



Holy Cross Parish

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8th March 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Lent - A, page 155.

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4*, Psalm 32: **“May your love be upon us, O Lord as we place all our hope in you.”** Second Reading: 2nd letter of St Paul to Timothy *1:8-10*;

Gospel: **Matthew 17:1-9. His face shone like the sun.**

5.30pm (HX) –

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

11.00am (SMM) – Jimmy Smail

12.30pm (in Polish SMM) –

Mon. 9 March 10.00am (HX) – Donato Alonzi

Tue. 10 March 7.00pm (SMM) – Intentions of Fr. Anthony

Wed. 11 March 10.00am (HX) – Funeral of Charles Kelly

Thu. 12 March 10.00am (SMM) – Eleanor Hamilton

Fri. 13 March 10.00am (HX) – Intentions of Dorata

Sat. 14 March

5.30pm (HX) – Clem Slimon

Sun. 15 March 9.30am (HX) – Donato Alonzi

11.00am (SMM) – Mass for People

12.30pm (in Polish SMM) –

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

This Sunday (8.03.2020) is second Sunday of Lent in the Year A

Next Sunday (15.03.2020) is The 3th Sunday of Lent - Year “A”

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

Thank you all for your generosity shown in the collection from Sunday **1 March 2020** which in Holy Cross was: **£ 383.80** and in St Margaret Mary's: **£ 431.14.**

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 Canon Halloran, Charles Kelly and Eleanor Hamilton who have died

The funeral Mass for Canon Halloran, who served as a curate in St. Margaret Mary's, will be celebrated in St. Mary's Leith Monday at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Mount Vernon. His remains will be received into the church on Sunday at 6.00pm.

The funeral Mass of Charles Kelly will take place at 10.00am in Holy Cross this Wednesday.

The 10.00am Mass on Thursday will be said as a Requiem Mass for **Eleanor Hamilton.**

Corona Virus: As was announced last week the archdiocese has issued suggestions for parishes that could be of use in helping to stop the virus spreading. We are monitoring the situation to decide if and when it would be useful to implement these ideas. It may be that between now (Thursday) and the weekend Masses we will have decided to implement the suggestions. A decision for this weekend will be made on Saturday morning. The ideas are to stop temporarily the sign of peace; the reception of the host on the tongue; the reception of the chalice; the use of the holy water font. We can of course make the sign of the cross when entering the church. Probably as important as the measures above, we are in the process of assessing all handwashing facilities in the parish. We will then carry out what work needs to be done to bring them to the best of standards.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday 8th March at 3.00pm St. Margaret Mary's;
Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm in Holy Cross;

St. Patrick's Night: St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall, Saturday 21st March, 7.00pm-11.00pm. Tickets £5 and children free. Please support the event as we continue to develop parish community life.

Appreciate your Parish Event 28th/29th March: Leaders and Organisers of Parish Groups and Activities are invited 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 on the weekend of 28th/29th about what goes on and also with the hope that more people might offer their services. At the meeting we will discuss how we can make best use of 28th/29th weekend and give some ideas for the poster. If leader or organiser cannot come could he or she find a representative to come along. A prayer card to help us pray for our parish will be available next week.

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

First Confession: The dates for the First Confessions are: St. Margaret Mary's Saturday morning 14th March and Holy Cross Saturday morning 21st March. The confessions in St. Margaret Mary's and Holy Cross will be at 11.00am.

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

Holy Cross Primary: Classes 7H and 7C will be at Mass on Monday 10.00am

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.

Safeguarding Training Part 2. -

Thursday 19th March at 7 pm in Holy Cross Church Hall Those who volunteer in regulated roles across the parish undertook Part 1 of the Safeguarding induction a couple of years ago. Part 2 completes the induction. Its aim is to ensure confidence in understanding the place of prevention in safeguarding. Everyone working with children and vulnerable adults is required to undertake Part 1 before they are approved, then follow up later with Part 2. If you cannot make this session, there are other opportunities across the deanery advertised here <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training/>

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.

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.

"Tradition and the Challenge of Same-Sex Unions"- Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.30-9.30pm at Mayfield Salisbury church. See poster