



## Holy Cross Parish

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### **15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - A, page 158.**

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*, Psalm 94: **“O that today you would listen to his voice: ‘Harden not your hearts.’”** Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2. 5-8*;

Gospel: **John 4:5-24.** *A spring of water welling up to eternal life.*

**5.30pm (HX) – Clem Slimon**

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

**11.00am (SMM) – Mass for People**

**12.30pm (in Polish SMM) – Tadeusz Matusik**

Mon. 16 March 10.00am (HX) –

Tue. 17 March 10.00am St. Patrick’s Day Mass (SMM) 7.00pm (SMM) – *Special Intention Fr. Anthony*

Wed. 18 March 10.00am (HX) – Stations of the Cross 7.00pm SMM

Thu. 19 March 10.00am St. Joseph’s Day Mass (SMM) – Gloria and Dominador

Fri. 20 March 10.00am (HX) – Dion Walls

Sat. 21 March

**5.30pm (HX) – Mass for the People**

**Sun. 22 March 9.30am (HX) – Canon Brian Halloran**

**11.00am (SMM) – Jim Fegan**

**12.30pm (in Polish SMM) –**

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

**This Sunday** (15.03.2020) is third Sunday of Lent in the Year A

Thu. 19<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary - solemnity

**Next Sunday** (22.03.2020) is The 4th 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 **8 March 2020** which in Holy Cross was: **£ 392.10** and in St Margaret Mary’s: **£ 495.87.**

**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, James Kelly and Eleanor Hamilton who have died

**Feast Days:** Please note feast day Masses on 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March

### **Letter to Priests from Archbishop Cushley with regard to Covid-19 –**

‘As we enter a new phase of Covid-19, national regulations are becoming more stringent regarding notifiable disease. Inter alia, these state that “it is an offence to knowingly place a person at risk...”. This would apply to not putting in place preventative measures which include any touching of the face and mouth. As a local church, we were already on the alert a number of weeks ago, and I asked you to discuss the matter with your people, with a view to taking measures to behave more safely towards each other. It is quickly becoming clearer, however, that the situation may be worse than was first thought, and so I have decided to make it **mandatory** that 1) you empty all holy water stoops; 2) you omit the sign of peace from Mass; 3) you do not offer holy communion on the tongue; 3) you do not offer holy communion from the chalice. Put soap and/or hand sanitiser at the disposal of yourselves and eucharistic ministers for use before and after holy communion. I would also encourage you to refrain from shaking hands with anyone before or after Mass, and to wash your hands frequently.

Although they are temporary, I know these measures may dismay or upset some parishioners, but we have a legal as well as a social duty to behave responsibly. These rules will be in place until Easter, at which time I will review them. Thank you for your cooperation.’

**SCIAF and Episcopal Charities:** Next weekend we pray for the work of SCIAF and the various charities the archbishop supports. There will be a special collection to support this work.

**From Fr. Hand:** We are in the process of implementing the measures Archbishop Cushley has asked for. We have also asked that all collection bags be washed with anti bacterial liquid before and after use. It is however essential that we co-operate with these policies. I am always ready to discuss with people as to how they feel. I realise that some groups in the parish are not accustomed to Communion in the hand, but I encourage everyone to receive in the hand. I assure everyone that when we are advised that the situation is sufficiently improved we will start again receiving from the chalice and receiving the host on the tongue. It would be also good to keep in mind that, when this crisis is over, that we if we have heavy colds, coughs and mouth sores that it is better not to receive from the Chalice.

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

**Appreciate our Parish:** As you know we are preparing to celebrate our parish over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March. The group and activities leaders have met to prepare a display of what goes on. We want to celebrate what goes on in the parish as well as seeing how we have to develop. This is also an opportunity to consider offering your time and skills to parish work. If some groups and activities weren't represented, would someone in the group please get in touch with Aileen Ward or Fr.Hand

**Please take a prayer card with you from Mass today** and pray for the growth of our parish. Would Communion ministers take a card to the housebound.

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

**Lenten Lamentations (Gorzkie Żale) – second part:** On this (3th) 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.

### **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/>

**First Confession:** The next set of First Confessions is in Holy Cross at 11.00am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

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

**Holy Cross Primary:** Both Primary 3 classes 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.

**Gender Recognition Bill consultation:** The deadline for responses is 17<sup>th</sup> March.