



**NEWSLETTER**  
**Queen's College Faculty of Theology**  
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**Message from the Provost**

We are continuing on our Lenten Journey in the midst of end of term busyness, convocation planning, long-term planning, news of war and anxiety for the future. We take time to be quiet and to listen to God through our times of worship and through our community.

This Lent we have started a new venture: "Preaching in the Wild: A Homiletical Journey Through Lent". Each week myself and the Rev Robert Cooke are joined by a guest to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We are very happy to provide this resource to you and we hope it helps you in sermon preparation and in your own Lenten journey. These recordings are available on our Facebook page as well as on our YouTube channel.

We look forward to the coming of Spring and this year we are offering two six-week courses May 9- June 17: Biblical Studies 3022-Q: Introduction to the Psalms will be offered as an asynchronous course; and Pastoral Studies 3488-Q: Practice of Spiritual Direction will be offered as a Hybrid course. We also are offering a 12-week course April 25-July 17: Pastoral Studies 3472-Q: Supervised Practice of Ministry. There are also two Associate level courses available: Church History 2102-Q: The First 1500 Years and Pastoral Studies 2450-Q: The Vocational Diaconate: Past, Present and Future. Details of our offerings will be available soon.

May you continue to keep a holy and transformative Lent.

*The Rev Dr Joanne Mercer - Provost*

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**Chapel Worship:**

In Person or On-Line

Monday	8:45 Morning Prayer 12:00 Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	8:45 Lexio Divina 12:15 Mid-Day Prayer
Wednesday	12:00 Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:45 Morning Prayer 12:15 Mid-Day Prayer 3:30 Evening Prayer

As current COVID19 regulations for MUN apply to Queen's College our Chapel worship has restricted numbers. Please telephone Sharon Anne if you plan on attending at 709-753-0116. Join us online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89891865583?pwd=N0tKM25TaEo2eFdNbjErenphYjRPUT09>  
 Meeting ID: 898 9186 5583  
 Passcode: 897453



**Convocation News:** Plans are well underway for Convocation 2022 scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, St John's at 7:30 pm. This year's recipient of the Honorary Doctorate, Doctor of Canon Law (D.Cn.L.) (honoris causa), is Dr.

Janice Fitzgerald and will be awarded in recognition of her ongoing service to our province. Dr. Fitzgerald has been a beacon of hope to people in the midst of crisis. Information on the Alumni Workshop and Convocation Eucharist will be in the next Newsletter and on our social media pages.

**Our Sympathy** is expressed to the Rev. Fred Marshall and family on the death of his mother, Gwen Marshall of St John's on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and to student Vince MacLeod on the death of his father Parker MacLeod on March 14<sup>th</sup> in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

**Upcoming Ordinations:** God Willing, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose, Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, intends to ordain the following to the

Sacred Order of Priest: the Rev. Deborah Pantin on Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Church of All Saints, Dildo at 7:00 pm, and the Rev. Amber Tremblett on the Commemoration of John Donne, Thursday, March 31, 2022 at St. Paul's Church, Lewisporte at 7 pm. Clergy are invited to robe at each ordination, and the liturgical colour is white.

**The third Day of Awareness** of the semester took place March 4<sup>th</sup> with Sr Mary Tee from the Centre of Ecology and Justice. The morning began with a short breathing exercise which led into a sharing of reflections on Genesis 2:4-5,8, Wisdom 7:26-28 and Matthew 2:1-22. Sr Mary



reminded us we have all the elements of the universe, there is nothing new, what we have is from God from the very beginning of time. She shared short writings from Meister Eckhart, Kahlil Gibran, Marianne Williamson and mystic Mechthild of Magdeburg which led to additional reflection and sharing. Sr Mary concluded with three questions for Lent: What kind of world am I envisioning? What am I giving my energy to? and What is already flourishing? Our day with Sr Mary concluded with an Irish Blessing written by John O'Donahue, and the song "Always with you" by Kathy Sherman CSJ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe5N5eFqWkA> The Rev Robert Cooke presided at the closing Eucharist.

