



HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday (A) 21 June 2020

Readings

1st Reading. Jerome 20:10-13

2nd Reading. Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Sunday and Daily Mass Readings available at <https://www.scotscatholic.org/Mass-Readings.html>

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM HOLY CROSS.

We are now livestreaming Mass and other Services from Holy Cross. You Tube channel

<https://youtu.be/YlbfedFz9s>

We intend to stream Mass at 9.30 each morning, including Sunday.

We started on 19 June Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Total cost of installing the camera and getting the necessary licenses will come to around £1,500. Any donations towards this cost will be graciously received.

Reopening of Holy Cross Church for Private Prayer

The Scottish Government announced on Thursday 18 June 2020 that churches could reopen for private prayer from Monday 22 June 2020. A great deal of preparatory work has been carried out coordinated by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Detailed plans have been made to ensure that parishioners can go to church confident that they will be in a safe environment.

To test these plans Holy Cross Church will be open for private prayer on Monday 22 June 2020 between 11am and 1pm. The success of these plans will then be assessed and further opening times arranged.

To keep everyone as safe as possible the parish has to ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times.

To this end a one way system has been established within the church with separate entry and exit doors. The one way system is signposted throughout the church and parishioners are required to follow the correct route at all times. To maintain the 2 metre separation required by social distancing only certain pews within the church can be used. The pews that can be used will be clearly signposted. To help and assist parishioners the parish has arranged for volunteer stewards to be present in the church at all times that it is open. These stewards will welcome you and make sure you have safe access to the church. It is important that you follow the guidance of the stewards as they will ensure that social distancing is maintained and inform you about how to move round the church and guide you to the pews set aside for private prayer.

All visitors to the church must comply with the following requirements:-

- A mask or face covering, provided by that person, must be worn at all times by everyone that is older than 2 years of age. Entry will be refused to those that do not comply with this requirement.
- Hands must be sanitised on entering the church and as you leave the church. Appropriate sanitiser will be available.
- The one way system must be adhered to at all times.
- Only pews designated as complying with social distancing requirements will be used.
- Votive candles will be available but you must ask a steward to light it for you. Please be aware that the hand sanitiser most effective against the Corona Virus contains a high concentration of alcohol which is very flammable. A candle must never be lit from another candle as this may cause injury.
- Due to social distancing visitors might not be able to gain entry right away.
- The guidance of stewards should be followed at all times.

The Bishops' Conference has prepared a useful video for visitors returning to church after lockdown. It can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOY64wEMFF0&feature=youtu.be>

This is the start of a long journey towards the normalisation of our prayer and parish life. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can welcome our parishioners to public masses and other services.

We have emailed our Volunteers who signed up to help in the Parish last year.

We would very much appreciate if you could help in any way. From preparing for opening to cleaning and stewarding. Anyone you know who is not on the Internet, or you think might not have heard the 'call for help' please let them know. Or they might be new to the Parish and have not 'signed up'. Thank you.

If anyone would like to speak to a Priest, please phone or email the Parish with your name and phone number and one of the Priests will call you back. Or if you know of someone who would like to speak to a priest please let them know them can phone. They are not alone.

Please see bottom of Bulletin for the Archdiocesan information. 18 June 2020

THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN THE PARISH.

Also, Family & Friends of those suffering during this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

Billy Daly, Johnny Logue, Brian Hogg, George Connelly, Ann Stewart

THOSE WHOSE MONTHS' MIND IS ABOUT NOW

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY IS ABOUT NOW

Gerald McKenzie, John McLaughlin

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"I have committed my cause to you." Could you dedicate your life to God and his people, as a priest, a deacon or in religious life? Call your Diocesan Vocations Director, email Priests for Scotland at office@pfs.org.uk, or see our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) pages, [PFS](#) or [VocationNetworkScotland](#).

"**RCAG Youth** are offering you, the young people of Glasgow, a variety of online opportunities to grow in your faith and in fellowship with others during this time. These include Morning Prayer LIVE!, Lectio Divina Online and weekly audiences with guest speakers, amidst other things. To find out more or to get in touch, please check out: www.facebook.com/RCAGYouth and @RCAGYouth on Instagram"

Feast Days.

