



Diocese of New Westminster  
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### **Incumbent, St Mary's, Kerrisdale**

The Bishop of New Westminster is seeking to appoint an Incumbent for the Parish of St. Mary's, Kerrisdale in Vancouver. The priest incumbent will 'provide energetic, compassionate and collaborative leadership.'

The Parish of St Mary is celebrating 100 years of ministry in its service of God's mission in the neighbourhood of Kerrisdale. St Mary's is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of New Westminster and is a strong contributor to leadership in the life of the Diocese.

Situated on Vancouver's west side, and on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish, Kerrisdale still reflects its British colonial history; however the neighbourhood is rapidly changing. A diverse demographic shift is occurring which is providing a rich cultural dynamic and the parish recognizes the challenge in its bid to reflect the surrounding neighbourhood in its community.

In addition to the Incumbent, currently two associate priests compliment the ordained leadership along with a music director, organist, two office staff and a verger. This configuration, while it has been a long-standing model, may be reviewed in the future.

The Diocesan mandated Ministry Assessment Process was quickly embraced by St Mary's as they sought to identify their key values. Four priorities were identified as places of ministry focus:

- ❖ Worship that has variety, high quality music, and an opportunity for all to engage in, is named as very important to St Mary's. To that end there is a wide offering of worship times and style beginning with Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Eucharist (BCP), 9:15 a.m. Eucharist (BAS p 185), 11:15 am Eucharist (BAS p 230), Tuesday 7:00 am Eucharist, and Monday to Friday Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Youth ministry, an historic focus of St Mary's, was re-evaluated, and to address a feeling of isolation and separation from the rest of the community, Family Ministry was born to provide for multi-generational events.
- ❖ St Mary's has "a deep desire to support Outreach by both financial contributions and getting involved in a hands-on way" and 'there is a desire to see and live our outreach ministry as a fundamental aspect of discipleship...'. St Mary's is involved locally with many programs such as a community meal program developed by the Parish, support for Downtown Eastside projects, and globally in El Salvador.

- ❖ Financial Sustainability at St Mary's is understood to require messaging that conveys the understanding that Christian discipleship is intimately connected to Stewardship. In order to reach its goals for financial sustainability future cost efficiencies will need to be addressed.

The successful candidate will be someone who is a team leader, willing to both engage and be challenged, attentive to her/his own spiritual journey, a preacher and liturgist, a mentors mentor, a visitor, and someone who likes to laugh.

A Parish Profile is available from the Synod Office, as well as a list of expectations of all clergy in the Diocese of New Westminster. Applications for this position will be received until **Thursday, March 15th**, with a reasoned, written response to the documents provided, outlining what the applicant could bring to the position by way of gifts and experience. Applicants are required to **provide this written response, a resumé, and references (both a mailed copies and emailed version) to:**

The Right Reverend Michael C. Ingham, Chair  
Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments  
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You may request the profile material or information by phoning the Rev'd Eileen Nurse 604-684-6306, ext. 228, with all email inquiries or responses to: email [enurse@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:enurse@vancouver.anglican.ca).