**Our next day of Awareness** 'Finding Art in Creation!' is March 25<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Dr. Michelle Rebidoux. The presentation will focus on the process of art-making, more than on individual works of art. If we are created in the image of God, then we are creators also, and we discover ourselves most deeply as reflections of God when we create. Creation in this deep sense does not, of course, need to be restricted to the creation of art. But in this presentation, we will focus primarily on creation in the arts, and will explore how, through the creative act, we can deepen our relationship with God. You are welcome to join in person or at link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89891865583?pwd=N0tKM25TaEo2eFdNbjErenphYjRPUT09> Meeting ID: 898 9186 5583 Passcode: 897453

**Supervised Practice of Ministry** Queen's College is happy to offer (SPM) again this Spring semester from April 25 to July 15. We will be working with three of our Regional Health Authorities, Eastern Health, Western Health, and Labrador Grenfell Health.

SPM offers students an opportunity to learn chaplaincy skills in a supervised setting and to reflect on how that experience challenges and affirms their own faith and calling.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2022 - Student Awards:** Nominations for student awards open on *March 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and close on April 6 at 4:30 p.m.* Letters of nomination must outline a student's eligibility for an award based on the given criteria. You may nominate a student for more than one award and you may nominate more than one student for the same award. Nominations can be submitted by mail or e-mail. All nominations must be sent by or signed by the nominator and be received by the Scholarships and Awards Committee by the deadline specified. All letters should be addressed to the Scholarships and Awards Committee and be submitted to the General Office or emailed to the Provost, the Rev Dr Joanne Mercer at [provostqc@mun.ca](mailto:provostqc@mun.ca). The nomination process is intended to guide the Committee in its decisions.

Students and faculty members may nominate any full-time student in the current academic year for the following three awards to be presented at Convocation 2022. We acknowledge that this time of COVID-19 has caused our community to be dispersed. Please consider the contributions, engagement and efforts of students during the past year.

*Full-Time Degree Students during the Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 Semesters are:* Joshua Haggstrom, Aidan Torrance, Terrance Coates, Charlotte Toyne, Darlene Winters, McKinley Winters, Hossein Pour, Nicole Critch, Karen Mitchell

- *The Queen's College Alumni/ae Association Award* for continued demonstration of the Queen's College Core Values of Christ Centeredness, Commitment, Development and Collegiality.
- *Award for Progressive Leadership* is awarded to the student who best demonstrates creativity in promoting ideals and activities appropriate to the role of Queen's College and the Church in the modern world.
- *The Award for Liturgical Praxis* is given to the student who best demonstrates a good working knowledge of the directives and practical application of liturgical principles through effective preparation and leadership in worship.

**A Reminder** to email your ordination anniversary date(s) to the editor at [jjcourage@mun.ca](mailto:jjcourage@mun.ca)

**Chapel Notes:**

With some restrictions being lifted we have been able to reintroduce a modified ministry of 'Deacons' and to have students in the Homiletics Course preach and during our Holy Eucharist celebrations on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon. Join us on our chapel link.

**The Queen's College Student Association** (QCSA) has been reflecting on what our purpose is as an organization. QCSA believes in a culture of love, faith in the Way and the Life, and transparency to the broader community that we strive to serve. As such, we would like to implement current precedents and strategies that we feel will be beneficial to the whole Student Body.

We are reminded of our commitment to the student body, not just as an academic group, but as a holistic minded community. This semester especially, it has been demonstrated that life outside of school does not stop just because one is busy with school. The QCSA wants to be a source of support to students experiencing the difficult points of life and to share significant and exciting changes that would be wonderful to celebrate with the whole community. You can indicate events to the executive by emailing [studentassociation@queencollegenl.ca](mailto:studentassociation@queencollegenl.ca).

Please note information should be sent by the individual or with the individual's consent only.

QCSA would like to be informed of times when members of our community have experienced a significant loss in order to acknowledge that loss for someone. NOTE: to respect the privacy and choices of our members QCSA will not share such information with the community in general unless specifically requested.

QCSA is here to support members within our ability. Individuals are welcome and encouraged to reach out to us. Let us put into practice our pastoral roles not only to the larger ministries we are involved with, but also to members of our smaller Queen's community. We will make every effort to be available to each other in times of need whether it is just to have an ear to hear or assist in finding outside resources to help. We are all here to support one another spiritually, mentally, and even physically when possible.

For the celebration of personal milestones or individual joyful events, QCSA would like to send an e-card(s) to members of our community to acknowledge their joy or grief to have the opportunity

to let people know that we are thinking and praying for them during such times.

QCSA also asks that when/if there are grievances within our Queen's Community, people bring the matter to QCSA executive's attention so that the matter can be addressed in an appropriate and efficient manner.

**The next Newsletter** will be distributed the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>.

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***Happy First Day of Spring!***

