

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:  
**MOTHERING  
SUNDAY**

March 26, 2017

*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world!*

**8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalms 86 & 87 | Exodus 1:8-14, 22-2:10 | St. Luke 18:35-19:10

**9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 122:	<i>page 498</i>
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	<i>page 147</i>
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	<i>page 138</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 16.2-7a
Psalm 125:	<i>page 499</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 147</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 147</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
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**

♪♪ <b>Processional Hymn:</b>	<b>627</b> (Ewing)
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The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	<i>page 138</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Exodus 16.2-7a
♪♪ Psalm:	<i>please see the bulletin insert</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 147</i>
♪♪ <b>Gradual Hymn:</b>	<b>116</b> (Song 13)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 147</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♪♪ <b>Offertory Hymn:</b>	<b>807</b> (Hermon)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
♪♪ <b>Hymn during Communion:</b>	<b>219</b> (Bread of Heaven)
Post-Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♪♪ <b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	<b>503</b> (Kingsfold)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the  
10:30 Celebration for Coffee and Conversation &  
Simmel Cake!*

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The Mothering Sunday Flowers are given to the

**Glory of God**

and in loving memory of

**Mary & Parnell Stack**

**Marianna Stack**

by the Family

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## From the Rector

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent marks the middle of our Lenten fast and has traditionally been marked with special activities. It has had various names, including **Mothering Sunday**, **Mid-Lent Sunday**, and **Refreshment Sunday**. The first title is a reference to the fact that this was the traditional day for apprentices and young people "in service" (*i.e.*, working as servants) to have a holiday to go home and visit their mothers, bringing with them presents. Mothering Sunday is the original "mother's day," long pre-dating the modern secular holiday; and it reminds us of both our natural mothers and our spiritual mother, the Church, taking its cue from St. Paul's reference in this morning's Epistle to Jerusalem as the spiritual 'mother' of us all'. Another name for Mothering Sunday is Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day. The food specially associated with Mothering Sunday is Simnel cake, which is a fruit cake with almond paste. Symbols representing the Apostles and the Trinity have customarily been included. The name Simnel likely comes from the Latin word *simila*, which means a fine wheat flour usually used for baking a cake.

So, here in the middle of our Lenten journey to the Cross, the Church offers us a day of rest on which we are reminded of the Grace of God which nourishes us soul and body every day.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **MARCH 29: JOHN KEBLE**, Scholar and Poet

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **MARCH 30: LENTEN FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

#### **MARCH 31: LENTEN FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

#### **APRIL 1: The Fifth Sunday in Lent: PASSION SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### **APRIL 2: The Fifth Sunday in Lent: PASSION SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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*The Anglican Church of Canada*  
*The Diocese of Fredericton*  
**THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK**



"HOW WAS YOUR DAY?" ... A mother I know has a different way of asking the same question. As she tucks her children into bed each night ... she asks them a question: "Where did you meet God today?" And they tell her, one by one: A teacher helped me; there was a homeless person in the park; I saw a tree with lots of flowers in it. She tells them where she met God, too. Before the children drop off to sleep, the stuff of the day has become the substance of their prayer.

*Dorothy C. Bass, Receiving the Day*

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#### *Priest and Rector*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**If you've not had a chance** to complete the personal information form that the Parish is using to update our records please pick up a copy in the Narthex and return it to me or to Thomas Geburt, our Parish Safe Church Officer. The form seeks to gather a lot of information, but you are only being asked to provide as much as you wish. There are, however, two sections that are essential to us: the personal contact section at the top of the first page and the permission section at the bottom of that page. Please note that your forms will be kept securely; and the information will never be shared in any way which violates your expressed wishes. Please speak to me or Thomas if you have any questions.

**If you're looking for a new way to be involved in the ministry** that we carry out here at St. Mary's you might want to think about joining our list of Sunday morning Scripture Readers. A new edition of the schedule is due to be released very soon, so please speak to the Rector if you believe that God may be calling you to this important ministry.

