



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

**Mission Statement:** Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## SUNDAY - February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I say to you who listen...." Jesus' message was new and shocking for the religious leaders of his day. Their law decreed "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." In other words, they were expected to strike back at those who harmed them in any way. It is in the Gospel presented to us today that we see just how radical and revolutionary Jesus' teaching must have sounded back then. Indeed, it is still quite revolutionary in today's world, with our dog-eat-dog mentality. The process of salvation which he had come to establish would be based on forgiveness, and, therefore, to be part of, and to belong to that process must put each of us right out there in the front line of tolerance, forgiveness, and love.

The world (at home and abroad) could use a dose of reconciliation in these difficult days! The religion of reconciliation comes all too often not in peace, but with a sword. There is only one way out of the spiral of hatred, violence, and fear. That way is the way that Jesus taught. We have to love our enemies: unilaterally, vulnerably, and without exceptions. We have to look into the eyes of the one who lies and betrays, even the one who crucifies, and say only, "Father forgive them," from the bottom of our hearts. Until we are prepared to do that awful, Christ-like act, then we'll continue to suffer the world as it is and much worse.

We cannot control the behavior of others, but that does not matter, because we are only responsible for our own. When people argue against "doing unto others" according to the principle of Christ's love, the premise is that it does not work. It does, actually; although we may have to adjust our idea of what we mean by "work." It does not necessarily get us what we want, and it might even get us killed. Doing unto others is about remaining faithful to the spirit of Christ, our reconciliation with God and others, our fundamental unity in love. It works every time; we do not lose ourselves, we gain every promise in eternity. And such strong, simple, unyielding love does change the world and is the only thing that can save it. Such is the testimony of the cross.

Sometime this week look in a mirror, reflecting on the failures and sin in your life. We all know what it means to forgive and to be forgiven and have made amends and moved on. Jesus taught us one simple prayer, which we call the **Our Father** or the **Lord's Prayer**. It is a simple prayer, and it is quite short. One of the petitions is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We can rattle off this prayer and fail to realise the bind in which it can place us. Are there people in your life you have considered to be your enemies? If so, how have dealt with them? Have you been able in some way to treat them in a loving way, despite what they may have done to you? Are you carrying any resentment, bitterness, or ill-will toward them? If so, what can you do to let go of the negative feelings?

Love as Jesus loved,  
Father William

#### OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm  
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm  
Fr. William Hann, Pastor

*We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory Holy Cross Parish stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.*

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:** If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from our VGH/RJH hospital chaplain, please call the emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from *St. Patrick's Parish on Saturday at 6pm*. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Diocese of Victoria is now offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online. The cost is \$80 per couple.

The course consists of several modules on relevant subjects, individual and couple activities, and assessments as well as a liturgy planning guide. Couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. At the end of the course, you will receive a Certificate of Completion, which will be recognized by any parish within our Diocese.

For more information, go to the Diocese website: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/marriage-prep> OR find the course on Eventbrite. **Questions?** Contact Moira Gill at [mgill@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mgill@rcdvictoria.org) OR 250-470-1331 ext. 237.

### NOTE FROM THE UVIC/CAMOSUN CHAPLAIN LYDIA FOCH

There is always lots going on for University and College students! From game nights to pub nights to book clubs. Gatherings are social and fun and a great opportunity to consider Christ in all things. **Bonus:** Shared snacks are usually provided! For more information please contact Lydia Foch: [lfoch@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lfoch@rcdvictoria.org)

Fr. Lester is offering confession every Tuesday in the Multifaith Center at 10:30 followed by Mass at 11:30. He will also be offering Adoration every *second Thursday* of the month at 11:30 in the same location. *Parishioners are always welcome to join the students and to help build our Community in Christ!*

### A ROOF FOR EVERYONE: Gvat WORKSHOP ON HOUSING CRISIS

On **Saturday, February 26, 2022**, from 1-3:30pm, Greater Victoria Acting Together will be hosting a mini-workshop on the Housing Crisis in Saanich, for parishioners of Holy Cross, St. Patrick's, and Broad View United who are residents of Saanich. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the number of participants is limited to just 40. Those who wish to sign up should email Yvonne Hsieh at: [yhsieh@uvic.ca](mailto:yhsieh@uvic.ca) or **sign up on the sheet in the foyer**. You can view more information on this workshop [here](#).

