



# the SHAMROCK

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## Living Water

You have to feel for Moses. Heroically he defied Pharaoh and led the people out of slavery in Egypt across the Red Sea to freedom. They were happy to be free but not happy to be out in the wilderness where water was scarce. The people complained to Moses, that God had deserted them and Moses in turn cried out to God. God directed Moses to strike a rock and water gushed out.

As I write this St. Patrick's is dry. A frozen water pipe has proven to be extraordinarily difficult to fix. I can understand why the Hebrew people in the wilderness were quarrelsome. Now in the third week of the St. Patrick's drought, I'm beginning to feel a little testy myself.

God's grace abounds in this church, just as it did in the desert. No, I have not struck a rock to have water flowing into our dishwasher and toilet tanks. But I can say that God has not deserted us and there is much evidence of God's presence.

Despite our condition, we still gather together on Sunday mornings in praise and celebration of God's gift of life in Christ. We are still being drawn together by our common meals, whether that is our Eucharistic meal or our Shrove Tuesday pancakes. We met in more somber reflection on Ash Wednesday, and felt the words of penitence and forgiveness. We still further the work of Christ in the various groups that have continued to meet in the church. God's grace can be seen in the creativity and perseverance of the people of this parish. Many of you have hauled water, made coffee, cleaned the church, functioned as Altar Guild and have taken dishes home to wash. That is a gift of God. Others have simply carried on doing the ministry that you are called to do. We do all this by the Spirit of God, as we give ourselves in praise, in service, in action. The water is still not flowing, but God's grace is flowing like a river.

*Kathy Bowman, Rector*



## Calendar

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| March 7, 1:30 pm       | World Day of Prayer at Mill Woods United Church        |
| March 8                | Electoral synod at All Saints' Cathedral               |
| March 16               | Palm Sunday and St. Patrick's Day pot luck lunch       |
| March 20, 7:30 pm      | Maundy Thursday service, including the washing of feet |
| March 21, 10:00 am     | Good Friday service                                    |
| March 23, 8:30 & 10 am | Easter Sunday services                                 |
| May 16-17              | Trash to Treasure Sale                                 |
| June 8                 | Barbeque and Sunday School awards day                  |



## World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical and international celebration of Christian faith, always held on the first Friday of March. This year the service comes from Guyana. The service in our area will be held at Mill Woods United Church, 15 Grand Meadow Crescent at 1:30 p.m. on Friday March 7. All are welcome.

## Electoral Synod

On March 8, delegates from all parishes in the Diocese of Edmonton will gather at the Cathedral to elect a new Bishop. The event is prayerful rather than political as we meet to discern God's will for us as a Diocese. You can find information on the process and on the seven candidates on the diocesan website: [www.edmonton.anglican.org](http://www.edmonton.anglican.org) Delegates from our parish are **Carl Bergstrom, Kathy Bowman, Margaret Burt, Catherine Haiste, Gordon Storheim** and **Mark Vigrass**.

## Accounts Examination

Thank you to **Jayne Berg, Artur Bohnet** and **Wendy Bryan** who have examined our financial records, as is required by the Diocese. They are in good order, thanks to our diligent treasurer, **Joan Tuckey**.



## Housecleaning?

Save your stuff for the annual Trash to Treasure sale to be held May 16-17. There will be plenty of opportunity to volunteer.

## Around the Parish

Congratulations go to **Carol-Anne and Steve Adams** and big sister **Julia** on the birth of **Jack** last November. May God bless you all.



Happy retirement (sort of) to **Dave Medaglia** who is leaving his long term job, but still enjoying his part time job repairing furniture. This is going to leave more time for golf.



Please pray for guidance and protection for **Ian Troniak** (son of **Neal and Sharon**) as he is being deployed to Afghanistan.



The women's Cursillo team, under the leadership of **Catherine Haiste** involves several St. Patrick's parishioners. May the candidates and team members of the men's and women's Cursillo be energized and blessed by God.



The men's Cursillo weekend will be Feb. 21-24 and the women's weekend will be Feb. 28 to March 2.

For a lesson in perseverance and patience, please see **Lisa and Marty Kiss**, now in their 7th month of looking for affordable and wheelchair accessible housing. Please keep them in your prayers and if you have any ideas or leads, Kathy will be happy to pass them on.





## Vestry and Wardens

Vestry and wardens were elected at our annual meeting and listed on the back page. Vestry meets on the second Tuesday of the month from September to June.

If you have any suggestions or concerns about the parish, please talk with the rector, the wardens or any member of vestry.

