



# ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

## Memorandum

TO: Clergy and Religious Houses

FROM: + Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston

RE: **Clergy Appointments**

DATE: 8 October 2020  
(For announcement in parishes on 10 & 11 October)

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I would like to announce the following clergy appointments, effective 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.

### **A RETIREMENT**

**Rev. Brian McNally** retires as Pastor of St. John the Baptist, Perth.

**Rev. Louis DiRicco** retires as Pastor of the cluster of St. Edward the Confessor, Westport, and St. Columbanus, Elgin

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Fr. Brian McNally (50 years) and Fr. Louis DiRicco (20 years) for their faithful years of service in the Archdiocese of Kingston.

### **B PASTOR**

**Rev. Charles Enyinnia** is appointed Pastor of St. John the Baptist, Perth.

**Rev. Cyprian Ihedoro, SMMM**, is appointed Pastor of the cluster of St. Edward the Confessor, Westport, and St. Columbanus, Elgin; and is appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bedford, and the mission of St. James Major, Sharbot Lake.

### **C ADMINISTRATOR**

**Rev. Cyril Duru** is appointed the Administrator of St. Mary of the Presentation, Chesterville, and the mission of St. Daniel the Martyr, South Mountain.

Fr. Duru is from the Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria, and has been helping Fr. Cosmas Ajawara with coverage. I would like to welcome him into the Archdiocese of Kingston.

### **D ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

**Rev. Brian Russell** is appointed Associate Pastor of St. John the Baptist, Perth.

**Rev. Mark Ruckpaul** is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel, Belleville.



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*St. Maria Goretti*  
6 July 2020

My Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful of the Archdiocese:

In late March 2019, shortly after my transfer to the Archdiocese of Kingston, I was appointed by the Holy Father as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Pembroke until such time as a new bishop could be nominated. It was hoped that the new bishop of Pembroke would be nominated sometime during the Fall of 2019. Unfortunately, the nomination did not take place until 3 May 2020.

Last Friday morning, at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille in Pembroke, His Excellency Guy Desrochers was formally installed and began his pastoral ministry as the ninth Bishop of Pembroke. At that time, my responsibilities as Apostolic Administrator came to an end. Because of the required precautions for the coronavirus, the ceremony was limited to the several bishops, priests, and deacons of the diocese.

I ask that you say a prayer for the ministry of Bishop Desrochers as he takes on the joys and responsibilities of the chief shepherd of the Church of Pembroke. I have been acquainted with him for many years when he served at the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre and assisted our diocesan pilgrimages. He will bring many gifts to his ministry in Pembroke. The people and priests have been without a resident bishop for over a year, and this is an important time for the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of the diocese.

The installation of Bishop Desrochers is a significant relief for me. Over the past fourteen months, I have tried to spend one full day each week in Pembroke to attend to the basic needs of the diocese. This has limited my time and attention in the Archdiocese of Kingston, and I am thankful that each diocese will now receive "undivided" attention, which is the norm. With that said, I am conscious of the many emails, letters and telephone calls which have not been given proper attention, as well as the many institutions of the Archdiocese, which I have not had the opportunity to visit. For this, I offer my apologies. This is particularly true for the parishes of the Archdiocese that await with me the opportunity for a pastoral visit.

Overriding these developments, we have been seriously challenged by the coronavirus pandemic. We have made progress since early March, and the re-opening of our churches has been a significant step forward. However, as we are all aware, the coming months will continue to require patience and attentiveness to the safeguards in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for so many who have assisted with the steps already made. This includes the priests, deacons, parish staff, volunteers and those who have provided a foundation of grace through their daily prayers. Your patience, willingness to sacrifice, cooperation, and charity for the vulnerable have been edifying to me. It has been difficult to make continuous adjustments in applying the most reasonable course forward, and this effort takes a disproportionate amount of time and energy. I thank all of you for your positive reception of the temporary changes and adaptations, which have been developed,



so that we can open for Mass in a safe and reasonable manner. Also, I must express my gratitude for the continued generous financial support of the parishes, especially in this time of uncertainty.

It is my hope that, with each passing month, we may gradually resume the ordinary tasks of our diocesan life, which involves personal contact. These gatherings are essential for our growth in communion with the Lord and one another. And this will, I pray, add to our growing recovery and strength, as we experience the fruit of proper sacramental worship and praise of the Lord. Only this can give to us the fulfillment and peace which are central to our Catholic joy.

