



## Holy Cross Parish

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### **4th October 2020 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A. page 137.**

First Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-7*; Psalm 79: **“The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel”**.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:6-9* Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**. *“He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.”*

### **Masses next weekend:**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm Holy Cross; Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am Holy Cross, 11.30am St. Margaret Mary's, 1.00pm Polish Mass St. Margaret Mary's.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October-Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October:**

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday - Holy Cross 10:00am

Tuesday, Thursday – St Margaret Mary's 10:00am

**Feast of St. Margaret Mary: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.** Mass 10.00am in St. Margaret Mary's. The Mass will be streamed at 7.00pm.

### **Booking for Mass Places:**

Ring 07546454419 or

Email [hx\\_mm@btinternet.com](mailto:hx_mm@btinternet.com). or

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 : 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: 5.30pm Singing, 9.30am Singing, 11.30am Singing

10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> Oct: 5.30pm Singing, 9.30am Organ, 11.30am Organ

### **Volunteers Needed**

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

### **Dear Parishioners and Friends,**

We celebrated the Feast of St. Teresa of Lisieux (the Little Flower) on Thursday. During these days of restriction and lockdown going on, she is a saint who could teach us much as how to live in restricted circumstances. Her great gift to the Church was to remind us that love is at the heart of everything. When reading St. Paul's words in First Corinthians that we can't all be apostles, prophets and doctors, it came to her what Paul meant when he said that all the great gifts are without value without love. She saw then her call was to be 'nothing else than love deep down in the heart of Mother Church'. She was to be part of the loving heart of the Church.

Perhaps there is not much that we can actually do physically at the moment, but all of us can lead our daily lives and everyday tasks in that spirit of St. Teresa that everything is rooted in love. Living that we are part of the heart of the Church, sustaining those facing challenging tasks within the Church.

Fr. Hand

As well as trying to respond to Pope Francis' call to deepen our understanding of his Letter 'Laudate Si' with regard to Creation and to Climate Change, we have arranged a talk and discussion on **10<sup>th</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**We pray for Curtis and Milo Lewis** sons of Christopher and Victoria Lewis who will be baptised in Holy Cross church today.

**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: 5DhvJ

### **200 Club - August draw**

The August draw for the 200 Club took place online after Mass on Sunday 20th September. The monthly prizes are 1st Prize - £100 and 2nd Prize - £50.

The result was:-

1st Prize No 28 Charles Reilly - £100

2nd Prize No 41 Bernadette Christie - £50

There are still numbers available for new members of the 200 Club. Please contact Robert McGee on 07733003081 or [robertbmcgee@btinternet.com](mailto:robertbmcgee@btinternet.com) for more information.

### **Confirmation, First Communion and First Confession**

First Confessions for those children now in Primary 4 who didn't make them previously have been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**From SCIAF: All of us at SCIAF want to say a huge thanks to you and your parish for supporting us during these difficult times.** We look forward to giving you a total which has been raised for our **WEE BOX BIG CHANGE appeal** later in the year. The generous donations from your parishioners will help our life changing work around the world, with matched funding from the UK government transforming the lives of women affected by sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We have lots to share this month! Have a look at our SCIAF stories today.

**See Holy Cross Website and e mail.**

**Edinburgh Jesuit Centre: Please see poster on Holy Cross website and email**

### **Amazon Synod:**

Join us on **Tuesday 6th October @ 7.30pm** for our first talk of the series with **Mauricio Lopez.**

Login using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814> or Meeting ID: 236 509 2814

**We will also be livestreaming to our Facebook page!**

## 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](http://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/>.

### *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:

<b>Saturday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	5:30 (vigil)	Mass for People
<b>Sunday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am	Simon Muir
		11:30am	Eileen Gillon
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am (HX)	Ann McDonald
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am (SMM)	Harry McCusker
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am (HX)	Joan Hume
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am (SMM)	Special Intention
Friday			
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am (HX)	Pauline Harrison (sick)
<b>Saturday</b>		5:30pm (HX)	Ordination anniversary of Bishop Doyle
<b>Sunday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30 (HX)	Mass for People
		11:30 (SMM)	Paul O'Neil

HX – Holy Cross church

SMM – St. Margaret Mary's church