

# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Parish Mission

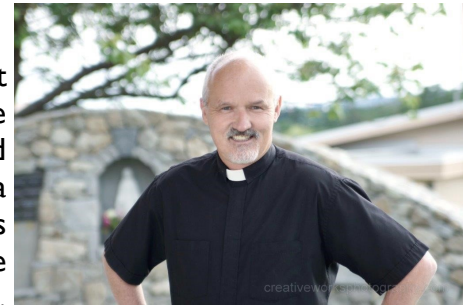
Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the People of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## SUNDAY July 16th, 2017 The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### From Fr. William's Desk

There's something very appealing about Jesus portraying himself as the mad farmer. He tosses precious seed where a sober sower would never intend it to go. Jesus declares himself a madman farmer and I love him for that. He knows that sowing the well-plowed enriched field is a sure thing—but also limiting and predictable in its results. Which makes Jesus both a mad farmer and a gambler Lord.



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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday**—Closed  
**Tuesday/Wednesday:**  
9am—2:30pm  
**Thursday/Friday:**  
9am—2:00pm  
**Saturday**—Closed  
**Sunday**—Closed

### MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	5:00pm
SUNDAY	8:30am 10:30am
MONDAY	9:00am
TUESDAY	9:00am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am
THURSDAY	9:00am
FRIDAY	9:00am

**Mercy Chapel:** Tues—Fri during office hours

Jesus took a gamble on me, a priest in this beautiful and broken church. What was God thinking? I thank God I allowed myself to be won over by his grace. How about you? When were you won over? It's not for me to evaluate what sort of gamble Jesus took on your vocation, or how many may have stood by betting on your failure. But I suspect many of us might describe our lives as tossed among the brambles; or scratched out on footpaths beaten hard by our misadventures, and the requisite retracing of our steps. Rocks, weeds? Let us count them. The iffy margins, not the prepared field, are where a lot of us might claim to have encountered the seed of God's word most effectively—not to mention, gratefully.

And Jesus says: Blessed are the eyes that see, ears that hear, lips that help carry this good news farther. Blessed are shoulders available to be leaned on, sometimes cried on. Blessed are feet that walk well out of their way to do some good. Blessed are hearts broken in quest of a love that lasts. Blessed are elbows that dig, prodding others to straighten up and pay attention: This summons is for you! Blessed are knees that buckle and hands that grow calloused in their service, day after thankless day. Jesus throws out blessings as cheerfully and wantonly as seed, intending them to fall into unexpected crevices and on less than ideal circumstances. And because he does, tax collectors and prostitutes go to heaven before the righteous. The last get to be first, and the poor inherit a kingdom while the rich are sent away empty. Cardinal Dolan recently said, "the church has a wheelbarrow of problems but a truckload of solutions." This week, be part of the solution and be good soil even if your weeds are showing.

On good soil (I hope)...  
*Father William*

**PASTORAL CARE VISITS WHILE IN HOSPITAL**

We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Ian Stuart** to make this request.

**HOLY CROSS PARISH BBQ**

Come join the Holy Cross community on **August 6th** for a parish BBQ! The parish will provide the barbeque and there will be sign up sheets for attendance and for anybody who is happy to contribute a salad or dessert. Volunteers are still needed for set up, to man the barbeque, kitchen duty and clean up after the event. If you are interested in volunteering time or to make a dish, please contact Anna at the office at 250-477-5321 or by email: [pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:pastoralassistant@holycrossvictoria.org)

**WISH TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?**

Also suitable for adult Catholics seeking Confirmation Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that begins to explore these and other faith issues for those who may be considering following the Catholic Christian way of life. If interested, please contact the parish office at 250- 477 5321 or contact Phil or Shelia Wall by email at [walls\\_in\\_holland@hotmail.com](mailto:walls_in_holland@hotmail.com) or email Father William [fatherwilliam@shaw.ca](mailto:fatherwilliam@shaw.ca)

**DONATE YOUR 'TREASURE'**

Just a reminder that Holy Cross offers the following options for your financial contributions to the parish:

- pre-numbered collection envelopes
- pre-authorized debit (automatically out of your bank account on a monthly basis)
- gifts of publicly traded securities and mutual fund

Please contact the office if you want more information on any of these. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

On **Friday, July 21st at 10am** we will be having the carpets cleaned in the parish centre and in the church. Therefore, we need a handful of volunteers to help move the furniture in the church off the carpeted areas and onto the church floors. If you are able to stay behind after morning mass on this day to help that would be very much appreciated.

**AT THE LIBRARY**

**(in the Parish Centre –Tue- Fri: 9am-2:00pm)**

Some of the books of the late Dr. Ivor Williams are now in our Parish Library

- Marking the Hours: English People and their Prayers, 1240-1570 by E Duffy, 2006
- Mystics of Spain by A Pears, 2002
- Whose Bible Is It?: A History of Scriptures through the Ages by J Pelikan, 2005
- The Making of the King James Version by A Nicolson, 2003
- A History of God: The 4000 year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam by K Armstrong, 1993



### **PRAYER REFLECTION**

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the Word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. . . Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. —Gregory the Great (c. 540-604)

Among all human pursuits, the pursuit of wisdom is more perfect, more noble, more useful, and more full of joy. —Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

### **AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **JOB POSTINGS:** Island Catholic Schools invites applications for:
  - Full-Time Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of schools and the Office of Religious Education. Details are posted on <http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
  - Early Childhood Educator (ECE), Queen of Angels, Duncan
  - After School Care Helper, Queen of Angels, Duncan
  - Special Education Assistants (SEA), St. Joseph's School, Victoria

**Application forms and details are posted on**  
<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>
- **5th ANNUAL DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE:** Featuring guest speakers Josh and Denise Grimard from Telegraph Creek, BC and Ryan Mitchell from Face 2 Face Ministries for teens. **This Aug 24-27th**, plan to join families from all across the island to relax and play and grow closer to God and your family all in one weekend! This year there is the option of coming a day early to make it a 4 day event! Situated on the shores of Nanoose Bay, this is a weekend designed for relaxing and recharging. All meals and activities including faith formation for the kids are included in one reasonable price. Stay in comfortable cabins or bring your own RV or tent. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to renew your faith and friendships, make new ones and lasting memories with your family. Register at [rcdvictoria.org](http://rcdvictoria.org).

### **THANK YOU FROM THE LOADERS**

Our thanks to Holy Cross Parish for granting us the privilege of receiving the Diocesan Medal of recognition. We accept it humbly remembering those who journeyed with us, particularly Hugh Saville and Agnes Coley, who were our mentors at the Soup Kitchen, and Mark Underhill who was our teacher in providing ecumenical services at Berwick and Cedars. Thanks to so many others who inspired us each day and still do.

### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

#### **SUNDAY, July 16th**

8:30 am Mass: **Zita & Gordon Holden Anniversary**  
10:30 am Mass: **Mark De Sousa +**  
10:30 am Baptism of Rowynn & Noah Hedlin

#### **MONDAY, July 17th**

9:00 am Mass: **Ivor Williams +**

#### **TUESDAY, July 18th**

9:00 am Mass: **Hilary Ribeiro +**

#### **WEDNESDAY, July 19th**

9:00 am Mass: **Ann Reilly +**

#### **THURSDAY, July 20th**

9:00 am Mass: **Angela Murphy +**  
6:30 pm Rosary Group

#### **FRIDAY, July 21st**

9:00 am Mass: **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

#### **SATURDAY, July 22nd**

3:45—4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass: **Angela Murphy +**

#### **SUNDAY, July 23rd**

8:30 am Mass: **Angela Murphy+**  
10:30 am Mass: **Michael Leland +**

## **THANK YOU CORNER!**

Thank you to Brendan Holden for working on the railings, for fixing the toilet, picking out paint, driving to Tahsis with Fr. William, and all the rest you have done behind the scenes. We are grateful!

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR IAN STEWART**

A celebration of life will be held for Ian Stewart on Monday, July 31st at 2pm at the University Club of Victoria.

## CONTACTS

### **Pastor: Fr. William Hann**

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### **Associate Pastor: Fr. Karam Alraban**

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### **Parish Council: Esther Sangster-Gormley**

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### **University Chaplain: Fr. Dean Henderson**

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### **Refugees: refugees@holycrossvictoria.org**

## HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Liturgy Liturgical Ministers	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server Music	Fr. William Hann Various Choirs	250-477-5321 250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir. Sun. Coffee, 8:30	Ann Francis Darlene Southwell	250-477-8650 250-477-5738
Sun. Coffee, 10:30 Bulletin Folders	Yvonne Hsieh Vicki Ponsioen	250-385-8322 250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339

## SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Janita McHugh	250-477-6455 250-220-4778
Parish Council	Esther Gormley	250-360-0107
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Cleaning Kitchens Annual Shed Clean	Loretta MacDonald Jack Ponsioen	250-477-6682 250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Cynthia Watson	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Mom's/Tots	Partnership with St. Patrick's	
Children's Rel. Ed.	Giacinta Bewley	250-652-0204



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## COLLECTION July 9, 2017

### **WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$ 3, 625.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$ 452.00
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	\$ 962.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 039.00</b>
<b>SVPD</b>	<b>\$1, 082.00</b>

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Bobbi Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891
Catholicism	Jona De Jesus	250-858-5924
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Anna Mendonca	250-477-3552
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

## SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	Ed Chwyl	
Franciscans and Friends Youth	Maritza Chouza	778-533-1736
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church RCIA	Fr. William Hann Glenn Palahicky Phil / Sheila Wall	250-477-5321 250-479-1331 778-265-2134
RCIC	Dan Taft Jr.	250-721-0821
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Alan Bailey	250-721-5339
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Sheila Wall	778-265-2134
Refugees	Trudy Holden	250-472-1079
St. Vincent De Paul	Martin Fletcher	250-592-9297
Univ/Camosun Bursaries	Tony Southwell	250-477-5738
Uvic/Camosun Out- reach	John Oleson	250-477-6455