### LIBRARY CORNER

A new selection of books is on display in the church foyer to peruse and sign out. They are all authored by HV Morton who is a remarkably fine and engaging writer and was arguably, the most notable travel writer of the early-to-middle 20th century. In the 1930s he travelled throughout Palestine, Turkey and Greece following the footsteps of Jesus and Saint Paul. He will add to your knowledge and understanding of the gospels and epistles as he visits among others: Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, the site of the Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, Bethany (Martha and Mary's home!) and Jerusalem. Or follow, with the Acts of the Apostles in hand, as he tracks St Paul's journeys through the early Christian communities in Ephesus, Corinth and Athens. These could be travel books for a soon-to-come Lenten Journey.

-In The Steps of the Master, 1934.

-Women of the Bible, 1941

-Other writings by Morton

-In The Steps of St Paul. 1936 - In The Steps of Jesus, 1954

-In Search of the Holy Land, (illustrated with R Burri), 1934, 1979

-A Traveller in Italy, 1964 - A Stranger in Spain, 1955.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2009/26-june/features/in-the-steps-of-h-v-morton>

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

The highest wisdom is kindness. —*The Talmud*  
Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another. —*Jean Paul Richter*  
Mercy is the image of God, and the merciful are, in fact, a God dwelling on the Earth. As God is merciful to all, without distinction, so the merciful must share benefits equally. —*Rabban Youssef Bousnaya, 10th-century Syrian monk*

**A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

Please note that the livestream for this Friday, February 18, has been cancelled. We have also posted this change at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

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**Synod Announcement:**

Last October, Pope Francis launched Synod 2021-2023. A synod is a process of listening and discernment. In this Synod, the Pope is asking Catholics everywhere to reflect together on how we the Church can live in Communion, achieve full Participation, and open ourselves to discover our Mission.

All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to participate in the Synod, to help chart a course for our journey together, now and in the future, as the people of God. For more information regarding how you may participate, either in person or online, please visit [www.rcdvictoria.org/synod](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/synod).

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**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Two new job postings have been added to the Diocesan website:

- Financial Officer / Business Manager, Diocese of Kamloops (closes February 15, 2022)
- Accounting Clerk, Diocese of Victoria (closes February 18, 2022)

The job postings are available through the parish office and may be viewed at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

**WORLD YOUTH DAYS INFORMATION MEETING**

The next World Youth Day will be in August 2023 in Lisbon Portugal. World Youth Day is a gathering of young adult Catholics from all over the world to gather in a particular place to pray, learn, and celebrate the joy of being Catholic. The event concludes with an overnight vigil and Mass on the Sunday with the Pope! Open to anyone 19-35. The Diocese of Victoria will be organizing a pilgrimage group to go to World Youth Day with Fr Harrison Ayre and Fr Eduardo Santos as chaplains. We will be holding an informational meeting at Our Lady of Fatima on April 10th at 4pm to talk about costs, dates, and help you learn more about what WYD is. If you're unable to be in Victoria, we will try to have a zoom link available for those in other parts of the diocese. Please e-mail Fr. Harrison at [hayre@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hayre@rcdvictoria.org) to register.

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, February 19th**

3:00pm-3:45pm: Confession  
4pm Mass: Ann Jensen

**SUNDAY, February 20th**

9am Mass: Pat Gabany +

**MONDAY, February 21st**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, February 22nd**

9am Mass: Mary Gillen

**WEDNESDAY, February 23rd**

9am Mass: Tom Sheedy +

**THURSDAY, February 24th**

9am Mass: Pat Gabany +

**FRIDAY, February 25th**

9am: Mass: Donal O'Leary +

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**Update: There will be only half capacity allowed in the church, which is 140 people at Holy Cross. Ushers will be counting people as they enter and will lock the doors when capacity is reached. Masks are now mandatory everywhere at all times.**



holy cross church garden head rd. victoria, b.c.

