

From the Rector _____

This is Rogation Sunday. This coming Thursday we will celebrate Ascension Day, the fortieth day after Easter Day; the day on which we celebrate Christ's triumphal return to the heaven which He had left that He might be our Saviour; where He sits, as we say in the Creed, at the right hand of the Father, awaiting that day when He will fulfil His promise to return again in glory. And because scripture speaks of the ascended Christ as interceding on our behalf, this Sunday, and the three days that follow this week, all focus on the question of prayer, taking their name from the Latin *rogare*; to ask, found in the words in the Gospel for the day: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give to you".

By the 17th century, the old Roman festival of "Terminalia", or 'boundaries', had been adapted by the church and served a practical purpose: in the days before reliable maps, there were not always clear lines of demarcation between the parishes, especially where there were open field systems. In the Western Church, processions to bless the crops were conducted, and included 'beating the bounds.' The rogation themes of blessing the fields and beating the bounds were commended in the 1630s by the poet George Herbert, that epitome of English country parsons. He said that processions should be encouraged for four reasons:

- 1 A Blessing of God for the fruits of the field;
- 2 Justice in the preservation of bounds;
- 3 Charity in walking and neighbourly accompanying one another with reconciling of differences if there be any.
- 4 Mercy, in relieving the poor by a liberal distribution of largesse, which at the time is or ought to be used.

Contemporary concerns will include:

- 1 The enjoyment by all of, and access to, the countryside.
- 2 Conservation of species not directly offering economic profit to the owner or occupier of the land where they flourish.
- 3 The ecological insight of the inter-relatedness of the created order.
- 4 Reflection upon our relationship to the natural order: what does it mean to "have dominion" under God over the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and the reptiles, the plants bearing seed, the trees bearing fruit, the green plants?
- 5 The relief of the poor.

So Rogation Sunday is the traditional day in which the soil and the seed of the new growing season would be blessed, acknowledging our

dependence on God to bring a good harvest to fruition. But Rogation Sunday is more than just asking God to bless the soil and the seeds; because, whether we realise it or not, our prayer life is a lot like trying to grow a garden. If we assume that every good harvest will magically come just because we wish it to, without being committed to the hard everyday task that gardening requires, we will be sadly mistaken. And our prayers are much like that: if somehow we think that we only have to ask and God will magically make it come to pass, we'll likely end up sadly mistaken.

Like anything that's important in our lives, prayer is hard work, because God expects us to use all the gifts that He gives us to their fullest. If we pray long enough about something, we may just find that the very thing we're praying for will only happen if we're willing to pick up and use the tools that God has already given us. As one person has said, 'after saying our prayers, we [then] ought to do something to make them come true. In the end we're almost certain to be amazed at what God can accomplish with us and for us.



Parish Notices and Updates _____

ASCENSION DAY is the Church's commemoration of Christ's triumphal return to heaven following His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. It falls each year on the 40th day of Easter. A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension will be held on **Thursday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m.** at All Saints' Church in the Parish of Marysville; and everyone is encouraged to make the effort to attend as their schedule permits. Some light refreshments will follow the Service for those who wish to stay. Plan to join us on the 26th as we celebrate the completion of Christ's earthly ministry and His promise to send us the Holy Spirit.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE: Archbishop David Edwards will be on pilgrimage here in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton from May 21st to June 5th, the 7th and final archdeaconry pilgrimage that he has made since he became bishop of the Diocese. He will be visiting us here in the Parish on Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th, serving as celebrant and preacher at the 5:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday and blessing the Community Food Forest on Sunday. He will be sleeping over night at St. Mary's and will be celebrating and preaching in the Parish of Marysville on Sunday morning. As part of his pilgrimage there will be opportunity for members of the Parish to walk with the archbishop; and details of how

to do that will be shared the week prior to his visit. During the pilgrimage you can follow his progress by reading his blog. Go to: <https://nb.anglican.ca/the-bishop/bishops-pilgrimage> to read about this year's journey, including the schedule and route for the various days of the pilgrimage, or to read what he wrote during his last pilgrimage in 2019.

ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY FOOD FOREST OFFICIAL OPENING:

Everyone is invited to the opening of our Community Food Forest on **Sunday June 5th at 11:00 a.m.** We will have 3 concurrent activities starting at 11 am, followed by a short ceremony to thank our partners and sponsors. We would request that masks be worn in any situation where social distancing cannot be maintained. Adam Birchweaver will be hosting a plant walk in and around the food forest discussing the edibility, medicinal uses, and history of plants in the area. Sima Usvyatsov will be doing a demonstration of plant propagation techniques that allow you to multiply your perennial plants for free. And Andrew Mathis will be hosting a walk around the food forest discussing its design and establishment. These 3 activities will be happening at the same time, so you'll have to choose which one you'd like to attend. We hope to see you there!

NICHOLAS SAULNIER will be ordained as a deacon in the Church of God on the **Feast of St. Barnabas, June 11th**, at 2:00 p.m. at St. George's Church in Moncton. Nicholas will be starting his work in the Parishes of St. Mary, York, Marysville, and Stanley shortly after his ordination. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this foundational day in his ministry as he responds to God's call to servanthood.

E-OFFERING: Many members of our Parish Family have chosen the convenience of E-Offering to help ensure that their support for the ministry of the Church continues whenever they're not able to attend. And for those who can attend, the convenience of not having to write a cheque or handle cash makes it a simple way of offering to God a tangible sign of our gratitude for his Grace. E-Offering is a safe and secure electronic offering system that debits directly from your bank account. It is easy, simple, and customizable. You can set up weekly or monthly contributions; and with any amount. Adjustments are easy to make; and the form is easy to fill out. Please pick up a slip from the table in the narthex if you are interested or speak to Allan Agnew or the Rector if you have any questions.



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It is as if the Spirit stands behind us, throwing light over our shoulder, on Jesus, who stands facing us. The Spirit's message to us is never, "Look at me; listen to me; come to me; get to know me," but always, "Look at *him*, and see his glory; listen to *him* and hear his word; go to *him* and have life; get to know *him* and taste his gift of joy and peace." The Spirit, we might say, is the matchmaker, the celestial marriage broker, whose role it is to bring us and Christ together and ensure that we stay together.

James I. Packer, *Keep in Step with the Spirit*

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY

May 21, 2022

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalm 105 part 2 | Joshua 24:1-28 | Acts 28:16-end

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MAY 24: ROGATION DAY

2:30 p.m. – Holy Communion, Neill Hall

MAY 25: ROGATION DAY

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MAY 26: ASCENSION DAY

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, All Saints, Marysville

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, All Saints, Marysville

2:00 p.m. – Holy Communion, Paradise Villa

MAY 27: EASTER FERIA

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

MAY 28: THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

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May 22, 2022

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 46 & 63 | Numbers 24:1-19 | Romans 6:1-14

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **Walk Softly in Springtime**

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