



HOLY CROSS PARISH

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**25th April 2021
4th Sunday of Easter (B)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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Year of St Joseph 2021

With effect from Monday 26 April 2021

In line with the Government's announcement to move Scotland into Tier 3 the rules on Mass capacity have been relaxed. Churches can now allow a congregation size which is commensurate with the size of the church while still maintaining a 2 metre social distance between individuals, bubbles or family groups. While Holy Cross can safely accommodate 50 individuals, we can safely allow a bigger congregation if there are family groups or bubbles attending.

To give effect to this we are going to cease requiring people to book for the Vigil and Sunday Masses. Until the congregation is in place, we cannot estimate how many people we can safely seat. So from Monday 26 April 2021 all Masses, including the Vigil and Sunday Masses, seating will be allocated on a first come basis. However, based on the attendance figures which we have seen between the lockdowns we hope to be able to accommodate everyone who turns up. If safe capacity is reached then we will have to close the Mass to additional attendees. Attendees at Mass are asked to attend as early as possible to allow the congregation to be safely seated. The impact of the change will be monitored for the next two weeks to assess its impact.

Monsignor Hugh Bradley

First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you have a child who is due to receive one of these Sacraments this year and is not a pupil in Holy Cross or St Bride's schools, please contact Mgr Bradley to make arrangements,

New Gift Aid Envelopes are now available in church. If you require them to be sent, please email us. If you are not yet a Gift Aid Donor Please speak to Mgr Bradley

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Bishop John Keenan, the Bishop of Paisley – whose remit also includes Priests for Scotland – has recorded this video message to invite young men and women to make 2021 the year they consider giving themselves to the Church and to the world as priests and religious to serve our communities and parishes.

Now, more than ever, we need witnesses and messengers to bring the Gospel to a world hurting and scarred by the Covid-19 pandemic, whose legacy of isolation, fear and sadness will need to be overcome by strong hearts and voices committed to sharing Christ's message and ministry of healing, joy and hope.

When the isolations of 2020 and 2021 are past, could yours be a voice for togetherness and community, for communion with God and with others?

For more information Please visit [Priests for Scotland Web Site.](#)

Pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Is that you? Speak to your Vocations Director, email Priests for Scotland at office@pfs.org.uk, or see our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) pages ([PFS](#) or [VocationNetworkScotland](#)) for more information.

There are copies of a letter from the Catholic Bishops of Scotland regarding the upcoming General Election. Copies in the church and in the Important page on the web site.

The CPO Scottish Parliament Election resource was launched at the weekend and is now live. It can be accessed by using this link: [Scottish Parliament Election 2021 – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](#)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion



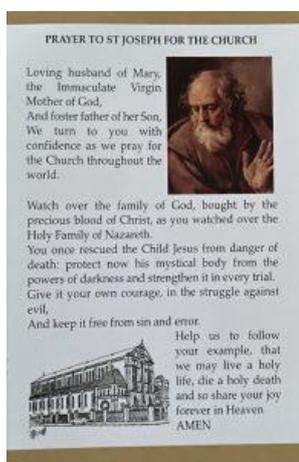
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My Jesus
I believe you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite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

Thankyou all for continuing 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

Sr Mary Highney, Margaret McGillion,
Nancy McGranaghan, Ella Simpson, Hugh Rae.

Months Mind

Neil Doherty

Anniversaries

Mary Bradley, Una Sheils,
Francis O’Brien

Please play for the Repose of the Soul of

Magaret McGillion, Nancy McGranaghan
Whose funerals were last week

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

Sunday Readings
1st Reading Acts 4:8-12
2nd Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2
Gospel Jn 10:11-18

Feast Day
Thursday St Catherine of Siena

25th - “This Tuesday marks 53 years since the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect. As we hope and pray for an end to abortion, we pray especially for our Government, that their commitment to support pregnant women and their families would increase, and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us”

April’s Flourish is online at <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*