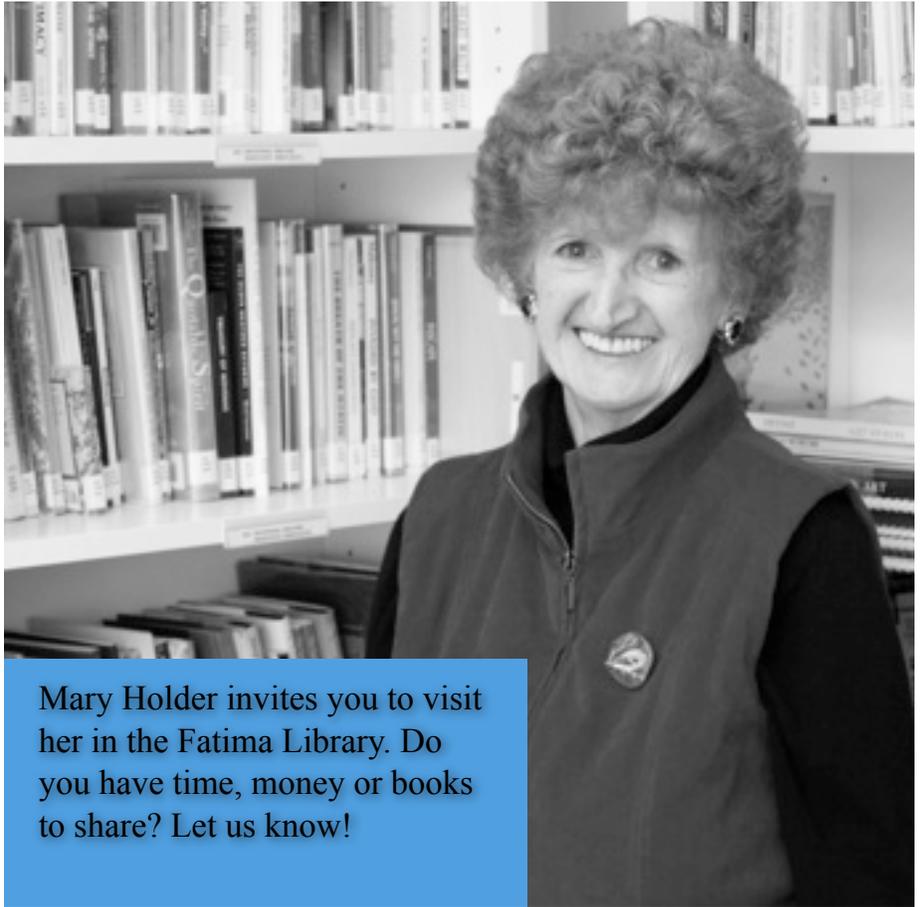


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Mary Holder invites you to visit her in the Fatima Library. Do you have time, money or books to share? Let us know!

Have You Been to the Library Lately?

Jesse McNeil had a dream - to start a library at Our Lady of Fatima. Today, almost seven years later, her dream is a reality and the Library continues to grow and keep up with surprising demand.

Run by a dedicated team of volunteers, the 'Fatima Library' is a source of inspiration, introspection and reflection for many.

Volunteer librarian, Mary Holder works together with her team to keep the library well-stocked and up to date. "But there is more to the library than books and DVD's," says Mary.

"I like organizing. I like the contact with the volunteers. I've made a lot of friends. The library increases my sense of community."

In the true spirit of community, Fatima Library volunteers have been working closely with a group of librarians from across the diocese to help them set up their own parish library.

"We reach out and share ideas with other Parishes," says Mary. "We have even helped Holy Spirit set up their own Library."

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Our Lady of Fatima



Ministries

Our Lady of Fatima is home to more than 35 ministries. Each ministry is committed to making a difference for Christ and improving the lives of others. The "Ministry Report" brings you the stories of the people behind each ministry, highlighting the importance of our ministries in the local and global community.

Want to get involved? Contact the Parish office at 613-722-7661, visit us in person or go to our website at www.fatimaparish.ca/ministries.htm

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“Having access to faith-based materials has increased my knowledge of the Catholic Church and it is important for us to share with people of all ages.”

23 volunteers give about two hours per week to make the Library work. Jesse McNeil created a Library operations manual to help keep things on

track, but there are a few areas of improvement according to Mary.

The library is always looking for faith based materials, volunteers and of course money.

“The Library benefits a wide range of people,” says Mary. “Volunteers, ministries, clergy and parishioners. There are even books for kids and teenagers and we are expanding our sheet music

program. It all adds to the library experience.”



“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.” Henry Ward Beecher

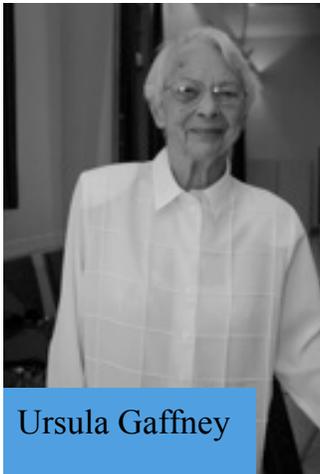
What’s in the Pantry? In Britannia, a Whole Lot of Love

Ursula Gaffney avoids the spotlight. For years, Ursula, along with a small army of volunteers has quietly run the Britannia Woods Food Pantry, doing whatever it takes to see that people get fed.

When Ursula speaks about the need at the Food Bank Ministry, she is quick to spread praise, but she is also ready to ask for help.

“We commit to giving people a certain amount of food. If our cupboards are bare, we have to go shopping,” says Ursula. “I have looked at the shelves for years on end and sometimes, they are virtually empty.”

The Britannia Food Pantry runs much like a small business with a steady stream of customers.



Ursula Gaffney

Unfortunately, supply doesn’t always keep up with demand.

“Fatima is in one of the neediest areas in the city,” says Father Jeffrey King. “Ursula and her team play a vital role ensuring families - including young children - have enough to eat.”

“We keep people fed, we keep people clothed,” says Ursula. “But the need never goes away and we need help.”

“Ursula is the soul of the Food Pantry,” says Father King. “She really is a Saint. Now, with growing need, Ursula needs help. I invite and encourage Fatima parishioners to follow Ursula’s lead and give generously, either with your time, food or generosity.”

“Whatever you give, you receive, one hundred fold.”

Britannia Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

James McDonnell knows the Fatima Parish boundaries quite well. From Michele Heights, to Penny Drive, James does his best to see needy families have access to food and clothing.

James has noticed more families relying on the Food Pantry to feed their families.



“We want people to remember we are still here and there is still a need.”

WANT TO HELP?

Cash Donations
Clothing Donations
Gratefully Accepted!

We also need YOU!

Your time means so much. If you are looking for a rewarding challenge contact the Parish Office and get involved!

GIVING TO FATIMA PARISH MINISTRIES

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Do you, your family or your business want to join a ministry at Our Lady of Fatima?

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