Wednesday Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Little Sisters of the Poor, Saint Joseph's Care Home in Robroyston, Glasgow, we are all well thanks be to God and thanks to the generosity of so many people who have been incredibly generous in helping us in various ways to continue to care for our residents.

We have also started a Justgiving Page to continue raising much needed funds mainly due to the fact that we cannot go out on our collecting rounds. This is a huge loss for us. The response so far has been wonderful, but we need to keep up the momentum. If you can't donate financially it would be nice if you can remember us all in your prayers.

The justgiving page can be found at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/LSPGlasgow>

Mary's Meals. Are deeply moved by the way church leaders across the UK have embraced technology to reach out to their congregations at this time.

You have inspired us to create a series of special messages especially for churchgoers. These short films will include updates on how Mary's Meals is feeding hungry children through this pandemic and personal reflections on how faith is bringing hope and comfort.

The first message, shared in April, came from our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. I am pleased to now share the second message, from Mary's Meals' leaders in India and Kenya.

Watch our new message here

“Thank you to all of you who continue to contribute to parish finances. I do realise that finance may be a problem for some at this time. If that is the case, please don't worry about us. Some people have contacted me about the possibility of donating through their online banking apps. If you would like to do this, please email the parish asking for our bank details and we will get back to you. Email:holycross.crosshill@rcag.org.uk

Be assured that Fr Johnson, Fr Strachan and I will remember you in our Masses and our prayers.

May our good God keep us all safe until we meet again in our beautiful church.

Please if you know anyone who is either unable to go online or has no Internet access. If you are out on your daily walk, and able to and not putting yourself at risk, post a copy of the bulletin through their door or even give them a phone to let them know latest information they might be interested in. *Thank you.*

Let us pray for one another and for our World.

Our Lady Health of the Sick Pray for us.

Mgr Bradley, Fr Johnson and Fr Strachan.

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. (Catholic Diary 2020).

The Archdiocese welcomes the announcement by the Scottish Government that from Monday 22 June, churches may reopen for private prayer.

Each parish will make its own arrangements for reopening times. New rules mean that anyone visiting a church will be asked to follow guidelines aimed at keeping all who visit safe.

Each parish needs helpers to volunteer to prepare churches for reopening - cleaning, marking off areas to ensure 2m distance between visitors, stewards etc. If you can help please contact your parish priest - all parish contact details can be found [here](#):

There is now no longer an age limit on volunteering. Even the over 70s can offer their services if they are healthy and able!

When you come to church please wear a face mask and keep your face covered during the visit. Hand sanitising is also required. During opening hours, volunteers will show you where to sit and point out entrance and exits.

During this phase it may be possible to provide funeral Masses, though with limited numbers and strict hygiene and social distancing measures in place.

Confessions can be held - your priests will establish a suitable space that allows the sacrament to be celebrated safely - confessional boxes cannot be used but the sacrament can be offered outdoors or in a church hall, a good sized room, or a suitable part of the church, as long as social distancing and the seal of the confessional can be maintained.

Please remember:

- a. that the Sunday Mass Obligation has been dispensed;
- b. that face coverings must be worn in church at all times
- c. that two metres social distancing must be observed (except for household groups);
- d. that everyone must sanitise their hands on entering and leaving church;
- e. that the numbers able to enter church must be restricted
- f. that those who are “shielded” or who are self-isolating must stay at home and not come to church, even for private prayer ;
- g. that churches must be cleaned every day prior to opening and throughout the time the church is opened, paying special attention to pews, door-handles, and other points that people need to touch, which should be cleaned after each person uses them.
- h. Leaving doors open, where weather, etc. permits, both eliminates the need to touch door handles and, along with open windows, increases air circulation which helps reduce infection.

The rules may seem daunting, but the message is simple. Your church will soon open its doors. Jesus will be in the tabernacle, waiting for you. You will be able to come home to God's house ... Deo Gratias!

The Bishops' Conference COVID hub offers detailed guidance for the current emergency and can be consulted at www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx

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