



Holy Cross Parish

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First Reading: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*; Psalm 24: **“Remember your mercy, Lord”**.

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-11* Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32.** *“He thought better of it went.*

Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.”

Masses next weekend:

Saturday 3rd October 5.30pm Holy Cross; Sunday 4th September 9.30am Holy Cross, 11.30am St. Margaret Mary's, 1.00pm Polish Mass St. Margaret Mary's.

Sunday 27th September-Saturday 3rd October: Monday – Wednesday No Mass. Mass 10.00am Thursday 1st October St. Margaret Mary's and Mass 10.00am Saturday 3rd October Holy Cross.

Pastoral Help: If you require pastoral help when Fr. Hand is on holiday, please ring the parish office the answering machine will be checked regularly

Booking for Mass Places:

Ring 07546454419.

Email hx_mm@btinternet.com.

Use parish website: go to **events** at the top of the first page. To help us make sure that we do not overbook for any Mass (one is now close to the limit) a small adjustment has been made to the booking arrangements. **From now on from midday Thursday only the designated booking mobile phone can be used, 07546454419.** The website booking function will no longer be operational from midday Thurs, day until after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. Also it won't be possible to book on the parish email from midday Thursday until after Mass Sunday. Having 3 or 4 ways of booking right up to Mass time ran the risk of not being able to calculate easily when we had hit our limits. **Please remember that you don't have a definite place if your booking has not been confirmed.** We ask you to co-operate with the booking system as our numbers are beginning to increase.

Liturgy : 26th/27th: 5.30pm Singing, 9.30am Quiet, 11.30am Singing

3rd/4th Oct: 5.30pm Singing, 9.30am Singing, 11.30am Singing

Volunteers Needed

Could you help with the important task of welcoming and passkeeping at our Sunday and Weekday Masses

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Please read, think and pray about the following passages from Pope Francis' Laudate Si:

21. 'Account must also be taken of the pollution produced by residue, including dangerous waste present in different areas. Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. Industrial waste and chemical products utilized in cities and agricultural areas can lead to bioaccumulation in the organisms of the local population, even when levels of toxins in those places are low. Frequently no measures are taken until after people's health has been irreversibly affected.

22. These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish. To cite one example, most of the paper we produce is thrown away and not recycled. It is hard for us to accept that the way natural ecosystems work is exemplary: plants synthesize nutrients which feed herbivores; these in turn become food for carnivores, which produce significant quantities of organic waste which give rise to new generations of plants. But our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products. We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them. A serious consideration of this issue would be one way of counteracting the throwaway culture which affects the entire planet, but it must be said that only limited progress has been made in this regard.

25. Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited. For example, changes in climate, to which animals and plants cannot adapt, lead them to migrate; this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children. There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.'

As well as the Feast of the Holy Cross on Monday and the encouragement to learn more about the Church and Climate Change, we have arranged talk and discussion on **10th November on how the effects of Covid will affect our individual lives and society in general.** The talk will be given by Professor Mark Smith of the parish; how we will actually organise the evening will depend on the situation with regard to how we can meet.

We have also organised an evening on **1st December with Fr. Andrew Gardener** who will be leading us in an evening of reflection and prayer at the start of Lent. Again how we actually do this will depend on whether we can meet or not.

Online Giving: If you wish to use the new Offertory giving link click on the following link [PayaCharity Donation Portal](#). The parish has done well using this new diocesan method of paying. Thanks for that. Perhaps others would consider using this method.

Virtual Tea/Coffee: Join other Parishioners for a **Virtual Tea or Coffee** after Mass at 11:00 to 11:30 on Zoom. Meeting ID: 734 9918 6205 Password: 5Dhvjj

Confirmation, First Communion and First Confession

First Confessions for those children now in Primary 4 who didn't make them previously have been arranged.

Penance: Primary 3 parents will be asked before Christmas to register their children for the two year period of preparation leading to the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of Communion.

First Communion 2021. More information will be given in December

Confirmation: Primary 7 will be beginning preparation for the Sacrament for Confirmation this year. The date given to us by the Archbishop is 15th May next year. At the moment the Archbishop's plan is to have the Confirmations in three groups during that day. We will have more information after Christmas. All of this is subject to the what the situation is with regard to the virus. Parents and children will be asked to sign up before Christmas for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

40 Days for Life:

A peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Chalmers Clinic in Edinburgh from 23 September to 01 November. The purpose is to pray for an end to abortion; parishioners are asked to consider taking part for an hour or so. For more details visit www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

This weekend marks the end of the World Week for Peace in Israel and Palestine - <https://paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns/israel-and-palestine/world-week-for-peace-in-pi/>.

Season of Creation

The Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission invites parishioners and priests to a short retreat on Sunday 04 October, the Feast Day of St Francis. It takes place 2:30-4.30pm on Zoom, and marks the end of the Season of Creation. Registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/Retreat4Oct>

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (May be used during streamed Mass):

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. (St. Alphonsus)

Stipends:

	26 th September	5:30 (vigil)	Joan Hume ws
Sunday	27 th September	9:30am	Harry McCusker ws
		11:30am	Mary Malloy ws
Monday	28 th September	10:00am (HX)	No Mass
Tuesday	29 th September	10:00am (SMM)	No Mass
Wednesday	30 th September	10:00am (HX)	No Mass
Thursday	1 st October	10:00am (SMM)	Fr. Ben Doonan and Family
Friday			
Saturday	3 rd October	10:00am (HX)	Thomas Reddington
Saturday		5:30pm (HX)	Mass for People
Sunday	4 th October	9:30 (HX)	Simon Muir
		11:30 (SMM)	Eileen Gillon

HX – Holy Cross church

SMM – St. Margaret Mary's church