



Holy Cross Parish

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1st March 2020 – 1st Sunday of Lent - A, page 151.

First Reading: *Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7, Psalm 50: “Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.”*

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19; Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.*

5.30pm (HX) – Mass for People

Sun. 1 March 9.30am (HX) – Clem Slimon

11.00am (SMM) – Iris McLaughlin

12.30pm (in Polish SMM) –

Mon. 2 March 10.00am (HX) – Mary McLeod

Tue. 3 March 7.00pm (SMM) –

Wed. 4 March 10.00am (HX) – E. Hamilton

Thu. 5 March 10.00am (SMM) –

Fri. 6 March 10.00am (HX) –

Sat. 7 March

5.30pm (HX) –

Sun. 8 March 9.30am (HX) – Mass for People

11.00am (SMM) – Jimmy Small

12.30pm (in Polish SMM) –

*HX for
Holy Cross church,
SMM for
St. Margaret Mary's
church*

This Sunday (1.03.2020) is first Sunday of Lent in the Year A

Next Sunday (8.03.2020) is The 2nd 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 **23 February 2020** which in Holy Cross was: **£ 381.30** and in St Margaret Mary's: **£ 563.44.**

Please pray for: Fr. John Morrison, Moira Todd, Moira Flucker, Madeline McParland, Kathleen Dugan, Netta Chapman, and all the sick and housebound in our parish.

Also we pray for Eleanor Hamilton, Iris McLaughlin and Donato Alonzi who have died.

Pastoral Council: 7.00pm Monday 2nd March in Parish House. If anyone has any points he or she would like to bring up would you send them into the parish house or to Robert McGee.

Appreciate your Parish Event 28th/29th March: As we continue to prepare for the weekend of 28th/29th March when we will be thanking God for the varied parish life activities of our parish, we are working on revising the parish information book. We would also like the leaders/organisers of parish groups and activities to come to a meeting on **Monday 9th March at 7.00pm** at St. Margaret Mary's Hall . The purpose of the meeting is to ask each group/activity to make a poster giving some idea of what they do and why they do it. This is with a view to informing the parish about what goes on and also with the hope that more people might offer their services. At the meeting we will discuss how we might do that. If leader or organiser cannot come could he or she find a representative to come along.

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.

St. Patrick's Night: St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall, Saturday 21st March, 7.00pm-11.00pm. Tickets £5 and children free.

SCIAF: Please take one of the SCIAF Lenten Campaign boxes if you do not yet have one.

Holy Cross Primary 5H will be at the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.

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.

Home Bake Sale for Kuba: on 23 Feb. after Mass was 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. Thanks for everyone's generosity and involvement we collected great **£ 701.51** for his treatment.

Lenten Timetable

Lenten Lamentations (Gorzkie Żale): On the 1st, 3th and 5th Sunday of Lent at 12:15 (before the 12.30pm Mass) in St. Margaret Mary's church we invite you to a traditional Polish sung service about the Passion of the Lord. For English speakers' translation will be provided.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday 8th March at 3.00pm St. Margaret Mary's;

Wednesday 11th March at 7.00pm in Holy Cross;

Wednesday 18th March at 7.00pm in St. Margaret Mary's (SCIAF Stations of the Cross);

Wednesday 1st April at 7.00pm in St. Margaret Mary's;

Wednesday 8th April at 7.00pm in Holy Cross Inter-Church Stations of the Cross.

Penitential Service: Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm in Holy Cross;

Confessions: 5.00pm at Holy Cross each Saturday;

6.30pm each Wednesday before Stations of the Cross (*excluding the Penitential Service and Inter Church Stations of the Cross*);

Thursday after the 10.00am Mass St. Margaret Mary's

Lent Quiet Day: The Council of Churches in Trinity and Goldenacre is arranging a Lent Quiet Day on March 14 at St James's, Goldenacre from 10am to 3pm. It is possible to come for the morning or afternoon only.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Masses as normal;

Monday 10.00am Mass Holy Cross;

Tuesday 10.00am Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service at 10.00am St. Margaret Mary's;

Tuesday 7.00pm Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral;

Wednesday 10.00am Mass at Holy Cross;

Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm at Holy Cross and Adoration until 10.00pm; Good

Friday Celebration of the Passion at 3.00pm in St. Margaret Mary's,

and Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in St. Margaret Mary's.

Easter Vigil Holy Cross at 9.00pm.

Easter Sunday 9.30am Holy Cross; 11.00am St. Margaret Mary's;

12.30pm Polish Mass St. Margaret Mary's

Morning Prayer: There will be a 20 minute Morning Prayer at 10.00am in Holy Cross on Thursday and Saturday and in St. Mary Magdalene's on Saturday at 10.00am.

Servers: There will be Servers' Practices: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil - immediately after the Morning Prayer, which will be taking place in the church in which the later Mass or Service will take place.

Feasts in Lent:

St. Patrick's Day Mass in St. Margaret Mary's at 10.00am.

St. Joseph's Mass in St. Margaret Mary's at 10.00am.

Annunciation Mass Wednesday in Holy Cross at 10.00am.

'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.

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.

Vocations Mass: The monthly Mass for Vocations takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 2nd March at St Columba's Church, 7 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh.

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.