Vestry minutes and financial statements are posted on the bulletin board.



**Head table at the Annual General Meeting**  
From the left: **Jean Ashmore**, rector's warden; **Kathy Bowman**, rector; **Jeannette Pawliuk**, secretary.

## Choir

An adult choir has been formed leading up to Easter. Thanks go to **Andy Rathbone** for his leadership and to **Garry Douglas** and **Joan Tuckey** for their support. Practices are Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

## Men's Group

The men's group meets on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at Rosie's Grill. For more information see **Al Chapman** or **Mark Vigrass**.

## Arts and Crafts Group

The Arts and Crafts group is an informal gathering on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own project, or simply come to visit over a cup of tea.

## Vote on March 3

There are approximately 2.5 million people in Alberta who are eligible to vote in a provincial election.

To be eligible to vote you must be:

- a Canadian citizen,
- at least 18 years of age or older, and
- ordinarily resident in Alberta for the past six months.

Advance polls are open the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Election Day, from 9am-8pm, for voters who are unable to vote on Election Day.

Special Ballots are available for those who are unable to vote at the Advance Poll or on Election Day.

## Web page change

The new address is:

[www.StPatricksAnglican.ca](http://www.StPatricksAnglican.ca)





## Volunteers are not paid...

Volunteers are not paid because they are priceless. The day to day activities that keep St. Patrick's such a vital, lively parish depend on you, our volunteers.

The condition of our building, inside and out; the maintenance of the grounds, winter and summer; the finances; the timely, accurate reports to vestry; the always organized office; the immaculate altar linens; our ongoing kitchen support for our many gatherings; our constant, inspired Sunday School; our musicians who bring such vitality to the services are some examples of activities—all volunteer—that keep us going week in and week out.

Some churches leave all the duties to a faithful few, but we are good at sharing the tasks. Many of us have found that when we step up to take on a task we get to know our fellow parishioners better and feel more as though we belong, that our presence will be missed if we aren't at a service or a fund-raising event.

At the synod office we have the reputation of a parish that has risen to many challenges, the reputation of a church that support their goals.

We invite you to stand and give yourself and your neighbours a well deserved hug of appreciation.

*Presented at the AGM by Sylvia Scarfe*



## PWRDF

In Lent we are focusing on the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). This fund provides emergency relief and funds development projects in co-operation with local churches and communities. One way of participating is to follow the "Care for Creation Calendar" (available in the church hall) which suggests ways that we can pray, act and give. Or, you can simply contribute the coins in your pocket, or the coins that accumulate at home to the "Care for Creation" container in the church hall. Either way, please present your can of coins or your cheque for PWRDF on Palm Sunday, March 16. Thanks go to **Carol Ryland**, who had agreed to roll the coins. If you have questions about PWRDF, please talk with **Mark Vigrass**.

## Looking Ahead to Summer

Diocesan summer camps have programs for children and youth from grade two and up. Information should be available in the spring.

Sorrento Centre has courses and programs for families. Brochures can be found on the table in the parish hall.





## Sunday School Christmas Pageant—Dec 16 2007



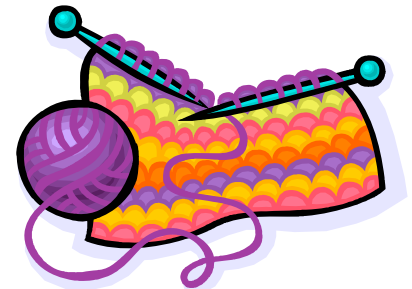
Photos by *Linda Freeman*

### Caritas Crafters need knitters

Caritas Crafters need knitters to knit slippers at home. We will supply the pattern, wool, and needles; all you need to do is knit at your leisure.

The Caritas Crafters is a group of volunteer ladies who meet most Tuesday afternoons at the Grey Nuns Hospital. We supply items to the Grey Nuns, Misericordia, and General Hospital Gift Shops.

Call **Sharon Troniak** 463-7285 for more information.





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## CHURCH PROGRAMS

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### Envelope Secretary:

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### Treasurer:

Joan Tuckey 440-3420

### Secretary:

Jeannette Pawliuk 462-8125

### Synod Members:

Gordon Storheim 452-6608  
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### Altar Guild:

Marsha Chapman 463-9237

### Altar Flowers:

Jeannette Pawliuk 462-8125

### Music:

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### Readers and Servers:

Kathy Bowman 463-5452

### Greeters:

Al Chapman 461-9237

### Intercessors:

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Sharon Troniak 463-7285

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