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada**, which is the official international development organization of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, will be screening the documentary "Open Bethlehem" on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Conserver House, 180 Saint John Street, Fredericton. This documentary helps bring to light the impacts of the construction of the separation wall on Palestinians and on a city that is a symbol of religious and cultural diversity. An intimate look by filmmaker Leila Sansour, the film spans seven momentous years in the life of Bethlehem. More information, visit [www.openbethlehem.org](http://www.openbethlehem.org)

**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.

**NEWS! NEWS!** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Congregational Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Refreshments and munchies will be served at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to share in this opportunity to gather as the Family of God around the table for fellowship and mutual support; and we very warmly encourage you to invite your family and friends. A basket will be available to those who would like to make a very small freewill offering to help cover the costs, but this is **NOT** a fundraising project, so there is no cost to attend! But, to help organisers to prepare for the meal, a signup sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex. **Please let us know either there or by email to the Rector by Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.** *We hope to see everyone there!*

**Please join us next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>,** following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for our monthly *Shared Meal*. Members of both congregations are warmly encouraged to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which are have in Jesus Christ.

**Our local Archdeaconry Committee** continues to sponsor and support our refugee family as they adjust to life in a new country. St. Mary's has had two very faithful representatives on that committee, Ellery Furlong and Anne Buckland; but Anne's recent death means that a space on the committee is now open. If you would be interested in serving Christ and his Church in this important ministry please speak to the Rector.

**The Parish Corporation recently decided to replace the rectangular tables** in the Parish Hall; and the new tables should be here in a few weeks. We're happy to make the old tables (which have served us very well for nearly 50 years!) available to anyone who might have a good use for them. If you'd like some of the tables once the replacements have come, please speak to the Rector or one of the Parish Wardens, Jim McElman or Thomas Geburt.

**Flowers at Easter:** Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure that your donation includes the names of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed; and to help us to include that information in the Easter bulletin, we'll need to know by *Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.*

**As we do each year, we invite you to join us in the Parish Hall on Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>,** starting at 5:30 p.m. for a bowl of soup in advance of our evening Celebration. This year's meal will focus on foods of the Middle East. Volunteers will be preparing a simple meal that we can share in commemoration of the meal that Jesus shared with His disciples on the evening before His arrest. *If you wish to help with the meal, please speak to Bill Knox or Janice Stockall.*

**A signup sheet has been placed on the easel** in the narthex for those who would like to take a shift during our Watch between the end of our Maundy Thursday service and the beginning of the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday. **Please note that we have altered how the Watch will run this year.** The Watch will be kept in the Chapel from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on Maundy Thursday and again from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday. In addition to that, members of the Parish are invited to keep the Watch prayerfully at home anytime from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Feel free to sign up if you wish to share in this quiet prayerful ministry. If you have any questions please speak to the Rector.

**As we do each year, the Parish Corporation** has applied for funding to hire a summer student to care for the cemetery and lawn. We're still awaiting a reply to our application but, in the meantime, please let us know of any students who may be interested in the job. There are several criteria that have to be met including being a student in the terms prior to and following the employment period. If you have any questions or would like to forward a name, please speak to Jim McElman or the Rector.

**Greetings from Bishop McAllister College! Canon Paul Jeffries** writes: "I'm so happy to inform everyone that the *school web site* has been rebuilt by a member of the school teaching staff, Annibo Ainebyoona, for which we are very grateful. It is a work in process, but you will be able to find my latest newsletter and other updates." Go to: [www.bishopmcallistercollege.com](http://www.bishopmcallistercollege.com)

### ***The Mary Sumner Prayer***

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

### ***The Mothers' Union Prayer***

Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen

### ***Mothers' Union Prayers for Lady Day: the Feast of the Annunciation:***

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, You hold all possibilities in your hands and nothing is impossible with you. Make known your will for each one of us, though we may ask, "Who, me?" Take us as we are and accept all we have. Let it be with us according to your word. **Amen**

Lord, thank you for all the ways you break into our lives with your message of love and hope for the future. Thank you for your angels, who come to us in so many different ways. May we be open to recognise and welcome them. **Amen**

### **Closing prayer**

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## **5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

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The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 271</i>
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