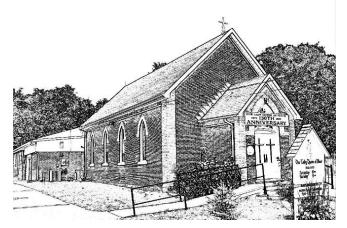
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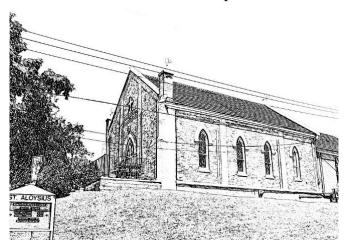


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| | 11:00 a.m. | FF | Holy Mass † |
| Wed. Aug 6 th | 1:00 p.m. | BC | Holy Mass † |
| Thurs. Aug 7 th | 9:00 a.m. | FF | Holy Mass † Ross Abbott by the Abott Family |
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| | 6:00 p.m. | BC | Holy Mass † For the Intentions of Cheri Boissoin by Jerelyn Forestall |
| Sun. Aug 10 th | 9:00 a.m. | BC | Holy Mass † McKenna Sinden Fleming by Kathy & Ray Tobin |
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Let us remember in Our Prayers all who are Sick

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From the Desk of the Pastor...

The book of Ecclesiastes contains wisdom literature written in the ancient Jewish tradition. Our reading from Ecclesiastes today declares, "vanity of vanities, all is vanity." The author sees our earthly pursuits and possessions as transitory and ultimately meaningless. Thus, true meaning in life must be found in God, in the awe and wonder we are to have before God and in the gifts and treasures found in God's kingdom. Trying to grasp onto the things of the earth and to find ultimate meaning in them, is like trying to chase the wind. The things of the earth cannot be pursued for their own sake. Elsewhere in Ecclesiastes, we are told that the key to life is to fear and respect God, to follow his commandments and to find joy in the simple gifts that God provides to us.

I want to bring up the topic of stewardship, since stewardship is very relevant to the themes in this Sunday's readings, when our focus in life becomes our material possessions and the accumulation of earthly treasures. Paul advice to us is to think about it above what pertains to God's kingdom, not about what is below. We must not forget that our eternal home is in God's kingdom and so the things we do on earth should be with that end in sight. We are to look to God with grateful hearts, since everything that we have received on this earth has been freely given to us by God. Through simple acts of thanksgiving we can more fully live out a life of faith and a life of stewardship.

One thing that was mentioned at our finance council meeting was that although our attendance at Mass and offertory is up, we are financially tight right now. The Diocese reminded us about our alarming low bank account balance. This is because of some projects and spending done in the past. So, I want to emphasize to all of you the importance of giving to our parish. We are only able to provide services and programs based on our financial health and the support of our parishioners. We are thankful to the parishioners who are very committed to financially support our parish. All of us need to think about how we financially contribute to our parish, that this is a commitment we are called to make as a disciple of Christ. We have been taught by the Scriptures and our Church that the Catholic faithful is being obliged to contribute to the needs of the Church, including the needs of the parish, works of charity, the apostolate and the support of the Church's ministers. I think we should all think about how God is calling us to do this with our generosity and thanksgiving, not just the minimal amount possible. Our Gospel today definitely helps us think about our stewardship of the Church and of our Parish. Charity indeed begins at home!

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Food Bank: The Bobcaygeon Food bank is in need of supplies as the community continues to see a growth in food insecurity. They need nutritious non-perishables, healthy snacks, juice, canned fruit, peanut butter. Donations can be dropped off at the church, the local grocery stores or at 55 Main Street, Bobcaygeon on Wednesdays between 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

St. Aloysius

Ladies Group: Correction - there will be NO August meeting for the Ladies Group.

The next monthly meeting will be Thursday September 4th after the 9:00 a.m. mass in the Rectory Hall. All new and existing members are encouraged to attend!



Vocations, Youth & Campus Ministry
Special Collection August 3

On May 30th, 2025, Fr. Peter Bissonnette was ordained to the priesthood at our Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains! It was a wonderful evening filled with so many blessings. As vocations director, I have the privilege and responsibility of accompanying young seminarians as they journey towards the priesthood. I remember my many conversations with Fr. Peter when he was discerning the priesthood and now, I see the fantastic results of that dedication; the Diocese of Peterborough has a new priest! This work involves visiting and mentoring young men as they consider the call to serve as a priest. This work, of course, depends on your generosity towards the Vocations collection on August 3rd. Please be generous and assist me in my work of ensuring more priests will selflessly serve in your parish communities!

The Diocesan Youth Office aims to assist parishes in ministering to the youth and young adults of our diocese. So far, we have seen the wonderful fruits of it: Way of the Cross, In the Footsteps of the Holy Canadian Martyrs walking pilgrimage, World Youth Day, attendance at Steubenville and Renew Conferences, and Catholic young adult ministries happening in many places. We also seek to assist smaller parishes with resources, both personnel and financial, in providing for their young people. Please assist me in this work by contributing towards the Youth Special Collection on August 3rd! Together, we will help bring Christ to the new generation of Catholics in our diocese.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for the Cemetery Mass on Sunday, July 27th at our parish cemetery in Fenelon Falls.

Your presence was a beautiful testament to the love and respect we share for our departed loved ones. Through prayer and community, we honoured their memory and lifted our hearts together in faith and hope.

We are especially grateful for your generosity in supporting the maintenance of our cemetery, ensuring that it remains a peaceful and respectful resting place for those who have gone before us.

May our shared prayers bring comfort to the souls of the faithful departed and deepen our trust in the promise of eternal life.

Thank you once again for being part of this meaningful occasion.

With gratitude and blessings,

- Fr. Erwin

Support Our Parishes' Capital Projects Monthly Collection

St. Aloysius and Our Lady Queen of Peace are in urgent need of support to maintain and improve our church buildings. As small parishes, keeping up with necessary repairs and ongoing maintenance has become increasingly difficult.

To help address this challenge, we are launching a **Monthly Capital Projects Collection** on the **last Sunday of each month**. All funds raised will go directly toward essential improvements and repairs at both parishes.

Next Collection Date: August 30th & 31st

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a monthly contribution to this important initiative. Your generosity will help ensure that our churches remain welcoming, safe and beautiful places of worship for years to come.

Let us work together to preserve our faith communities — every gift makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the future of our parishes. Add your donation to the collection basket using the envelopes provided at each parish. Include your personal information to receive a donation receipt.

Join Us for First Friday Mass & Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Beginning August 1st

Fr. Erwin warmly invites all parishioners to participate in the **First Friday Mass** each month, followed by a **Holy Hour of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament**.

When: Every First Friday of the Month

% Where: Both Parish Churches

What: Mass followed by **One Holy Hour** of quiet

prayer, adoration and devotion

Let us grow together in love and reverence for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and deepen our faith through this powerful devotion.

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