My dear people, know of my continued prayers.

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston



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St. Anthony of Padua  
June 13, 2020

My Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston,

Greetings to you in the Lord!

Know of my prayers for you as we re-open our parishes after the safety measures mandated by the government authorities are implemented. I pray that you and your families are safe and healthy. I am confident that even in this time of difficulty, the Lord has showered many graces upon the faithful of the Archdiocese.

On Monday, June 8, Premier Ford announced that our churches could open on June 12, 2020. The government has asked that our Masses and other liturgical gatherings be restricted to 30 percent of full capacity and physical distancing be maintained.

Since shortly after Easter, the Bishops of Ontario began to take steps to assist dioceses for the re-opening of the parishes. Working with the provincial government, they provided assistance to the dioceses in early June so that each bishop could work with the priests and diocesan personnel to make local preparations. I wish to thank all those who generously cooperated in this task with great wisdom and care.

On Friday, June 12, I met with the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese to discuss these next steps. As a result, our churches will be open for Sunday Mass for the weekend of June 20-21, if the pastor is confident that he and his volunteers are ready to open in a safe and unrushed manner. I have asked the pastors to refrain from opening until they are fully prepared. The process of re-opening our larger urban parishes may not be as simple as presumed. I ask that you continue to be patient if your pastor deems that more time is needed. Some parishes may be open for weekday Masses beginning this coming week at the discretion of the pastor.

To open our churches in this fluid environment will require some changes that will be uncomfortable and at times frustrating for all of us. I ask for your patience in advance. Fr. John Hibbard has prepared a video for YouTube, which is very helpful for your own preparation to be present for Mass in the parish.

As we move into this re-opening, the following priorities guide our planning:

- The health and safety of the faithful, clergy, staff and volunteers;
- Proactive measures to avoid the potential of a second surge of this virus;
- Recognizing the very basic commandment – love of neighbour – we have a responsibility to care for one another.

It is my hope that these measures will be temporary; for this to be the case, each one of us should follow the advice of local health authorities to minimize any potential transmission of the virus. For those who are sick, have a compromised immune system or feel uncomfortable returning to church at this time; it is recommended that you refrain from attending Mass. I wish to make clear that the faithful are not required to observe the obligation of Sunday Mass. The dispensation remains in place until this period of uncertainty is over.

Please contact the Archdiocesan website for further information. Local parishes will also communicate their plans regarding their Mass schedules. Please contact parish websites if you are able. I ask that you help one another in these preparations, especially those without access to the Internet.

We will need to adapt to the situation as it unfolds. Approaching these uncertain days with a true Catholic charity and generosity to one another will help us all as we navigate the path ahead. I am thankful for the many acts of charity and kindness taking place throughout our Archdiocese.

Above all else, may we continue to pray for the sick, for those caring for them, and for those who have died during this pandemic and their loved ones. Be assured of my gratitude for your patience and faithfulness during this period of closure.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston





## GUIDELINES FOR GOD'S PEOPLE RETURNING TO CHURCH

As we prepare to re-open churches, please be aware of the following guidelines. We recognize that they may be awkward/uncomfortable and contrary to our culture of hospitality and community. In working to foster a safe environment for all, we thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation.

Churches are limited to a 30 percent capacity. This means Parishes may have to limit the number of people attending Mass.

### **Before coming to church:**

Please care for your own health. Anyone attending any liturgical celebration does so at their own risk.

Please check temperature of all family members before coming to church. If any family members have a fever, please remain home for the health and safety of all. Consult your family doctor.

If you exhibit any of the following symptoms, please remain home at this time - cough, fatigue, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, headache, runny nose, sore throat, chills with shakes.

Attendees and volunteers from demographic groups that are at a great risk of serious illness, such as people 65 years of age or older and individuals with chronic medical conditions, are encouraged to stay safe by avoiding public gatherings, but not prohibited from attending these liturgical celebrations if they so choose.

The use of masks and face coverings are recommended but not mandatory at this time. Parishioners must provide their own masks or face coverings.

### **Arriving at church**

Maintain physical distancing at all times – 2 metres (6 feet) from others – in the parking lot, church entrance and in church itself.

Upon arrival, put on mask/face covering before entering church.

Parishes will likely be using one entrance only – it may not be the entrance you are familiar with. Follow direction of volunteers, signage as appropriate.

