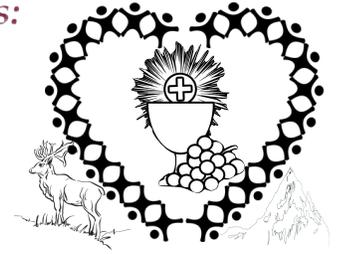


*Our Current Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:
Fernie on Saturday evening at 5pm,
Sparwood at 9am Sunday morning,
and Elkford at 4pm Sunday afternoon.*



The Sunday Mass is broadcast via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9am (see below).

Dear All,

As I write this I am away from the parish. This week has been a bit of a challenge as my lovely iPad decided not to charge. Being away I didn't have my other computer with me, and everything I was doing this week was dependent upon having my iPad. I was doing various things in preparation for meeting with the CWL executive, plus various parish items as well as this e-mail. So Wednesday was spent at Apple "genius bar" but to no avail. So I have been doing the 'beg, steal or borrow' game to get me through the week.

Additionally my parents were meant to move into their new home last week, but it wasn't ready, so they are in limbo at the moment, this meant that I have been doing some box moving and other tasks, which took time I wasn't expecting.

My hope is that next week I will be organised and things will go to plan... next week.

Deacon Stephen

This weekend we welcome Deacon Stephen from Calgary to our Zoom Mass (and to all the Masses in the Valley this weekend). He will preach at Mass. I am very grateful to him for this as it takes a weight of my shoulders. I am fascinated to hear what he is to say as we have been exchanging e-mails about the parable of the wedding banquet - our Gospel reading this weekend. I am sure we are in for a feast!

Also, Deacon Stephen will be assisting with the distribution of Communion after Mass in Sparwood, so hopefully the line up will move a bit more quickly.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Next weekend at our Zoom Mass a number of the kids from Sparwood will be taking their first Holy Communion. It is a delight that we can have this at our Sunday Zoom Mass. Hopefully it will be a very special day for the kids and a point of renewal for the rest of us.

So I would ask you to keep the kids in your prayers over the next couple of weeks:

Emmery Martin

Noah Bilski

Wyatt Bilski

Willow Charlebois

If this celebration touches you in some way and you live in the local area, please remember that Communion is available after our broadcast Mass from 10am to 11am.

The Sunday after that, Sunday 25th October, we will be having Confirmation in Sparwood. We are hoping to be joined – *on-line* – by Bishop Gregory who will have a message for our youngsters and all of us. We are currently working on the technical side of this!

Fratelli Tutti

Last weekend the Pope published a new encyclical. It was started a couple of years ago and was designed to be an overview of where we are as a world society, looking at trends in society and the difficulties we face as a family of peoples throughout the world. It's start point was St. Francis and his love of all people – near or far.

This encyclical is almost 40,000 words long, which for me is long. Initially I thought I would do a summary of this document to make it more accessible, but very quickly I realised that people far more skilled than myself have already written summaries. So attached with this e-mail is a summary produced by the Vatican's own news agency, 'Vatican News'. But I still wanted to add something, so as I read the document I just made a few notes. These are not a summary, rather imagine someone sitting next to you and quietly reading the document and then suddenly blurting out the odd line or paragraph – that is what my document is, those bits that I blurted out! Hopefully it is only about 10% of the length of the original document, which is available in full on the Vatican website.

So if you can't sleep at any time, please feel free to read one or more of these.

And Finally

I just hope that my iPad lasts until I get to the end of this sentence...

With many thanks, Fr. David

Link to Sunday Mass

To get the link to our 9am Sunday morning Mass please send an e-mail to one of our parish offices with your name and you will then receive the link each week.

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