws of the Church. Followed by sessions in the hall on finances, spirituality, sexuality, children, communication and a free lunch. All couples being married in the Diocese are welcome. Register by calling the parish office at 902-794-3951

On June 23rd at 1:00 P.M. will be the closing ceremony for Immaculate Conception Church, West Lake Ainslie, with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick and visiting priests. There will be a lunch, sharing of stories and memories down at the Community Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

Plaques: In the past we offered families the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on a plaque in the back of the church. We plan to continue this practice. We will print and mount plaques on a bi-yearly basis. If you would like to have the name of someone engraved on such a plaque, you may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

On June 24th, the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Profession of Vows of Mother Superior **Rev. Sr. Elizabeth Marie Cormier, SOLI**, daughter of Betty and Edgar Cormier of St Peter's Parish. We ask that you keep **St. Elizabeth** in prayer as she commemorates this significant milestone. A video link of the Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, Ontario, will be accessible a few days later. For more details, kindly reach out to Betty Cormier. May God bless you abundantly! — the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (SOLI Sisters)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church
(9.00AM to 3.00pm everyday)**

“Remember your church in your Will.”

Welcome!!!

**St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to
all the visitors to Port Hood!!!**