



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

**"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

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Archbishop Melissa M. Skelton - At 10am on Sunday September 8, 2019, the Most Reverend Melissa M. Skelton, ninth Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, and twelfth Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon, will be visiting St. Mark Ocean Park Anglican Church. We invite everyone to come and meet her. A Reception, with a light lunch, will follow the Service. The Archbishop will also bless a plaque of the Winged Lion of St Mark. Please join us in welcoming Archbishop Melissa to our church.

Bible Readings for September 8

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1,
Philemon 1:1-21, Luke 14:25-33

The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children is provided this week by Debbie and Dave Emery to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving on Alexa's and Patrick's upcoming wedding.

Contact for the Prayer Chain – Beginning today, September 1, the Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Lynne Hurd. Please send your prayer requests and updates to Lynne at lynneh1@telus.net or 604.542.2772

Holly Berry Fair - I know we are all still in summer mode but the Ladies Guild, ACW and Men's Club are already planning for this fun annual event. We will accept donations of treasures, antiques and collectibles, Christmas items at any time until the week of the Fair. If you would like further information or to be involved as a volunteer please email me, Linda O'Donovan, at lindaodee@hotmail.com (Date of Fair: Sat. Nov. 30)

Library News

September is Back To Bible Study time. Have you signed up for your study? Do you know what you will be studying? Check out the library for commentaries, reference books, different Bible translations, or books that deal with the topic you will be studying.



"Celebration of Life" Service – for Raymond Jarvis (d. August 18) on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 2pm in the Sanctuary at St. Mark's, followed by a Reception in the Hall

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 2

Office is Closed for Labour Day

Tuesday, September 3

9-11am – Gardens & Grounds Work Party
1pm – Prayer Shawls – Family Room

Wednesday, September 4

9am – Yoga – Education Centre
10am Service – Sanctuary
7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 5

7:30pm – Mandarin Bible Study – Family Room

Friday, September 6

9am – Exercise

Sunday, September 8

(No 8am Service)
10am – Service with
Archbishop Melissa Skelton

"Adult Sunday School Series "Together Deeper in His Word" recommences on Sunday, September 15, 2019, for 8 Sundays. We meet in the Education Centre from 9:05am to 9:45am. This season we will study the Book of Exodus in preparation of celebrating Christ's birth, the coming Christmas season. Please contact Ben Wong at benjibert@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you.

The Men's Club is proud to sponsor our 29th Annual Chicken BBQ on Sat. Sept. 14 at 5:30pm. It is a long tradition of great food and fantastic company with our parishioners, neighbours and friends. We are serving sockeye salmon with corn on the cob, our highly recommended scalloped potatoes, our salad of the day and some seasonal dessert. You might even come away with a prize for the door and raffle prizes. All funds raised go to help various missions locally, summer camps and international ministries. Tickets are on sale after church today from Les.

Tickets: \$15 each. Kids under 12 are FREE!!

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Mon. Sept. 2 – Office Closed

Sun. Sept. 8 – 10am

Archbishop Melissa Skelton's Visit

Tues. Sept. 3 – Prayer Shawls

Tues. Sept. 10 – ACW Meeting

Wed. Sept. 11 - Seniors Get Together

Thurs. Sept. 12 – 10am Outreach Committee Mtng

Thurs. Sept. 12 – Service for Raymond Jarvis

Sat. Sept. 14 – 5:30pm Salmon BBQ

Tues. Sept. 17 – Ladies Guild Meeting

Tues. Sept. 17 – All Leaders Meeting

Sun. Sept. 22 – 10am

Service of Baptism and Eucharist

Sun. Sept. 22 – 7pm – Taize Service

Tues. Sept. 24 – Parish Council meeting

Wed. Sept. 25 – Seniors Get Together

Wed. Sept. 25 – Altar Guild Meeting

Sat. Sept. 28 – Dismantling Racism Workshop

Tues. Oct. 1 – Prayer Shawls

Tues. Oct. 8 – ACW Meeting

Tue. Oct. 8 -- 6 pm Men's Club dinner meeting

Guest speaker: Bill Wong, Union Gospel Mission

Wed. Oct. 9 – Seniors Get Together

Sun. Oct. 13 -- Thanksgiving Sunday

Mon. Oct. 14 – Office Closed

Tues. Oct. 15 – Ladies Guild Meeting

Sat. Oct. 19 – Nygard/Tanjay sample sale

Sun. Oct. 20 -- Souper Sunday

Mon. Oct. 21 -- 6 am-9 pm Federal Election. Hall is booked as a Polling Place for the day.

Tues. Oct. 22 – Parish Council Meeting

Wed. Oct. 23 – Seniors Get Together

Tues. Nov. 5 – Prayer Shawls

Wed. Nov. 6 – Seniors Get Together

Sat. Nov. 9 -- Denny's Annual Remembrance Day concerts

Sun. Nov. 10 -- Remembrance Sunday

Tues. Nov. 12 – ACW Meeting

Tue. Nov. 12 -- 6 pm Men's Club Dinner Meeting

Sat. Nov. 16 – Metal Recycling Event

Wed. Nov. 20 – Seniors Get Together

Tues. Nov. 19 – Ladies Guild Meeting

Sun. Nov. 24 -- Souper Sunday

Tues. Nov. 26 – Parish Council Meeting

Thu. Nov. 28 & Fri. -- Nov. 29 Set up for Holly Berry Fair

Sun. Nov. 30 -- 11 am-2 pm Holly Berry Fair

Wed. Dec. 4 – Seniors Get Together

Wed. Dec. 18 – Seniors Get Together

PWRDF Update:

In the Paramo de Pisba highlands in the Department of Boyaca, Colombia, most people work in agriculture, animal husbandry or mining. But as mining activities continue to expand into agricultural land, more people are being forced to move higher in the mountains to cultivate protected land.

An economy based mainly on mining can be damaging to the life of a community. When mining is the main industry, the environment is destroyed and traditional farming, usually the domain of women, disappears, leaving women without employment opportunities.

Women are then dependent on men's income perpetuating what is locally known as "machista" social patterns. Women have no voice in decision making, particularly in financial affairs, and men make household and family decisions.

PWRDF's new partner ILSA (Instituto Latinoamericano para una Sociedad y un derecho Alternativos) works with local women to address these needs. The program will train women and empower them with the skills and necessary funds to create agricultural microenterprises, protect their environment and strengthen their leadership potential in the public sphere.

ILSA was formed in 1978 to work with marginalized communities in Colombia, a country with a history of internal conflict leading to people's displacement and human rights violations. ILSA works with Indigenous people, Afro-Colombians, women and displaced people to ensure their full human rights.

By transforming the leadership norms of rural women, ILSA seeks to work toward the recognition of women's rights to the rural economy and guarantee their economic autonomy while creating initiatives for the protection of their land. The women face economic exclusion and discrimination, condemning them to poverty, unemployment and stripping them of their gender and political rights.

The women will use their new skills to establish a native plant nursery that will help reforest the land damaged by mining. They will also receive seeds and livestock for their family farms including hens, chickens and sheep, which can be used to obtain wool and bred for additional income.

