

**26TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME (B)  
27 SEPT., 2015**

Your Word, O Lord,  
is truth;  
sanctify us in the truth.

# St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

**Masses: Sat Vigil: 7 p.m., Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays except Mondays: 7:30 a.m.**

## Today's Readings:

Numbers 11:25-29  
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Do not put a  
stumbling block before  
any of these little ones  
who believe in Me.

## Next weekend:

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16

## Welcome Father Arockia Dhas Rayappan

Father Arockia is a priest of Delhi Catholic Archdiocese (DCA), India. Ordained on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, he has served as Vice-Rector at Vinay Gurukul, Delhi Archdiocesan Minor Seminary, as Assistant Parish Priest at Church of the Immaculate Conception, as Priest in charge of Dharuhera Mission in 2012 along with the office of Deputy Secretary of the Regional Bishops Council of the North, and in 2014 as parish priest of St. Michael's Church in India.

A gifted intellectual person, Father Arockia has obtained three Bachelors degrees (Philosophy, Art and Theology) and a Master's degree in Theology (Pastoral Management). Currently he is pursuing a Doctorate of Theology at the Dominican University College in Ottawa.

He is described as a very social and outgoing individual, who is committed to his spiritual life, actively taking part in community and personal prayer. He loves to read and study and use his God-given talents to help build up communities, stressing the absolute worth and dignity of the individual person to build vibrant and participative parish communities. He enjoys nurturing small faith sharing communities.

Father Arockia will reside at St. Columban's while attending classes in Ottawa and assisting Father Ernest in the life of our parish. As well, he will provide assistance to Father Jacques at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

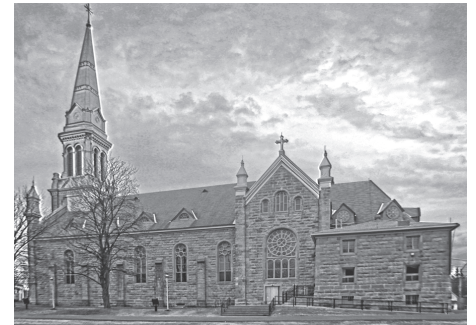
### Father Arockia's

Ordination Motto: "TO BE THE GIFT OF GOD TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD."

Favourite Biblical verses:

"I have come so that you may have life, life in abundance." John 10:10

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil 1:3-6)



### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi  
Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Fr. Arockia Dhas Rayappan  
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelly Poitras

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Evenings by appointment

### BAPTISMS

By appointment 1 month in advance

### MARRIAGES

Please give 6 months notice

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.  
Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.  
Also by appointment

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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Cyril Dumond by wife Viola & family

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Rene Provost by Maurice Provost  
11:00 a.m. Marco Vincelli Sr. (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of death)  
by the Vincelli family

Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> No Mass

Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Pedro Cespon by a parishioner

Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Gertrude O'Brien by husband Louis & family

Thursday, October 01<sup>st</sup>

7:30 a.m. Wilfred & Alice Villeneuve & deceased children  
by Marion & Darleen  
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Perunov & Tyo

Friday, October 02<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving by a parishioner  
8:00 a.m. **Adoration**

First Saturday, October 03<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions  
8:00 a.m. Rita Poapst by Stella MacDonald  
3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Confessions  
4:00 p.m. Wedding Konstantino Perunov & Jennifer Tyo  
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Sunday, October 04<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Pearl & Art Davis by sons Bob & Dan  
11:00 a.m. Paul Emile Sauve (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of death)  
by daughter Marie Sauve

Monday, October 05<sup>th</sup> No Mass

**FATHER LAWRENCE CHIGBO MADUEWESI**

is from Nigeria, completed his studies in Toronto and will be moving to New York.

*Father Lawrence, it has truly been a pleasure to have you with us during your visit with Father Ernest. We hope you have enjoyed your time here and felt welcomed in our parish community. We look forward to your next visit. Please keep us in your prayers.*



**FIRST SATURDAY – 3 OCTOBER**

Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m.  
Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m. Mass at 8 a.m.  
All are invited to come & pray.

**IN OUR PARISH**

*Collection 13 Sept., 2015 – Thank You*

\$3,401.05 Sunday Env. \$103.50 Candles  
491.32 Loose \$ 55.00 Book Table  
\$3,892.37 Total

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR OUR CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM** –There is still a need for more equipment. A completed sound system will enable everyone to hear better wherever we choose to sit. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION**  
If your child is in grade 2 in the public school system OR attending a separate school, but did not receive any of these **SACRAMENTS**, now is the time to register for After School Preparation classes. Call the office before 30 September & leave your name, phone number, your child's date of birth, grade & school. Please remember there is a commitment required by the child and parents.

**THE JOY AND BLESSINGS OF SERVICE**

With so many areas of service in the parish, there has to be at least one that would interest you - probably several. Call the office, leave your name, phone no. & best time to contact you

**JOIN OUR TEAM OF READERS AT WEEKEND MASSES**

*People often comment how becoming a reader was a positive experience which greatly enhanced their spiritual growth.*  
If you have the desire and are willing to learn the skills, please consider participating in this parish ministry.  
Contact Sue Holland-Lalonde at 613-938-0368, sue.h@sympatico.ca or leave a message at the office .

**PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Members of St. Columban's parish interested in helping in one of the following ministries, please contact Don Smith, Parish Leader for *Catechesis & Evangelization* at 613-932-3543, don.e.smith@live.ca or leave a message at the office.  
- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** at 9:30 Sunday Mass  
- **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** 8 one-hour sessions (over 4 weeks) Fall & Spring.

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS?**

R.C.I.A. team will gather for several sessions in a mutually supportive environment to help deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, share experiences & support one another on the journey. If you are or know of someone who wants to get a closer look at Catholicism, contact Don Smith at 613-932-3543, don.e.smith@live.ca or leave msg. at the office.

**ADORATION – 8 A.M., FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER**

after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with a time of Adoration, prayer, Scripture & meditation, closing with Benediction.



*My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Like you I have been watching with dismay the events that have been unfolding over the past weeks in Syria, Hungary & much of Europe. Since becoming pope, the Holy Father has repeatedly appealed to the world to show compassion for the homeless masses who seek shelter, protection & a better life. These brothers & sisters of ours were trying to escape difficult situations to find some serenity & peace; they were looking for a better place for themselves & their families, but instead they found death. How often do such people fail to find understanding, fail to find acceptance, fail to find solidarity. And their cry rises up to God! (On a visit to the island of Lampedusa to focus attention on the migrants who had drowned trying to cross the Mediterranean.) As many continue to debate how best to respond, it is incumbent upon us as Catholics to help. This is what we as a Diocese can do at this particular moment.

**Financial Assistance** There will be a *SPECIAL COLLECTION THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4* in our parish communities. The monies will be directed to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for more than 85 years. The Canadian director, Carl Héту, who visited Jordan a few short weeks ago, is in constant contact with those on the ground in the affected areas. For this reason CNEWA is in an excellent position to know where the money is most needed. The Federal Government has announced that it will match donations from Canadians up to \$100 million.

**Prayer & Solidarity** Prayer is an incredibly important & concrete thing that we can do to show solidarity with our brothers & sisters. To that end, A PRAYER SERVICE IS BEING ORGANIZED FOR OCTOBER. DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

**Political Action** As you are well aware, we are in the midst of a federal election & so it is a particularly opportune time to get involved politically. This is your chance to engage the political candidates & parties on what, if elected, they will do to assist refugees. And never underestimate the power of a letter to our sitting MP, the Prime Minister & the Minister of Citizenship & Immigration, Chris Alexander.

**Sponsorship** With respect to sponsoring families, the current rules in place in Canada make this difficult, though not impossible. We are currently speaking to several dioceses who have extensive experience in this area, to find out how best to coordinate such an effort. Since we no longer have an agreement with Immigration Canada (we did in the 80s & 90s for the Vietnamese), there is a lot more red tape to go through. We would also need \$30,000. up front to apply to welcome one family. More would be needed throughout the year as we would be responsible for them. I fear welcoming just one family would really isolate them since, to my knowledge, there are no other Syrian families in the area. We would need to bring in a few families. For the time being, I would recommend we opt to help out more directly the refugees who are still in refugee camps & who have great needs at this time until they can find a better home.

**Be Informed** Finally, it is important to stay informed. It is all too easy to become weary of the same news day in & day out

especially if you feel powerless to do anything. I urge you to guard against that & instead to learn what you can about the situation facing refugees. There are 13 million refugees now throughout the world, of whom 4 million are from Syria. The problems they face are immense, & their situations will not be easily or quickly resolved. Our efforts to work with refugees must be long term. *We have created a special section on our diocesan website devoted to Christians in the Middle East, a good starting point.* There you will find information as well as a number of links to reliable websites of organizations that work with refugees.

One of the biggest obstacles facing refugees as they seek protection and shelter is fear by those who would receive them. Let us not be apathetic, indifferent, or prejudiced, for we are all created in the image & likeness of God. We must remember that refugees have not chosen to live in the midst of the chaos that they have left or they have come to. God bless you.

+Marcel Dampousse, Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall

#### IN OUR PARISH, ETC.

##### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION MEETING WITH FATHER ERNEST

7 P.M. TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER IN THE UPPER ROOM

##### CWL FALL GARAGE & BAKE SALE - 8 TO 12, SAT. 3 OCT at St Columban's School, 323 Augustus St.

Donations of books, clothing, household items, baked goods, etc. can be dropped off at the school *between 3 & 5 p.m. next Friday, 2 October.* Thank you. Hope to see you at the sale.

##### CHILLI SUPPER, 4 TO 6:30 P.M., SUN, 25 OCT

St. Columban's parish supper will be held at the Agora Centre  
Adults \$12., children 6 to 12 \$5, under 6 free

**NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA - COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** Every year the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work & the work of each diocese by means of this collection. This is an opportunity for all the faithful to help in financing the regional episcopal assemblies & also the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, who support the Bishops in their local ministry & in working together on issues of common concern. Any additional revenues raised help the diocese support its own pastoral programs & other activities. *Thank you for your support.*

##### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

Small fruit cups, juice boxes, pasta, peanut butter, etc. are needed. *Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.*

##### WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION 9 TO 12 SAT. 3 OCT.

Charles-Emile Claude Centre. Mass, light breakfast, talk, confession & the rosary. Theme this coming year is *"The Year of Mercy"*. Francine Janiuk will speak on *Mercy and Physician Assisted Death: Are They Compatible?* \$5. free will offering.



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