



St. Peter’s Parish
Port Hood
Dec. 22 & 29 , 2024

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Baptisms
By appointment, please call.
Parish Office

Marriages
Please call Parish Office at least
six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm to
5:45pm & Saturday from 2.30pm
to 3.30pm

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Bulletin
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Send notices no later than 12
noon on Wednesdays.
Please note that bulletin notices
may be edited for
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
Christmas Eve 4:00pm 8:00pm	Isabel Calder Ellen Murphy	Catherine Trenholm Donnie Mcllone
Christmas Day 10:00am	Gerard MacPhee	Marlene MacMillan
Sat. Dec. 28 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Darlene Watts
Sun. Dec. 29, 10:00am	Mary J. MacDonald	Marcella Watts
New Years Eve 4:00pm	Leon Livingstone	Linda Beaton
New Years Day 10:00am	Coline MacEachern	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Dec. 23 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Thur. Dec. 26 6:00pm	(R)Isaac Goswell by TC MacNeil	
Fri. Dec. 27 6:00pm	(R) Sonny MacInnis by Brian/Susan MacDougall	

Mon. Dec. 30 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Thur. Jan. 2 6:00pm	(R) Mary Veronica Gillies by Donald A/Catherine MacEachern	
Fri. Jan. 3 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	
Sat. Jan. 4 11:00am	In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	

Sunday, Dec. 29th will be the last date for donations received for the 2024 year. Any amounts received after that date will be receipted in 2025.

Christmas Message from Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

My dearly beloved in Christ

As we gather this Christmas, we are reminded of the profound mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming man in the humble form of a child. This sacred Season fills our hearts with joy and hope, a light shining brightly in the darkness of our world. It serves as a powerful reminder that, even in times of uncertainty and challenge, God is with us, guiding and renewing our spirits.

As we celebrate the Birth of our Saviour, we also turn our eyes toward the horizon of the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. This significant year is an invitation to embark together as pilgrims of hope on a journey of renewal, reconciliation, and revitalization in our faith communities. It is a call to deepen our relationship with Christ and one another, to embody the love and compassion that Jesus demonstrated.

In this spirit of Hope, I encourage you to reflect on how you can share the light of Christ in your own lives. How can we be messengers of peace in a world often troubled by war and division? How can we extend compassion and support to those in need, particularly the marginalized and suffering? Let this Christmas Season inspire us to embody the hope we celebrate, a hope that is active, transformative, and full of promise.

Let us commit to prayer, reflection and action throughout the coming year. May we engage in community service, foster relationships with those around us, and participate in parish activities that promote spiritual growth. Together, let us nurture a culture that echoes the message of Christmas, which is one of love, peace, and hope for a brighter future.

May this holy Season of Advent fill your hearts with peace and joy and may the light of Christ illuminate your paths. As we prepare for the Jubilee Year of Hope, I pray that you may feel God’s love and be inspired to share that love within our Diocese and beyond.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a hopeful and Happy New Year.

Sincerely in Christ

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” (Luke.2: 14) With this hymn of the Angels proclaiming the Good News of the Birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, comes the Christmas, reminding us of the peace and salvation promised by God. Christmas is the Feast of God’s sending us a Savior. God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as True God and true man to save us from the bondage of sin. We read in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”. In Jesus we have the Saviour who liberated us from slavery to sin and atoned for our sins by his suffering, death and Resurrection. So, every Christmas reminds us that we need a Saviour every day, to free us from our evil addictions and unjust, impure and uncharitable tendencies. Christmas 2024 also challenges us to accept Jesus in the manger as our saving God and personal Saviour and to surrender our lives to him, allowing him to rule our hearts and lives every day in 2025, the coming New Year. Wish you all Merry Christmas. May the Lord Jesus Christ come and live with you and your family and give you His peace, joy, and salvation.

Mass Schedule for Christmas & New Year

- ❖ **Christmas Eve.**
 - **Cantata** : 3.30pm
 - **Christmas Family Mass** : 4.00pm
 - **Christmas Evening Mass** : 8.00pm
- ❖ **Christmas Day Mass** : 10:00am
- ❖ **New Year Eve. Mass** : 4.00pm
- ❖ **New Year’s Day Mass** : 10.00am

Theatre Play and Carols: The Parish Religious Education Program is presenting **Theatre Play and Carols** on **Monday 23, December 2024 at 7.00pm** in St. Peter’s parish hall by the Family Program Children and the special guest musicians. The Theme: “**What can I Give Him-The Other Wise Man?**” Free admission-donation box at the door. All are welcome!!!

Jubilee Year 2025: The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 with the theme ‘**Pilgrims of Hope**’ declared by Pope Francis begins on **December 24, 2024**, and ends on **January 6, 2026**. The Jubilee year in our diocese will open with **Mass at St. Ninian Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, on December 29, 2024.**

Building Fund: Request whole-hearted support from the parishioners to raise money for the **Building Fund** with your generous donations, especially to pay off the cost of the brick work done at the back wall of the church building and also for the future maintenance works. Tax receipts will be issued to all donations. **Envelops are available at the back of the church.** Donations can also be dropped in the collection box at the back of the church.

The 2025 Envelops are at the back of the church. If anyone that doesn't currently use envelopes and would like to, there are blank boxes also. Please put your name and address on the first few you use. Please discard old envelopes as our number may change in 2025.

Thank You: Our nativity scene is displayed in the church. You may notice that the figures are looking brighter and fresher, and for that we thank **Diane MacInnis**. After the creche was dismantled last year, she repainted them. They have been used for many years and will look beautiful for many more. (*Liturgy Committee*)

Midnight Holy Hour: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Tuesday, December 31, 2024, from 11.00pm to 1.00am on Wednesday, January 1, 2024.** All are welcome to attend the Adoration.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 3rd of January 2025** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** and in honour of **Blessed Virgin Mary** on **Saturday, 4th of January 2025 at 10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**. Complimentary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the First Saturday Holy Mass.

Plaques: The Plaque Fundraiser, once again taken up a few years ago in memory of our loved ones, has been very successful. There are only 2 more spots left for anyone who may be considering doing so. Thank you to all those who have so far contributed to this privileged cause. Contact Mary Buchanan.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!