



HOLY CROSS PARISH

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**13 September 24th Sunday of the Year (A)
Vocations Awareness Week.**



Happy Feast Day to all Parishioners

“What are these Christians about, exalting an instrument of torture?”

First, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race.

Second, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God’s direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. We may theorize and theologize all we like; but all our theorizings and theologizings are nothing without the history on which they are based. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.”

Due to the current restrictions in place in Glasgow we are fortunate to still be able to celebrate Mass in church. We have to make sure everyone is safe. Please give a safe distance between different households while waiting to enter church. On entering church mask on, please stand back from Table to give your details. Then sanitise your hands. This again is to protect yourself and those around. Please do not change seats after you sit down.

I don't care who your dad is, this is an illegal gathering



By carrying out these safety measures we will be safe and be able to continue having Mass in church.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

As you will be aware, we have been unable to celebrate these Sacraments so far this year. We intend to offer dates for First Confession in the near future. We are suggesting that we have small celebrations of Holy Mass for children in last year’s P4 to receive First Holy Communion. Given that we will only be allowed 50 maximum at each Mass I would suggest we put on extra Masses at 12 noon on Saturdays for this purpose. We will coordinate this through both Primary Schools. If you have a child who is not at Holy Cross or St Bride’s and you would like him or her to receive these Sacraments in this Parish, please contact me.

Mgr Bradley.

Pro-Life Monthly Mass will be held here every 3rd Wednesday of the month. This month it is on Wednesday 16 September. At 7.30pm. in church and also able to watch via live stream on our YouTube channel. All the usual guidelines will be in place. Please adhere to them.

Parish Giving. If you would like to donate through the Bank Please ask a Passkeeper for a Standing Order form and take away with you and return it to church/church house in an envelope with Gift Aid on the front. If you are a Tax Payer the Parish is able to receive it as Gift Aid. If unsure please check with Parish. Gift Aid envelopes are available from Passkeepers. For those who already use them

Sunday Readings

1st Sr 27:30-28:7
2nd Rom 14:7-9
Gospel Mt 18:21-35

Feast Days.

Monday Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
Tuesday Memorial of Our Lady of sorrows
Wednesday Feast of St Ninian

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

If anyone would like to speak to a Priest, while in church please ask a steward. Or if you know of someone who would like to speak to a priest please let them know they can phone. They are not alone.

St Brides Primary School are having a fund-raising drive to enable the P7 pupils the opportunity to take part in a 4 day Outdoor Education Experience. It is a school 'Rocketfund' page.

The link is <https://www.rocketfund.org/outdoor-learning-experiences> Thank you

Please Pray for

THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN THE PARISH.

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

Those who have died recently.

Jamie Bonner, Lucy Wicker, Michael Duffy.

Anniversary.

Mary Daly, Annie Ferry, William McLaughlin,
Elizabeth, Connor, James & Mary Connor,
Helen McCort, Joseph O'Shea

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A -- 13th September 2020

This Sunday begins Vocations Awareness Week. Pray that the Lord will provide ministers for his Church, and ask if perhaps you or someone you know would make a good priest, deacon or religious. For more, email Priests for Scotland at office@pfs.org.uk, or see our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) pages, [PFS](#) or [VocationNetworkScotland](#).

There are a few Printed Bulletins for those who are unable to view online. Passkeepers will hand you one, for Health and Safety reasons. They will not be left lying around in the church. Please if you have access to Internet, print off your own copy for relatives who do not access to Internet, to let them see it.

This month's **Flourish** now available online at <https://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk>

There is a donations box as you leave the Church. At weekends Passkeepers will also have baskets as you leave the church to give a donation, if you can. Thankyou.

HOLYCROSS PUBLIC MASS

Daily Mass continues each day at 9.30am. Sunday, we have Vigil Mass on the Saturday Evening at 6pm and on Sunday morning at 9.30am and 11.30am. These times and frequencies will be subject to review. **The maximum number of attendees at each Mass will be 50.** The church will open 30mins before each Mass. This is to allow volunteers to prepare the church for Mass. Please do not gather early outside, as you will be unable to enter before then. We are thinking of bad weather and social distancing. Your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday continues to be suspended. Every Mass will be streamed on the parish [You Tube Channel](#). You can also google Holy Cross Crosshill to find the link. You should then click on the link with the small red box, saying LIVE. You can subscribe to our youtube channel and that will let you know when we are about to stream Mass. Live Streaming is on all the time so you can make a 'virtual visit'.

To enable Mass to take place safely we have to ensure strict compliance with the health and safety conditions that are in force. At all Masses Pass Keepers will be present and those attending Mass must follow their directions. In particular:-

- If you have to queue to enter the church a distance of 2 metres must be maintained between each person or household group.
- **Please continue to observe social distancing on entering church and please keep your face covering on, to make sure your nose and mouth are covered especially when talking.**
- All attendees must provide their name and contact information. Contact information can be phone number, email address or postal address. In compliance with Data Protection legislation this information will only be held and used to allow contact tracing should any Covid 19 infections be identified among our churchgoers.
- All attendees must sanitise their hands on entering the church.
- A face covering must be brought to mass and worn. (Holy Cross cannot supply face coverings for attendees and those without a face covering will have to be denied entry).
- Seating is limited due to the requirements of social distancing. If the Mass is busy then Pass Keepers will direct attendees to specific seats to ensure best use is made of the limited seating available. You will not be able to choose your seat.
- In the event of reaching the maximum capacity of 50, entry will have to be refused. This is not something that is desired but must be acknowledged.
- Household groups will be able to sit together.
The Eucharist will be distributed. Attendees must only come forward when directed by Pass Keepers to ensure that social distancing is maintained. **Communion can only be taken by hand.** This is to keep you and the Priest safe.
Please keep your face covered as you approach the Priest. Receive the host in your flat left hand, step 2 paces away from the Priest and then put it in your mouth.
Please keep your distance from the person in front of you.
- Access to votive candles will continue to be restricted due to the risk of fumes from hand sanitiser being flammable. A Pass Keeper will be available to light candles at the Lady of Fatima statue.
- The church will have to close after each Mass to allow it to be cleaned.

This situation and the restrictions being imposed on public Mass will have to be closely monitored and if necessary, adjustments made. However, we can only continue to have public Masses if we have volunteers who can act as Pass Keepers. At the present we only have a very small number of volunteers and as time goes on work and family commitments will put strain on these volunteers and reduce numbers further. If you can help out as a Pass Keeper at any Mass please contact myself either by phone on 0141 423 0105 or by email holycross.crosshill@rcag.org.uk.

I ask you all to check our website and Facebook pages for further updates. Notices will also be put up outside the church with mass times and any updated information.

Monsignor Hugh Bradley

*Let us pray for one another and for our World.
Our Lady Health of the Sick Pray for us.
Mgr Bradley and Fr Johnson.*