



## Holy Cross Parish

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 – The Presentation of the Lord of the Year “A”** – page 300.

First Reading: *Malachi 3:1 – 4*, Psalm 23: **“Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.”**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:14 - 18*; Gospel: **Luke 2:22 - 40.** *My eyes have seen your salvation.*

**5.30pm (Holy Cross)** – Stephen McGonagle

**Sun. 2 Feb. 9.30am (Holy Cross)** – Special Intention

**11.00am (St. Margaret Mary)** – Ronnie Mitchell

**12.30pm (in Polish St. Margaret Mary)** –

Mon. 3 Feb. 10.00am (Holy Cross) – *Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service*

**Tue. 4 Feb. 10.00am (St. Margaret Mary)** – *Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service*

Wed. 5 Feb. 10.00am (Holy Cross) – *Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service*

Thu. 6 Feb. 10.00am (St. Margaret Mary) – Mass

Fri. 7 Feb. 10.00am (Holy Cross) – *Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service.*

Sat. 8 Feb.

**5.30pm (Holy Cross)** – Fraser Bryce

**Sun. 9 Feb. 9.30am (Holy Cross)** – Mass for People.

**11.00am (St. Margaret Mary)** – Moyra Scully

**12.30pm (in Polish St. Margaret Mary)**

**This Sunday** (02.02.2020) is The Presentation of the Lord of the Year “A”

Wed. 5 Feb. – St Agatha – memorial

Thu. 6 Feb. – St Paul Miki and Companions – memorial

**Next Sunday** (09.02.2020) is The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year “A”

**Confessions:** at 5pm on Saturday in Holy Cross church.

**Thank you all for your generosity** shown in the collection from Sunday **26 January 2020** which in Holy Cross was: **£ 427.20** and in St Margaret Mary's: **£ 595.13.**

**Please pray for:** Fr. John Morrison, Eleanor Hamilton, Moira Todd, Moira Flucker, Madeline McParland, Kathleen Dugan, Netta Chapman, and all the sick and housebound in our parish. Also we pray for **Moyra Scully** (Wilson) and **Lisa White** who died recently.

**Fr Hand will be on holiday** from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January until Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. If you require any pastoral assistance please leave a message on the parish answering machine. It will be checked three times a day. Maciej Samulski, our administrative assistant has details of my diary if a funeral has to be arranged when I am away.

**Fr. Slavin**, a retired Glasgow priest, will be here to celebrate the Masses for the weekend.

**Liturgy of the Word and Communion Services:** Please check the newsletter for details of Liturgy of the Word and Communion services when I am away. Some readers and Communion ministers have been delegated to lead them.

**Mass in Polish:** Fr. Marcin is not available on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February for the Mass. At the moment we are fairly certain that Fr. Bart Parys will be available to celebrate the Mass

**Please note that the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service on Tuesday is at 10.00am and not 7.00pm.**

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on the noticeboard and on the website next weekend.

**First Communion Organisation -** The meetings for parents and carers of children in the second year of preparation for First Communions are as follows: those making First Communion at Holy Cross

church -Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm Holy Cross church; those making First Communion at St. Margaret Mary's –Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm at St. Margaret Mary's hall.

All parents and carers are expected to be there. We will confirm at these meetings at what church and Mass the children will be making their First Communion.

**First Confession:** The provisional dates for the First Confessions are: St. Margaret Mary's Saturday morning 14<sup>th</sup> March and Holy Cross Saturday morning 21<sup>st</sup> March. Precise times will follow later.

**Music:** There is a meeting for those involved in music in the parish on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. The place is to be confirmed. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss music in general in the parish and also to discuss the music in Lent.

**Appreciate your Parish:** At the Masses on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating and praying about the various activities that go on in the parish. The main purpose is for all of us to appreciate how much time and skill people give to parish life. It is also to invite parishioners to think about how they might offer time and skill to the parish. Would those involved in activities and groups start to think about what they would want to communicate to the parish.

**Mr. Maciej Samulski:** Mr. Maciej Samulski has accepted the post of administrative assistant in the parish. This is a different post from the one he previously held.

**WED 05 FEB 7-9pm - Modern Slavery event:** *An Anti-Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery Training. It features Alister Bull from the Global Anti-trafficking charity Hope for Justice. The evening will help participants identify signs of trafficking and exploitation and respond appropriately to help victims.*

**SAT 08 FEB 11am-2:30pm - Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** *Father Jeremy Milne will be the main speaker and there will be a practical reflection followed by a Q&A session. The day concludes with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions.*

**'Concerts in the Cathedral'** - *two fantastic shows at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Friday 6 March with musicians Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham and Saturday 7 March with Barbara Dickson. These will be lovely occasions and will also help to raise funds for the Cathedral. Tickets cost £25 per person, available from Eventbrite.*

**Events at the Gillis Centre: SAT 15 FEB 2020 - Married couples retreat:** *'Together before the Lord - A Valentine's Day idea for married couples that goes beyond the usual dinner and movie'. The Marriage & Family Commission have invited Fr Bart Parys SVD to Edinburgh and lead an afternoon of prayer and reflection for married. Fr Bart is currently a regional moderator for Domestic Church circles in Dublin and is an experienced leader of couples retreats.*

**For all events register on Eventbrite, the Archdiocesan Facebook, or by calling 0131 623 8900.**

### **200 Club annual subscriptions now due**

If you normally pay your 200 club subscription annually by cash or cheque it is now due. Please make your cheque for **£36** payable to **Holy Cross 200 Club** and either hand it to Robert McGee at Holy Cross or put it in an envelope marked **Holy Cross 200 Club** with your name. For cash payments this should be put in an envelope clearly marked Holy Cross 200 Club with your name.

There are many numbers still to be allocated so please speak to Robert McGee or contact him by email on [Robertbmcgee@btinternet.com](mailto:Robertbmcgee@btinternet.com) to join the 200 Club.

For those who pay by Bank Standing Order your subscriptions will be renewed automatically.

**Bake Sale for Kuba** – on 23 Feb. will be Bake Sale as a fundraising event for Kuba. He is a five year old child from Edinburgh who due to sepsis has lost the fingers of his left hand and has severe difficulty with his feet and legs. More details will be announced later.