Sanitize hands upon entry and regularly wherever possible.

Pews and aisles will be marked to note physical distancing requirements. Most likely, every second row of pews will be left empty. You will not be able to sit where you wish or where you normally do. Families and households living at the same residence may sit together; the same 2 meters (6 feet) distance should be maintained concerning others. Follow direction of ushers for seating.

Pews will be emptied of prayer books, hymnals, etc. You may bring your own missal or prayer book, as long as you take it home with you.

Parish bulletins will not be published at this time.

Holy Water fonts will be empty and not in use at this time.

If your church hall is used for overflow purposes, it will also be marked for physical distancing – same guidelines apply.

### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Please listen carefully to announcements before the start of Mass. Follow directions as advised.

Altar Servers, Lectors will be kept to an absolute minimum during this period of time. Please do not enter the sacristy unless you have been asked to assist during Mass.

Other than a Cantor or choir appropriately physically distanced, there will be no singing at Mass until further notice.

There will be no offertory procession or collection. Please leave donation in the designated basket upon entry/departure as directed.

Please do not hold hands or shake hands during any portion of the celebration of the Eucharist. At the Sign of Peace, a nod or bow to others is appropriate.

If a mask/face covering is worn during the Mass, it should be removed prior to reception of Holy Communion and may be put back on after consumption.

During this time of pandemic and under the guidance of local medical health officials, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand by placing one on top of the other, allowing the Eucharistic Minister to safely place the Body of Christ in one's hand without contact. Since each communicant has the right to receive Communion either on the tongue or in the hand, those wishing to receive on the tongue should receive Communion after all others. The Priest or Communion Minister should sanitize their fingers in case the tongue or face of the communicant is touched.

Follow direction of ushers for Communion flow ensuring physical distancing at all times

Follow direction provided for dismissal and departure – exits may be different than those you are accustomed to.

Following Mass, please depart the church so that cleaning may commence. While it is our nature to congregate/socialize in the foyer or parking lot, we ask you NOT to do so at this time. Please maintain physical distancing.

### **General**

If you suddenly feel ill, start coughing or sneezing, please leave the church for the health and safety of others gathered.

Children's ministry, prayers groups and other ministries that gather in the church/church grounds are either suspended or operating virtually only at this time.

Please use washrooms only if absolutely necessary. One person or family at a time should be in the washroom. Ensure that all wash their hands with warm, soapy water after using washroom facilities. Please respect physical distancing outside the washroom.

If, within 14 days of attending Mass, you learn that you or someone in your family who attended Mass with you has tested positive for COVID-19, you are asked to: a) contact the Ontario Public Health Authority; and, b) contact the parish office. Your identity will not be revealed to anyone other than the Public Health Authority, and only to ensure that any spread is contained.

**Note:** If you have a Catholic neighbour who does not have internet, please print a copy and place it in their mailbox.





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8 June 2020

My Dear Priests and Faithful of the Archdiocese,

In the past weeks, the Bishops of Ontario have been working together to formulate comprehensive guidelines for the safe opening of our parishes. These guidelines are being used at the Archdiocesan level to create a user-friendly version for our local parishes.

An aspect of these guidelines is the availability of proper cleaning material, and protective equipment so that we open safely. Much work is being done in these days and the availability of these materials remains a challenge.

The Premier of Ontario has decided that churches can open on 12 June 2020 with certain restrictions and provided that the proper safety measures have been taken. I authorize that churches may open as soon as these safety measures are in place. A detailed protocol will be issued in the coming days.

Thank you for your continued patience in this matter. I am convinced that with the good work done to this stage, we will very soon be in a position to move forward in a safe and responsible manner.

Please know of my prayers for you and for all those making special sacrifices in these difficult times.

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston





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## COVID-19 Update from the Archdiocese of Kingston May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

The Archdiocese wishes to provide the following update regarding the eventual re-opening of parishes. Premier Doug Ford has extended the emergency orders until June 9, 2020. Until the lockdown is lifted, there is no way of knowing the exact date when it will be possible to re-open our parishes. With a safe re-opening, certain measures will need to be implemented on the parish level to minimize any further spread of the coronavirus.

The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO), along with various priests and others who serve in areas of expertise, is working to prepare a set of guidelines to offer Ontario dioceses a **consistent approach** to the re-opening of the parishes. These guidelines will then be implemented at the diocesan level to provide a safe environment for the faithful.

