

Blessing of Church Bells.—At St. Alphonsus church, Munroe avenue, East Kildonan, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, the new bell, donated to the church by J. B. Fortler, will be blessed by Rev. Father Brick, of Toronto, provincial of the Redemptorist order. The sermon of the occasion will be preached by Rev. Father McPhail, one of the most noted missionaries and preachers of the order. The young parish which was only founded a few months ago, is making satisfactory progress, but the work on the new church has had to be held for a while and will not likely allow of the church being ready for occupancy this winter.

Here It Is!!!

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Tonight, Tomorrow, Saturday

September 28, 29 and 30

St. Alphonsus Church

will hold their

Annual Bazaar

in

Elmwood Curling Rink

(Harbison and Braxler)

Do Not Miss the Fun. Come Early and Bring Your Friends.

GAMES OF SKILL — "WHEELS"
SALE OF HOME-COOKING
SEWING, etc.

Come Tonight and you will come back
Tomorrow and Saturday.

THE BAZAAR IS OPEN FROM 3 TO 11 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1939

St. Alphonsus Church Celebrates Silver Jubilee

This week-end, May 14th and 15th, St. Alphonsus church will celebrate the silver jubilee of its erection in 1914. St. Alphonsus parish was founded by Rev. Father A. J. Duke, C.Ss.R., in June, 1914. At the time of the inauguration of the parish 35 families were enrolled as parishioners. At the first Sunday school held, eleven children were present. Today the parish comprises 275 families, and 250 children attend Catechism classes.

The original church was built on the corner of Munroe and Brazier—where the school now stands—by the enthusiastic parishioners who came evening after evening with hammers and saws to build the first Catholic church in the vicinity. Shortly after the large church, which accommodates 500 people, was built. Rev. Father McDougald, C.Ss.R., was the second pastor of the parish. The growth of the parish is due, no doubt, to the erection of St. Alphonsus parish school by Rev. Father James McCandlish, C.Ss.R., in 1921. From its inception, the school has been ably staffed by the Reverend Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

During the rectorship of Rev. Father J. Kane, C.Ss.R., St. Alphonsus convent was built, which provided a suitable home for the Rev. Sisters. It was also during Father Kane's regime that an additional class room was added to the school. Rev. Father O'Hara, C.Ss.R., efficiently carried on for six years as successor to Father Kane. The present pastor is Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.Ss.R.

The ceremonies of the silver jubilee will take the form of a Solemn High Mass on Sunday at 11 o'clock, with Rt. Rev. Magr. Morton, V.G., preaching the sermon. A Solemn Requiem High Mass will be sung on Monday morning at 8.15 for the deceased priests and parishioners. An anniversary dinner will be held in the school at 7 p.m. on Monday evening.

May 1939

St. Alphonsus Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Over 220 parishioners, representative of the 500 families in St. Alphonsus parish and friends, were present at a banquet held in the school hall to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Alphonsus Monday evening, May 15th.

Occasion was taken to bid farewell to the departing pastor, Father D. J. O'Donnell, to whom a parting gift was presented by the parishioners. Mr. Maurice Gelley sang "O Canada."

The guest speaker, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Morton, P.A., dilated upon "The Humor of Nations" to a delighted audience. Father O'Donnell responded to the presentation speech. Father McCullough, the new pastor, proposed the toast to the Pope, and Mr. James Barry, M.L.A., proposed the toast to the King. Father Meehan was called upon as the priest longest acquainted with the parish. Mr. Petley spoke on behalf of the original parishioners, and Mr. Joseph Williams on behalf of the new. Father Enright was asked to tell of the workings, progress and projects of the Credit Union together with its effect on the future prosperity of the Co-operative movement in the district.

The original families represented were: Gelley, Cuff, Raleigh, Riley, Treger, Redman, Messner, Lester, Gallagher, Parkin, Neisner, Kuneman, Petley, McPike, Scollan, McCaffrey, Furnival, Purdy, McNeil, Fitzpatrick, Udink, Dowling and Allan.

The chairman, Mr. J. A. Treger, presided with his usual effectiveness. The celebration concluded with the singing of "God Save the King."

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