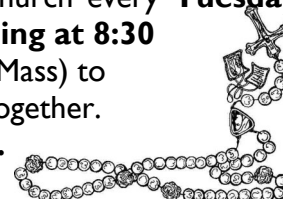
**COLLECTION for February 13, 2022**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,826.00
Loose	\$ 246.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,763.00</b>

**MORNING ROSARY**

Please join the rosary group that gathers in the Church every **Tuesday to Friday morning at 8:30** (before morning Mass) to pray the rosary together. **All are welcome.**



## **CONTACTS**

**Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

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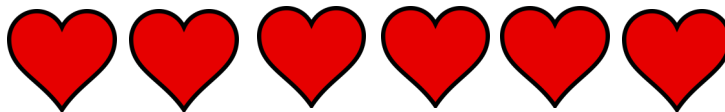
**Children's Religious Education:** Barbara Shenton

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## **NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

This week our local Catholic Elementary school celebrated Island Catholic Schools Week with a variety of special events and surprises. Take a look at some of the fun that was had on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.PatricksSchool/>



## **ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL**

First Friday adoration in the mercy chapel will be next held on **Friday, March 4th from 12-1pm** in the Mercy Chapel.

## **CALL FOR DONATED YARN!**

You might not know this, but long time parishioner, Judy Begg, is also a long time supporter of the Hospital Auxiliary at Royal Jubilee Hospital Gift Shop. To date she has knit *over 360 baby sweaters* and donated them all to the gift shop to be sold for charity. But her yarn supply is running low. If you have any balls of yarn you are looking to get rid off please consider donating them to Judy. Yarn donations can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your support!



## **SILENT AUCTION AT ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY**

Mark your calendar: February 27th to March 13th 2022 **\*\*We are still seeking donations!\*\***

Check out some of the items donated so far:

- 2 Nights Salt Spring Island lakeside cottage
- WildPlay gift certificate
- 4 Cats gift certificate
- Restaurant gift cards (Romeo's, Blue Crab, Finns, White Spot, Dead Beetz Burger, Fernwood Pizza etc)
- Book store gift cards (Russell Books, Ivy's book )
- Spa packages
- Retail gift cards (Thrifty Foods, Mr. Pet's, Uptown Mall, Slaters Meat, Market on Yates etc )
- Gift Baskets (Save on Foods, Pharmasave, Dental Gift Basket)
- Services (BC Ferries, Oak Bay Rec Centre drop in courtesy passes)
- and much more!

Please consider donating a gift card to your favorite business or think of the auction if you want to re-gift anything you were given.

**If you are able to donate an item, a gift card, or a service from a business please e-mail: [spv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:spv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca). All donations are gratefully accepted - We need your help to make this even better than last year! Donations will be accepted until February 20th. - THANK YOU!!**



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY PROGRAM**

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2022 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site ([kofcbc.org](http://kofcbc.org)) after Jan 1, 2022.

### **Requests for application should be addressed to:**

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon  
2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9  
Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman  
Or email: [herbykofc@gmail.com](mailto:herbykofc@gmail.com)



Are you interested in learning about how the Knights of Columbus can financially benefit you and your family? All Catholics are invited to attend an information session on either February 25 or 26. Here are the details:

I. At the times below, click the corresponding link to start or join either webinar.

Feb 25, 2022 8:00 PM PST

<https://global.gotowebinar.com/ojoin/1506661203883719694/4485062257950132997>

Webinar ID: 398-789-651

Feb 26, 2022 4:00 PM PST

<https://global.gotowebinar.com/ojoin/1998156095639125006/4485062257950132997>

Webinar ID: 402-312-915

### **TO USE YOUR COMPUTER'S AUDIO:**

When the Webinar begins, you will be connected to audio using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). A headset is recommended.

For further information, contact: Jim Williams ([jim.williams@smus.ca](mailto:jim.williams@smus.ca); 250-656-9658). Please plan to attend!

*We are grateful for all the service provided by the Knights of Columbus to our school and parish communities over the years. They are a beautiful example of what it means to serve others.*

*- Fr. William Hann*