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**Year of St Joseph 2021**

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**14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)**

### **Re-opening for Public worship**

The First Minister has announced that places of worship will be able to reopen for public worship from Friday 26 March (the Friday before Holy Week). This is great news, but it is conditional on the current improvements in the statistics continuing, and a final decision will be made on Tuesday 23 March. Whilst it is conditional, I'm sure the Government would not have announced this unless they were pretty confident that it would happen.

If/when we do reopen, the maximum permitted attendance will be 50 (not 20, as it was before the latest shutdown).

All the other rules that we previously observed will still be in force – taking names for track & trace, cleaning pews etc. after Mass, wearing face masks, no singing, no sign of peace, reducing the time spent in church, etc. We must follow all the same precautions that we were following last year, although hopefully the situation will continue to improve and these will be gradually lifted.

Our intention is to have public Mass in Holy Cross beginning on Friday 26 March at 9.30. We do not foresee that you will need to book for weekday Masses but there will have to be a booking system for Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

We will provide updates on arrangements for booking, etc as we get nearer the date.

Mass is celebrated at 9.30am, Monday – Sunday, live-streamed on the parish YouTube channel. It can also be watched at any time as each Mass is recorded. Funeral Masses are still taking place but these are still limited to 20 persons and the family of the deceased will be responsible for issuing invitations. Only those invited will be allowed admission.

If Mass is later in the day their Mass can also be viewed on Our You Tube channel at the time or by scrolling the Red Line back. If watching later in evening. It is only available on the day.

Many congratulations to our dear **Sister Henrietta of the Franciscan convent!** On Thursday past Sister presented and defended her doctoral dissertation at Glasgow Caledonian University. Her PhD is in the field of musculoskeletal health. Many years of hard work and study have come to fruition. Our very own **Doctor Fawole!!**

### **SCIAF Lenten Appeal 2021: Today Fourth Sunday of Lent is SCIAF Sunday.**

SCIAF's campaign this year focuses on the ongoing crisis in South Sudan, one of the world's poorest and most fragile states. Please access the [SCIAF website](#) to make an online donation to the appeal. All funds donated to SCIAF before 11 May 2021 will be matched by the UK Government.

A letter will be read out from Bishop Toal, at Mass.

There is a box, of Boxes at the Church house door. If you prefer. Please take one. Also can we ask you do not handle the boxes, just take your own. Please send all money direct to SCIAF directly.

## ***LENT.***

Please join us every day for Mass at 9.30am online.

Stations of the Cross will be live streamed from the church on Mondays and Fridays during Lent at 12noon.

### **Lent retreats**

It is a strange time for us. All of us have experienced the riches of online resources for prayer and faith exercises.

This year there are two Lenten retreats offered by the Jesuits and the Redemptorists, hopefully they will offer some sustenance and light to everyone.

#### **Knowing Jesus: A retreat for Lent**

Welcome to 'Knowing Jesus', a retreat (Daily Prayers) open to all who are interested in getting to know Jesus better. Christian tradition believes that the person of Jesus Christ reveals God to us. If we are to follow Christ and imitate him, we need to know him through his words and actions as shown in the Gospels. Walk with us through Lent and Easter and really come to understand and love Jesus. We will ponder Gospel stories, reflect on their meaning and see how startlingly relevant Jesus is to living a truly human life in the 21st Century.

This retreat, produced in Scotland by the Society of Jesus -Jesuits - a Catholic religious order, is open to all throughout the world. <https://bit.ly/2ZgndDc>

#### **Lenten Retreat with Fr Denis McBride**

Father Denis McBride will be leading a FREE online retreat this Lent, based on his two books Reflecting with Paintings Vol 1 and Vol 2. Redemptorist Publications. <https://bit.ly/2Oyfqyl> are offering his audio book on 8 CDs (with a booklet of the paintings) and the set of two books at a special discount price for the retreat. If you wish.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**



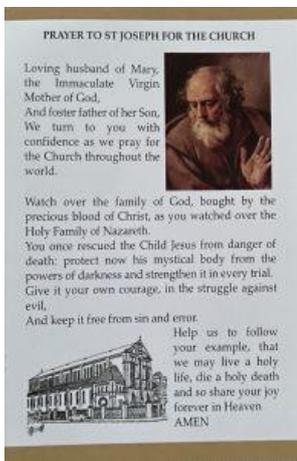
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**My Jesus**  
**I believe you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.**  
**I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.**  
**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen**

**Thankyou** for all your generosity to Holy Cross over the past Twelve months. Please continue to remember us.

This is a link for donating direct to Holy Cross Parish. [Holy Cross Parish](#)

**In the Prayers Page there is a Memorial Card for Archbishop Targalia R.I.P**



With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. To celebrate this a special prayer to St Joseph will be recited after each Mass. You are encouraged to join in with the prayer to St Joseph. Which is said every morning after Mass.

***Please Pray for  
THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN THE PARISH.  
Also, Family & Friends of those suffering during this time.***

***Those who have died recently.***  
John McCusker, Margaret Sommers, Helen Beaton.

***Anniversaries***  
Robert Gilfoyle

***Please play for the Repose of the Souls of***  
Susan Doyle, John O’Donnell.  
***Whose funerals were last week***

***Please play for the Repose of the Souls of***  
John McCusker  
***Whose funeral is on Thursday at 12noon.***

**If you would like a Mass said for someone who is Recently Deceased/Anniversary of a relative or friend. Please put an envelope though the Chapel house door with the name and if died recently or anniversary. Also you can get Mass Cards from chapel House, if required.**

As you might already be aware, the **UK Government** has temporarily allowed home abortions. **Since home** abortions were temporarily allowed, as has been reported extensively in the media, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger (you can read more about these significant problems [here](#))

Recently, the UK Government has launched a [consultation](#) on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement allowing ‘DIY’ home abortions. In response to this, we are asking members of the public to take action and submit their views to the consultation. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. This tool can be accessed [here](#).

**Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain**

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:  
[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

**14th** - “As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we pray for all mothers who are expecting. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us”

**Sunday Readings**  
1<sup>st</sup> 2 Chr 36:14-16.19-23  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eph 2:4-10  
Gospel Jn 9:1-41

Sunday and Daily Mass  
Readings available at  
[https://www.scotscatholic.org/  
Mass-Readings.html](https://www.scotscatholic.org/Mass-Readings.html)

**Feast Days**  
Wednesday Feast of St Patrick  
Friday Solemnity of St Joseph

## *Gift Aid*

If you are a UK tax payer you can help Holy Cross Parish by Gift Aiding any donation or offering you make. Gift Aid allows the church to claim an additional 25p for every £1 that you give at no cost to you. In the difficulties caused by the pandemic it is important that any donations or offerings should provide the maximum financial benefit for the church.

There are three main ways that you can use Gift Aid in conjunction with your donations or offerings:-

1. If you make a regular donation or offering you can arrange Standing Order to make that regular donation or offering direct from your bank. A Gift Aid Declaration and Standing Order Form can be obtained by emailing.
2. You can ask to have a book of weekly and special collection envelopes along with a Gift Aid Declaration. Please provide your details and arrangements will be made to provide you with the book of envelopes.
3. Those who do not make regular donations or offerings; or those making a one of donation can now make a Gift Aid Declaration. Envelopes for your offering, with a Gift Aid Declaration on the front, are now available

This Month's Flourish is online. <http://www.flourishnewspaper.co.uk/>

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

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