



Holy Cross Parish

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23th February 2020 – 7th Sunday of the Year A, page 139.

First Reading: *Leviticus 19:1 – 2. 17-18*, Psalm 102: **“The Lord is compassion and love.”**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*; Gospel: **Matthew 5:38-48. Love your enemies.**

5.30pm (Holy Cross) – Mass for People

Sun. 23 Feb. 9.30am (Holy Cross) –

11.00am (St. Margaret Mary) – Bill Carolan

12.30pm (in Polish St. Margaret Mary) –

Mon. 24 Feb. 10.00am (Holy Cross) – Bette and Charles Amato

Tue. 25 Feb. **10.30pm (Holy Cross)** – Funeral Mass

7.00pm (St. Margaret Mary) –

Wed. 26 Feb. **10.00am (Holy Cross)** –

7.00pm (Margaret Mary’s) –

Thu. 27 Feb. 10.00am (St. Margaret Mary’s) – Bill Carolan

Fri. 28 Feb. 10.00am (Holy Cross) – Ronald Sydney Byford

Sat. 29 Feb.

5.30pm (Holy Cross) – Mass for People

Sun. 30 Feb. 9.30am (Holy Cross) – Clem Slimon

11.00am (St. Margaret Mary) – Iris McLaughlin

12.30pm (in Polish St. Margaret Mary) –

This Sunday (23.02.2020) is seventh Sunday of the Year A

Wed. 26 Feb. – **Ash Wednesday**

Next Sunday (23.02.2020) is The 1st Sunday of Lent - Year “A”

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

Thank you all for your generosity shown in the collection from Sunday **16 February 2020** which in Holy Cross was: **£ 432.60** and in St Margaret Mary’s: **£ 542.07.**

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 Iris McLaughlin and Donato Alonzi who have died.

Funeral: We pray for **Donato Alonzi** who has died. His funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 10.30am in Holy Cross church. The service in Warriston Crematorium will be at 12.00 noon.

Ash Wednesday – Mass and Ashes in Holy Cross church at 10.00am and in St. Margaret Mary’s church at 7.00pm. Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. This is when we eat less and don’t eat meat as a sign of our joining Jesus on the Cross.

Appreciate your Parish: At the Masses on 28th and 29th 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.

Rite of presentation of the Creed. The Presentation of the Creed rite for the children preparing for First Communion this year will take place at the Masses on the weekend 29th Feb/1st March.

Place of Meeting: If you make an appointment with Fr. Hand it will always be at 11 Bangholm Loan ED5 3AH unless arranged otherwise.

First Communion Organisation – this week event - The meetings for parents and carers of children in the second year of preparation for First Communions at St. Margaret Mary's is at **St. Margaret Mary's hall on Monday 24th 7.00pm.**

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

'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.

Fundraiser in aid of Mary's Meals: Soup and Sandwich Lunch: on Saturday 28th March from 12noon to 2 30 pm. Tickets are £4.50 for adults, £1.50 for children and will be on sale from Saturday 7th March. Home baking will be available to buy.

Thank you! On behalf of the Music Group at Holy Cross, I want to say a big "Thank you" for your fantastic singing at Mass on 16th February. We rely greatly on the congregation joining in with us and were very moved by your enthusiasm and the volume you produced! Well done to all! Rosemary McMillan and the HX Music Group

Home Bake Sale for Kuba – on 23 Feb. after Mass will be Bake Sale in Margaret Mary's hall 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.

Lenten Quiet Day: March 14th St. Serf's. Please see Fr. Hand or Caroline Kerr for details.

Gender Recognition Bill consultation: The Scottish Government is consulting now on proposed changes to gender recognition legislation. These include removal of the current medical requirements and reducing the age limit for legally changing gender from 18 to 16. The Catholic Church believes that sex or gender cannot be reduced to a mere construct of society that is fluid and changeable. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a briefing paper to help you understand the key issues. It is available [at the back of the church and] online at the Catholic Parliamentary Office website. Please make your voice heard in this consultation which can be completed at www.consult.gov.scot. The deadline for responses is 17th March.

St Mary's University: The UK's leading Catholic university, St Mary's Twickenham, has announced the launch of part-time postgraduate courses in Scotland for the first time. They will be taught at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh and are scheduled to start in October. Course are expected to include Catholic Social Teaching, Theology and Catholic School Leadership. This is good news for the Archdiocese and will improve the advancement of Catholic education in Scotland. Visit the news section of archedinburgh.org for more details.

Vocations Mass: Will you pray for more people to answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life? The monthly Mass for Vocations takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 2nd March at St Columba's Church, 7 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. It is followed at 7:30pm with a relaxed Q&A session with a nun, titled 'Ask me Anything'. Refreshments served.

Edinburgh Passion: Interested in acting? Enjoy thinking outside of the box? We are looking for a community cast who will perform as part of the weekend long project. See details on the poster.

Remembering Service: A service will take place for those who have lost a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, on Sunday 8th March at 6.00pm, St John the Baptist RC Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. This service may be helpful to anyone who feels that they have not had the opportunity to acknowledge and grieve for their loss. It's also for those who wish to come in love and support. The service is ecumenical and open to all.