

HELP NOT HARM CAMPAIGN (Urgent message from Bishop Miehms) This campaign invites parishioners to contact their local Member of Parliament about supporting Bill C-218. This private member's bill seeks to amend the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. If this bill is not passed, then such a practice will become law on March 17th, 2027 – this would have a devastating impact on vulnerable people in Canada and their families. Although time is running short, there is still time to get this into bulletins on Easter Sunday and April 12 and invite our parishioners' participation. I urge your participation in this effort, an important way in which we can take a stand against the growing MAID regime in our country and affirm the dignity of life. *You may go to the "Help not Harm" website for more information and will find there an easy platform from which to email your local MP.*

GREAT COMMISSION DAY OF FORMATION INVITATION - This special day of formation is open to all parish catechetical and ministry leaders and to anyone who is interested. On Saturday April 25 at Peterborough Cathedral, the day begins with prayer at 9:00 AM and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free. Those who wish to attend, please sign up on the paper at the church entrance not later than April 10, the deadline. The Great Commission One-Day Formation is a special opportunity to deepen our understanding of our mission as followers of Christ.

DIVINE MERCY FEAST INVITATION (April 12) - All are warmly invited to celebrate the Divine Mercy Feast on Sunday, April 12. Schedule: 2:30 PM – Confessions, 3:00 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Short presentation on Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction. To remind us of this great opportunity there will be basket placed at the back of our Church, where you can drop your written intentions. The intentions will not be read, but the basket will be placed in front of the Image of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday. "Jesus I trust in you."

ST. MARY'S CWL - The next CWL meeting is April 13/26 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

June 13/26 is the date of the CWL Parking Lot Sale here at the church. Please set aside items at home that are suitable for the sale. You are invited to Coffee After Mass on April 12/26 following the 10:00 am Mass. There will be displays to view set up by various church groups to keep you abreast of what is going on in St. Mary's Church Community.

CWL members are looking forward to the Peterborough CWL Diocese Convention which is being held at St. Mary CSS in Cobourg on April 18 & 19, 2026. Happy Easter to all at St. Mary's. Have a BLESSED Easter.



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CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM

SUNDAY
10AM



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680
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Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 9053440048
St Mary's Chaplet Group, *Maria Marszal*-905 373 3054
SMES, Grafton, *Nancy Jones*(Principal)-905 349 2061

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 8: 30am.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions today April 5 - +Jane & John Boreham

April 6, Mon (NO MASS)

April 7, Tues 9am

April 8, Wed 9am

April 9, Thurs 9am

April 10, Fri 9am - Int. for Joe O'Dwyer by Michael & Liz O'Dwyer

April 11, Sat 4pm (2nd Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy) - For St Mary's Chaplet Group
by Maria Marszal

April 12, Sun 10am (2nd Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy) - +John Boreham by Melissa Lilje



April 11-12, 2026 WEEKEND MASSES

7pm

10 am

LECTORS:	Dave Hughes	First Communicant
EMHC:	Pat Rutherford	John Logel
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Rob Ugolini & Ian Manley



Collections March 28-29, 2026

Sunday Offering - \$4,665
Account Balance - \$50,867.63 (as of April 1, 2026)
Gaming - \$6,704 (as of April 1, 2026)

A BRUTAL WEEK & CRUEL DAY BECAME A "HOLY" WEEK & "GOOD" FRIDAY - In spite



of ruthless persecution of Jesus Christ during this particular week, the Church has never called it evil week, but rather "Holy" Week. In spite of the merciless crucifixion of the Son of God, that Friday is not remembered as worst day, but has gone down in history as "Good" Friday. Why? Because what appears as suffering and defeat in human eyes is, in God's plan, the moment of greatest love and victory. The cross is not the end—it is the turning point.

Through the suffering of Christ comes redemption; through His death comes life; through His sacrifice comes salvation for all. Thus, the week is called "holy" because it reveals the depth of God's love, and the day is called "good" because it brings about the greatest good—the salvation of humanity.



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Rett Willadson, Clare Chapin, Claude Boulanger, Terry Korotki

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST - On this glorious day of Easter Sunday, we celebrate the victory of life over death, hope over despair, and light over darkness. The empty tomb is not just a sign that Christ has risen; it is a promise that every burden we carry, every sorrow we endure, and every cross we bear can be transformed into new life. What seemed like defeat on the cross has become the

greatest triumph in history. It is God's powerful affirmation that Jesus is who He claimed to be. His victory over death reveals divine authority and truth, giving believers a solid foundation for faith. Because Christ lives, we are promised that we too shall live. The resurrection opens the door to a future where life continues beyond the grave in communion with God. The resurrection is not only about the future—it changes the present. It calls believers to live with hope, courage, and purpose, knowing that God can bring new beginnings even from the darkest situations.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY EASTER - My dear parishioners, with heart full of gratitude and hope, I extend my sincere thanks to each one of you for your faithful journey through the holy seasons of Lent and Holy Week. Your active participation, prayerful presence, and generous support in all our liturgical celebrations and parish activities have truly made this sacred time meaningful and grace-filled. I am especially grateful to our dedicated Pastoral Council, CWL, Lectors, EMHCs, Parish Choirs, Ushers, Chaplet Group, Sponsors, and Volunteers. Your commitment, time, and service have enriched our worship and strengthened the spirit of our parish community. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, may the joy of Easter renew our faith, deepen our love, and inspire us to continue walking together as one family in Christ. May the risen Lord bless you and your loved ones with peace, hope, and abundant grace. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! With gratitude and prayers, *Fr. Martin*

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION & PARISH FELLOWSHIP (April 12) - On Sunday, April

FIRST COMMUNION



12, we celebrate a beautiful milestone in the lives of 9 of our children as they receive their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass. Congratulations to them and to their parents. After Mass, we invite the entire parish family, longtime members and newer faces alike, to join us in

the school gym for refreshments and fellowship. Every ministry and group in our parish will have a sign table. We will also take a moment to recognize the new parishioners who have become such an active part of the life of our parish family.

