

THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA

Being sixty days before Easter
February 19, 2017

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the Feast!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 42 & 43 | Genesis 3 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 44:24-27:	page 386
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect and Epistle:	page 134
Gradual Psalm 17:6-9:	page 346
The Holy Gospel:	page 135
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The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
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9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall *Time with Fr. Stockall*

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ Processional Hymn:	103 (Albano)
The Gloria:	page 86
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Gradual Psalm:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Holy Gospel:	page 135
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪ Offertory Hymn:	240 (Schmuche Dich)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ Hymn during Communion:	493 (St. Botolph)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ Recessional Hymn:	427 (Monks Gate)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the
10:30 Celebration for Coffee and Conversation.*



We are very pleased to welcome Henry Donald Hallett, son of Jordan and Erika (McBride) Hallett, as a member of the Body of Christ and an inheritor of the Kingdom of God. We pray that the Grace which God has shared with him this day in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism might strengthen him each and every day of his life.



From the Rector _____

Imagine yourself standing beside an outdoor pool on a hot summer day. In most cases you'll see that almost all of the noise and activity happens at the shallow end: shouts and cries of happiness, squeals of delight from the many that congregate where the water is shallow and safe. You'll maybe see a few brave souls milling about at the other end, some clinging fiercely to the side, perhaps a handful confidently diving to the bottom; but most of the action takes place where the risk is least.

That image of a pool on a hot summer day serves well as a metaphor for our lives. We can so easily get caught up with all of the action at the shallow end: worrying about things that have no lasting value or importance, spending our time and talent on things that will seem insignificant, or even silly, to most of us when we later look back at them. If we have even a measure of self-awareness, we cannot help but recall episodes in our lives that we now look back on as needless expenditures of our efforts; things that, in hindsight, we might better have left alone; or, perhaps, even worse, moments when we might have made

things better had we been willing to go deeper; to commit more of ourselves, our time and our energy; more of our gifts and attention. How many conversations, how many bitter, small-minded things have been said or thought, how many things have we done that we wish we might have back; all because we stayed firmly rooted at the shallow end?

But that image of a pool on a hot summer day might also serve as a metaphor for our Christian journey; the journey which we make both individually and collectively. How much do we miss out on because we're unwilling or unable to delve more deeply into the relationship into which Christ has called us; because we've been more comfortable splashing, safely, at the shallow end?

The image of the Body of Christ challenges us to turn away from that which is shallow and risk-free and to launch out into deeper water. It challenges us to see ourselves not just as individuals, nor as members of a small, select circle, but to see ourselves as part of a series of relationships beyond our counting, a series of relationships which we have not chosen for ourselves but which have been chosen for us by Christ.

The image of the Body challenges us to see ourselves as intrinsically inter-related; and to value each other as someone for whom Christ lived and died and lived again. It challenges us to recognise the image of Christ in each other, no matter how much that image may be masked or marred; and to never lose sight of that image when we encounter difference or disagreement, tension or conflict, within this Body: as St. Paul reminds us, our eyes need our feet and our feet need our eyes; our hands need our ears and our ears our hands. We are, in this Body, inescapably, unavoidably, inter-related.

But to live out that inter-relatedness in practical terms is an immense challenge. It requires us to step away from the safe and secure, to be willing to risk ourselves in deeper water; it requires us to be willing to invest ourselves in care and compassion, patience and understanding, even in weakness and vulnerability, and in precisely those moments and places when our instincts and our tastes, our likes and our dislikes, our temperament and our limitations all conspire to make it much easier to find fault.

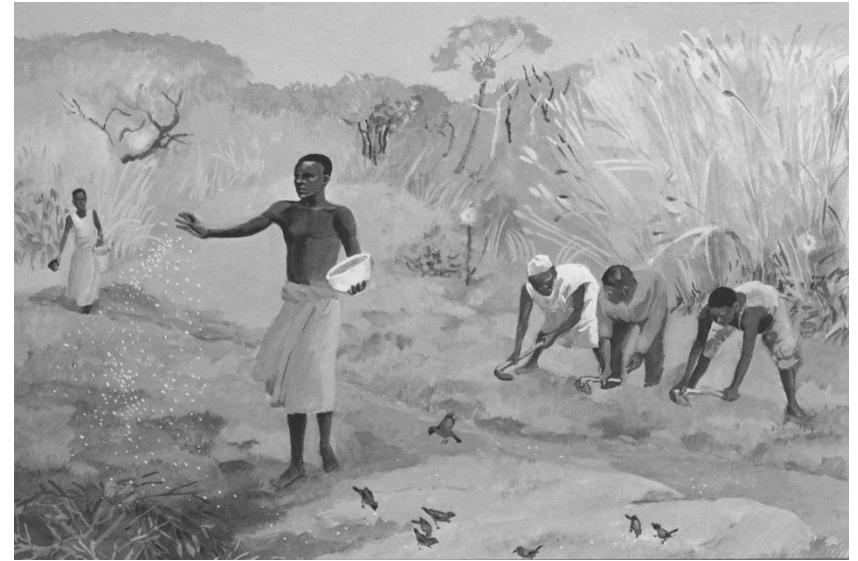
So much of what occupies our attention on a day to day basis will have no relevance in the larger picture or the longer term. Christ will not one day ask us about any of the many things that seem important as we splash around in the shallow water. But He will one day ask us how we have tended and cared for and nurtured and loved this Body of which He is the Head and each one of us is a vital and much-valued, and much-loved, member.