While there is a certain amount of anxiety around the unknown, the re-opening of the parishes will involve some changes: an emphasis on sanitation, physical distancing, personal assessment of one's health, good hygiene practices, and in some cases, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Work continues on the specifics. No situation is without risk, and these new protocols will be put in place for the care and wellbeing of all parishioners.

This pandemic has involved spiritual sacrifice and patience, and so many are suffering loss and hardships at this time. All of these trials can be disheartening, but the most difficult trial is, the absence of regular Sacramental life in the Churches. Please be consoled knowing that, while public Masses are currently suspended, priests across the Archdiocese celebrate daily Mass and are praying for the intentions of all the faithful.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.  
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created And You shall renew the face of the earth*

Sincerely in Christ,  
+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston



# ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

*St. Patrick*  
17 March 2020

My Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful,

The civil authorities in Ontario have announced that the Province is under a *State of Emergency* effective immediately. Accordingly, all Sunday Masses, weekday Masses and public church events will be cancelled until further notice.

Public funerals are cancelled. A private funeral service can be arranged with the immediate family and funeral director.

Baptisms may take place in the presence of a priest or deacon, the parents and godparents.

Weddings, if they take place, are to be in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses.

The Chancery Office/Pastoral Centre will be closed to all but emergency services. Parish Offices could follow the same procedure.

It is with great regret that I announce these measures, but they are necessary to minimize loss of life, especially among those most vulnerable to the virus. I would ask that you consult the Archdiocesan/Diocesan website for further developments and clarifications.

Please continue to pray for those affected by COVID-19, and for those who find isolation a source of great hardship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston  
Apostolic Administrator of Pembroke





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## Archbishop Mulhall's Pastoral Letter Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

My dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston and the Diocese of Pembroke,

I am writing to you on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Across each of our dioceses, the provinces, the country and the continent, Sunday Mass has been celebrated in private by our pastors. This Sunday has been a unique experience as we feel the absence of a Sunday Mass together. Many other ordinary activities in our communities have been cancelled while citizens are being asked to remain at home as much as possible. There is a growing realization that this state of affairs could continue for some time.

With this letter, I wish to ask for your fervent prayers for those in every branch and aspect of health care. The vocation of health care has always been dear to the Church's ministry and these individuals will be asked to generously give of themselves for the care of those expected to be infected with the virus. Let us also pray for those in public office and for those in positions of authority in religious houses, homes, institutions, parishes and dioceses as they struggle with many challenges including the health and financial care of all. These are unprecedented times in our lives, and we pray that the Lord's wisdom be abundantly granted.

The speed with which these events have developed has been breathtaking. Perhaps the most disturbing and disquieting aspect of this past week has been the sense of uncertainty and insecurity which has been created. Faced with the prospect of living in such uncertainty for some time, we each experience the anxiety of the unknown. Knowing that no simple answers are available, it is vital that we ask the Lord to grant the grace to heal this anxiety with a true sense of consolation. Let us first be thankful to the Lord for His continued blessings and never cease to give Him proper praise. And let us pray for the grace to place our absolute confidence in the providence and care of the Lord. We know in faith that He wishes us to receive His abundant gifts. We also know that it is difficult to accept such gifts unless we humble ourselves in His presence. I warmly invite you to pray with me the psalm given to us this week in the Sunday liturgy, the well-known and well-loved Psalm 23.

What a paradoxical gift it is that we are confronted with this reality in the very heart of Lent! This season of grace provides a blessed opportunity both to experience our utter dependence upon the Lord, in addition to forming a true religious sentiment of petition. Let this sentiment of petition be strong and pure. Let it be the petition of the people of Nineveh so beautifully upheld by the Lord in the Gospels. With such a grace there can be no room for division. Let our communion be strong, our charity constant, and our humility a fragrant offering to the Lord.

The cancellation of our public Easter celebrations is hard to imagine; yet, it is a provision which is very likely to take place. Our Holy Father has provided guidelines and assistance for the living of our faith in these days. The Bishops of Ontario will continue to assist one another, and the Archdiocese/Diocese will provide guidelines in the coming days and weeks for the faith life, as well as the financial concerns for our parishes.

My dear faithful, please know of my blessings and prayers in these difficult days.

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston  
Apostolic Administrator of Pembroke