



**St. Peter’s Parish  
Port Hood  
Nov. 10, 2024**

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brevity or clarity.*

*Thank you,  
Tudi MacEachern*

# Parish News

## Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Nov. 16, 4:00 pm	Ellen Murphy	Donnie McIlone
Sun. Nov. 17, 10:00 am	Mary J MacDonald	Marlene MacMillan
Weekday Masses		
<b><u>Mon. Nov. 11 9:30am Remembrance Day Mass</u></b>		
Tues. Nov. 12 6:00pm Protection of the unborn by Joanne MacDonald & family		
Wed. Nov. 13 6:00pm (R) Sonny MacInnis by Joanne Burke		
Thur. Nov. 14 6:00pm (R) Isaac Goswell by Donald A./Catherine MacEachern		
Fri. Nov. 15 6:00pm (R) John Willie Beaton by Sally Watts		

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” (Mark 12:43-44) St. Theresa of Calcutta has said: “If you give what you don’t need, it isn’t giving.” She used to narrate an incident of how one day she was walking down the street when a man begging on the street, came up to her and said, “Mother Teresa everybody is giving to you, I also want to give to you. Today for the whole day I got only fifteen rupees (thirty cents). I want to give it to you”. Mother Teresa thought for a moment: ‘If I take the thirty cents, he will have nothing to eat tonight, and if I don’t take it, I will hurt his feelings.’ So, I put out my hands and took the money. I have never seen such joy on anybody’s face as I saw on the face of that beggar at the thought that he, too, could give to Mother Teresa.” She said that gift meant more to her than winning the Nobel Prize. Mother Teresa went on: “It was a big sacrifice for that poor man, who had sat in the sun the whole day long and received only thirty cents. Thirty cents is such a small amount, and I can get nothing with it, but as he gave it up and I took it, it became like thousands because it was given with so much love. God looks not at the greatness of the work, but at the love with which it is performed.” The readings for this Sunday, especially the first reading and the Gospel, by citing the examples of two widows, challenge us to surrender our lives to God, by sacrificially serving others. In the first reading, a poor widow who has barely enough food for herself and her son, welcomes the prophet Elijah as a man of God, offers all her food to him and receives her reward from God in the form of a continuing daily supply of food. In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honor sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honor in God’s eyes. The poor widows gave away all that they possessed for the glory of God. By praising the poor widow in the Gospel, Jesus is pointing out the difference between giving what we have left over and giving all that we have. It was not the woman’s poverty that made her gift significant for Jesus. For him, it was the fact that this widow alone, among all the contributors lined up to give their offerings, gave her all. This widow offered to God for His use, everything she had-two small copper coins. Those two coins represented her last piece of security, her fragile earthly thread of hope for the future. With her deep desire to be an obedient servant of God, she gave all she had as an offering-even her future-for the sake of God. In other words, she gave herself totally into God’s hands, with the sure conviction that He would give her the support she needed. Today we are challenged to follow her example. Jesus evaluates us not on what we have or what we give, but on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to God’s Holy Will. The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our purses.

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a parish council meeting on **Thursday, November 14, at 7pm** in the glebe.

**Remembrance Day (November 11):** Let us remember with gratitude our fellow country men and women who died in war and pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God’s peace into the world. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes. **Holy Mass will be celebrated for Remembrance Day on Monday November 11, at 9.30am.**

**New Missals for 2025:** The new missals will be sold before masses on the weekends of Nov. 16/17 and Nov 23/24. The cost is \$5.00.

**CWL:** The CWL will be hosting their annual Auction on Saturday **November 30<sup>th</sup>**; canvassing will be taking place door to door at the local businesses in our area in the coming days. Those businesses or individuals who would like to donate items to be auctioned off for our annual fundraiser would be greatly appreciated and can contact Ann MacDonald (little Ann). More details to follow for this event.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

**KOC Hot Roast Beef Dinner:** Scheduled for Saturday, **Nov. 16, from 4-6:30.** \$25...Eat In or Take-out. Dessert, Apple Crumble with/without ice cream.

**KOC Work Schedule:**

Apple Peeling	: Thursday	9:00am (More men needed)
Peeling and hall prep.	: Friday	4:00 pm
Meal prep and serving	: Saturday	2:00 pm
Cleanup	: Saturday	6:00 pm

**Frances MacDonnell**, formerly of this parish, (and sister of Gerald, Carmelita, Georgie, Cecil, and Lloyd), will be waked from 3-7 on Nov 13, with funeral on Thursday at 11:00am at St. Mary’s Church, Mabou.

**Thank You:** The family of Ann Marie MacDonald would like to send our heart filled appreciation to all who reached out over the past few weeks. Thanks to all who helped with her care while in hospital: doctors, nurses, all the support staff, EHS staff-you went above and beyond for mom, you provided the most compassionate and competent care, to which Ann Marie truly respected and appreciated. Thanks to all who helped with her beautiful service-Reverend Nick Phillips, Father Andrew Gillies; Readers: Darlene, Kate, Chelsea and Nicole; amazing music by Debbie and Joanne; the pallbearers: Connor, Luke, Carson, Ben, Josh, Tyler; Ryan for setting up and running the live stream into the hall; CWL and UCW ladies for the meal afterwards. Thanks to Tonya and Kevin for all their help and organization, and to anyone else we forgot. We will be forever grateful. To Nanny Sally for showing us all how powerful one can be even at the age of 96-you are so loved. Thanks to all and to the best little town that we are honoured to be a part of. So nice to see so many from our local communities and how our family connections spread far beyond Marble Hill. Mom made a huge impact on many as witnessed by the attendance of her wake and service. Sunrises and sunsets now hold a special place in all our hearts.

**The Cemetery Committee** wishes to acknowledge and thank Edgar Cormier and Angus MacLean for their work in maintaining our old and new parish cemeteries in excellent shape again this year. They have also retired from this duty as of September; so, we will be looking for new worker/s for the next year. We also thank the many parishioners who have made generous contributions toward the upkeep of the cemeteries. We especially thank those who have designated the parish cemetery as a place for donations in memory of a deceased family member. It is one of our main sources of funding. On Nov.2-All Souls’ Day-Holy Mass was celebrated and candles were lit to remember the 28 parishioners who passed to their eternal reward over the last year. Thanks to all the family members who were present to light the candles and to CWL for coordinating the event. November is a month to remember all the faithful departed and to visit and say prayers at the graves of loved family members and friends in our cemeteries. The Catholic cemetery has been our heritage and the natural conclusion to our lives. It serves as a symbol of the extended community of believers unbroken by death. (Cemetery Committee: Hughie John Beaton, Bernie Gillies, John Gillies, Martha Gillis, Colleen MacLeod, and Fr. Sunny Sebastian)

**The ICMH Auxiliary** will be holding its Christmas Sale & Tea on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 -5 pm** at the Inverness Legion, Central Avenue. Sales includes Bake Table, Craft Table, Christmas Table, Parcel Post, Raffle Items, Silent Auction, Visit from Santa, Face Painting and Coloring Table. Tea tickets-\$5.00 “Eat In or Take Out”. Our area is asked to supply wrapped articles for Parcel Post worth at least \$2.00 marked Man, Woman or Child. A canvasser will call on you for a donation. For further information contact Alice Landry at 902-787-2491.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** on Sunday, November 17th, 10 am-2 pm at the Port Hood Fire Hall. Admission \$2, under 12 FREE. Light lunch available for purchase.

**Hunters Breakfast:** Glencoe Station Hall- Nov. 16, Nov. 23, Nov. 30 from 7-11am; \$15 per person.