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Jesus' favorite speech form, the parable, was subversive. Parables sound absolutely ordinary: casual stories about soil and seeds, meals and coins and sheep, bandits and victims, farmers and merchants. And they are wholly secular: of his forty or so parables recorded in the Gospels, only one has its setting in church, and only a couple mention the name God. As people heard Jesus tell these stories, they saw at once that they weren't about God, so there was nothing in them threatening their own sovereignty. They relaxed their defenses. They walked away perplexed, wondering what they meant, the stories lodged in their imagination. And then, like a time bomb, they would explode in their unprotected hearts. An abyss opened up at their very feet. He was talking about God; they had been invaded!

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Parish Notices and Updates

There is an old custom in the Church of using the palm crosses from the Palm Sunday of the previous year to make the ashes in advance of the Ash Wednesday commemoration of the following year. If you wish, you are invited to bring your old palm crosses by Quinquagesima Sunday (February 26th) and place them in the basket provided on the table in the Narthex.

St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture," resumes this coming *Friday at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. Mary (York) will be next *Sunday, February 26th*, at approximately 12:15 p.m., following our weekly Coffee & Conversation. All members of the Parish are encouraged to take part in the meeting as we review our work as a Parish in 2016 and make plans for 2017. *We will also be looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year. Please give very thoughtful and prayerful consideration to how God may be calling you to share your gifts and talents; and speak to the Rector if you have any questions.*

The Season of Lent, an important time in the Church's life, will begin on March 1st with the commemoration of **Ash Wednesday**. For your convenience you have the option of attending either a morning celebration at *All Saints' in Marysville at 10:00 a.m.* or an evening celebration here at *St. Mary's at 7:00 p.m.* Everyone is encouraged to attend one of these two Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, with the Imposition of Ashes, that together we might begin the journey to the Cross.

St. Mary's annual Shrove Tuesday Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. *A signup sheet for those who are able to help with this event has been posted on the easel in the Narthex.* The menu will include pancakes, baked beans and sausage; gingerbread and whipped cream. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering can be made. Please plan to join us as we celebrate together before the beginning of Lent.

Our friends in the Parish of Marysville are challenging the people of St. Mary's and other neighbouring parishes to their 1st annual Charity Bowling Tournament to raise funds for Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary in Uganda. The event will be held on *Saturday, March 25th*, at Bowl-a-Drome (301 Main Street) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It's hoped that St. Mary's can organise two teams of 5 or 6 bowlers each, so please speak to the Rector if you're interested. To help with organisation, they'd like to know the names of the participants by the beginning of March. *A signup sheet is available on the table in the narthex. Plan to help make this excellent project a success!*

If you like to knit, St. Mary's Mothers' Union invite you to use up some of your surplus yarn and help a number of excellent projects. In addition to their

recent efforts to supply *Comfort Bears* for children at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, **they have two NEW projects.** Instructions have been posted on the Mothers' Union bulletin board in the hall for *Knitted Hats for Newborns* and a request from *Knitted Knockers of Canada* in support of women who have had mastectomy surgery. Feel free to pick up some instructions and get knitting!



Voices of Hope

The Simple Gift of Water: For women in a dozen villages in rural Tanzania, a simple hand pump in the centre of the village means hours of extra time each day. PWRDF and the Diocese of Masasi, with funding from the government of Canada, have dug 17 bore holes in the 12 villages. A borehole is a relatively simple, cost-effective way to dig down to the water table and provide water to up to 3000 people. A simple hand pump is attached at the top of the pipe. A hand pump is easier for the local people to learn to repair, and doesn't require electricity to operate. Two people in each village have been trained as pump operators, learning how to do maintenance and repairs on the hand pumps, ensuring that the pumps will last well past the end of the Diocese of Masasi's project in the village. Thanks to these pumps, 50,000 people now have access to clean water right in their communities!



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FEBRUARY 22: ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY 25: THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY 26: THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA

Being 50 days before Easter

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist