



# What's happening in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan February 2026 to April 2026

## **February: Archdiocese hires Building & Property Specialist**

The Archdiocese is pleased to introduce the newly hired Building and Property Specialist for Grouard-McLennan - Dale Wald. In his role, Dale will oversee the regular maintenance, structural integrity and repair needs of our churches, rectories and other properties of the archdiocese.

In his first months on the job, Dale has been travelling around our vast archdiocese, meeting with parish communities and inspecting all archdiocesan properties. You can learn more about Dale's background and this new position by scanning the QR code.



Learn more:



See more photos:



## **March: Archdiocese celebrates Chrism Mass**

On March 31st, the archdiocese celebrated its annual Chrism Mass at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in McLennan. The Mass brought together priests and parishioners from across the archdiocese. The clergy renewed their commitment of service and ministry to the people of God. Then the oils used in the Sacramental life of the church were blessed - the Oil of Catechumens; Oil of the Sick; and the consecration of holy Chrism.

A special thanks to everyone who joined us for Most Rev. Charles Duval's first Chrism Mass as archbishop.

## **April: Archbishop shares Easter message & spring letter**

For his first Easter message as Archbishop, Most Rev. Charles Duval, CSsR reflected on the "fullness of life" that should be our goal as we enter into the triumph of the Resurrection at Easter.

In late April, Archbishop Duval also shared his spring pastoral letter. He details there his ongoing visitation, and his hope that all people will welcome God fully into their lives.

Both messages are available in English and French. Scan the QR codes to access them.



Easter message:



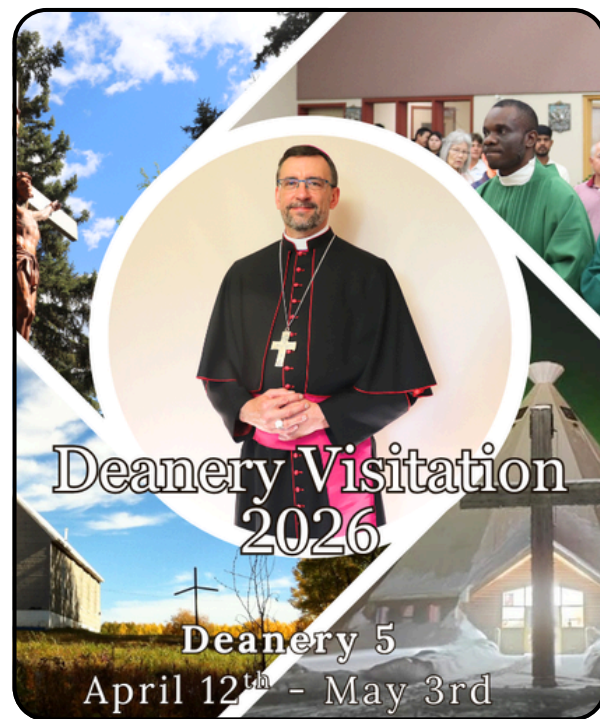
Spring letter:



## April: Archbishop Duval continues his visitation in Deanery 5

Archbishop Charles Duval's visitation in Deanery 5 is now underway! During this visitation the archbishop meets with every parish community of the host deanery. He will celebrate Mass, live with the priests, and visit the local schools, hospitals, retirement homes, and sometimes the homes and workplaces of parishioners.

This year's visitation includes the communities of Chateh (Assumption), Eleske, Fort Vermilion, Fox Lake, Garden River, High Level, John D'Or Prairie, Meander River, Paddle Prairie, Rainbow Lake and Tall Cree. Let us pray for Archbishop Duval as he continues his visitation, which began on April 12th and ends on May 3rd.



*Save the Date!*

The Ordination of Dcn. Thomas Wollis to the Priesthood



Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Cathedral  
McLennan, Alberta



## May: Priestly Ordination of Thomas Wollis coming up on May 25th

We are proud to announce the date for the presbyteral ordination of Dcn. Thomas Wollis to the priesthood. The ordination will be held on Monday, May 25th, 2026, 7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in McLennan. We hope to see you there for this most sacred celebration!

Let's continue to offer our prayers for Deacon Thomas as he prepares for this pivotal milestone in his vocation.

## June: Annual finance meeting coming up in Peace River

Due to flood warnings in late April, the archdiocese will hold its annual finance/information meeting on June 20th, at Our Lady of Peace parish hall in Peace River. This meeting will include updates from the archdiocese's finance office, a review of its financial statements and investments over the 2025 year, and other valuable information will be shared. It also provides an opportunity to take any questions related to the finances in our churches.

Let us pray that this meeting will help foster financial stability and unity in the archdiocese and in its parishes.

