

This week in Holy Cross:

Sunday: Mass at 10.00am.
Monday: 9.30 Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion.
Mass at 6.00pm.
Tuesday: Mass 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion.
Thursday: Mass 9.30am (followed by exposition). 7pm Whine & Wine
Friday: 9.30am Service of Word & Holy Communion.
Saturday: Mass 9.30am
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A. Mass at 10am.
2nd collection for Sea Sunday (Stella Maris)

This week in St Brigid's:

Sunday: Mass at 11.30am. 2nd collection for Peter's Pence
Monday: Mass at 10am. 11am Service in Orchard Grove Care Home.
Tuesday: No Mass.
Wednesday: Mass 10am
Thursday: No Mass. 7pm Whine & Wine in Holy Cross chapel house.
Friday: Mass 10am.
Saturday: Confessions 3.30-3.50pm. Vigil Mass 4.00pm.
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time A. Mass at 11.30am.
2nd collection for Sea Sunday (Stella Maris)

Monday clear out. Some parishioners are getting together after 10am morning Mass on Monday to make a start on clearing out some cupboards and other places of junk acquired over many years. Can you come and help?



Knowing that the statistics on page three of this bulletin are likely to cause some discussion, why not join Fr Allan in the chapel house on Thursday at 7pm in Holy Cross chapel house for a chance to whine about the state of the church over a glass of wine*. *In Vino Veritas* is called for about where we are and how we got here. But also, where do we go from here? All are welcome, no agenda: just a chance to get together with each other for a blether, a bit of truth facing, try to figure out who or what is to blame and a question: What is the Holy Spirit trying to say to us? (*Other beverages available)

Holy Cross Parish, Crosshill. St Brigid's Parish, Toryglen.

5 July 2026
14th Sunday of the Year(A)

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St Brigid's are Parishes of the
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You have hidden these things
from the wise and understanding
and revealed them to little
children

PRAYERS PLEASE: For all who are ill, especially the housebound and those in hospital or care homes. *(Could you check if Fr Allan knows if your relative isn't able to get to Mass and needs a visit)*

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of recently dead:

Betty Connor (Whose Funeral was last week) Patrick O'Coonor funeral 23/7 Holy Cross), Mike Ward, Robbie Phelan, Kenny McLeod, Sadie Ferrie, Mary Scobie, Dan Johnstone, Richard Watters

Anniversaries: Theresa McColgan, Gina & Fredi Servade, Margaret Farren, Mary Sharkey, Michael McGee, Anne Managan, Mary McColgan, Mary Seetohul, Kevin Boyle, Stephen Gray.

Eternal Rest grant unto to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

Please note these names are from both parishes

St Killian's Candle burning system now in St Brigid's as well as Holy Cross. Every candle is lit with an intention. Every candle is special and it is important that every candle could stay lit and burn for its full intention. Hence; the self-extinguishing system. It allows every intention to burn without any interruption due to fear of fire safety, and without producing smoke or soot. After burning for 60-90



minutes; the candle is completely liquid and falls through the hole at the end of the inner glass; extinguishing itself on the way down falling into a water bath to completely guarantee quenching. The St. Killian patented glass system: colour glass is secured on the stand; the middle glass is used as a barrier to protect the colour from any excess wax. The candle then sits inside the inner glass. This flame is then isolated within secured glass to eliminate the fear of a candle falling over.

For over 40 years some members of the Scottish Legion of Mary volunteer to take part in a **Peregrinatio Pro Christi** project (Travelling for Christ) to Finland. Legionaries spend part of their summer holidays at their own expense going out to share the Gospel in Finland. This year Helsinki will be where the team will work 13-23 July. It can often be very difficult work and needs to be supported by the many prayers being said by those at home. We would like to invite you to pray for this project.

Mass statistics

St Brigid's: 28/06/20206

Vigil Attendance. (?). Collection £426.66. Peter's Pence £321.30

11.30am Attendance (?). Collection £315.47. Peter's Pence. £173.31

Holy Cross Attendance 10am: 138 Collection. £598.50. Peter's Pence £458.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Last week the information given in the Archbishop's recent letter about the number of diocesan priests caused some discussion. Fr Allan noted that this only was part of the story. It might help to look at a larger picture. Every year the statistics for the diocese and parishes are published. The number of baptisms, weddings, and attendance at Mass, gives us an idea of the trend:

	Baptisms	Weddings	Attendance
1998 Archdiocese:	3253,	720,	65802
Holy Cross:	86,	24,	1622,
Consolation:	19,	0	181
St Brigid's:	54,	6,	672
2009 Archdiocese:	2371,	548,	48351
Holy Cross:	21,	14,	899.
St Brigid's:	47,	4,	634
2015 Archdiocese:	2180.	447,	36446
Holy Cross:	15,	8,	691.
St Brigid's:	13,	5,	430.
2019 Archdiocese:	1641,	286,	32122
Holy Cross:	11,	2,	417
St Brigid's:	7,	0,	247.
2024 Archdiocese:	1225,	186,	23311
Holy Cross:	8;	4,	225.
St Brigid's:	n/a	n/a	336

In 1998 there were 107 parishes with 188 active priests. In 2025 there were 87 parishes (89 churches) (-19%) with 91 active priests (-51.6%). In 1998 we had three parishes, with 6 priests celebrating 13 Masses (averaging 190 people per Mass). Now one priest celebrates three Masses in two churches (averaging 100 people per Mass). From 1998 to 2024 there has been a 64.57% drop in Mass attendance in Archdiocese, a 50% drop in St Brigid's and 87.52% drop in Holy Cross. A 63% drop in baptisms and 74% drop in weddings in the diocese is matched by 90+% and 86% respectively in our parishes. Let's talk about this: Thursday evening 7pm in Holy Cross.

Holy Cross QR



St Brigid's QR

