



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

## Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

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 5, 2020**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Oh good and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, You continually re-build, re-store, and re-member us in right relationship with You. Your kingdom is without end as You lavishly pour out your indwelling Spirit to all. We are born into the freedom of the Holy Spirit, constantly being filled with nudges, kisses, wisdom, and guidance. Are we aware of the movement of the Spirit working in our lives? Do we seek counsel with the Spirit of God to live according to God's will? Let us ask the Spirit for the grace to possess a humble heart.

Those who possess humility, like the little ones, totally depend on God and trust in God's Word. Humility opens the door to true knowledge of God. Like Jesus, our self-emptying creates sacred space for God's greater glory to be revealed. We are called to surrender to God in humble obedience.

Jesus invites us to 'come and rest', to let go of our burdens, to surrender for He is gentle and humble in heart. Like oxen who are yoked and work in the field, Jesus is asking us to be 'yoked' with Him to work in God's kingdom. A yoke itself seems like a burden, an instrument of bondage and torture, yet precise measurements are taken of each animal to build a comfortable, specific, well-fitted yoke. The yoke makes plowing easier by distributing the load more evenly and allowing for better coordination between the oxen.

Jesus' yoke is one of peace, forgiveness, mercy, and love offered freely, humbly, and designed specifically for us. Jesus walks with each one of us, ever present in all our life experiences, lightening our load, carrying our load, loving us and deepening our relationship. What stands in our way of living an intimate relationship with God? Is it a yoke of independence, one filled with pride, anger, worry, or judgment? Which yoke do we want to carry through life...one that separates and causes pain or one that is light, easy, and shares the load?

The Spirit of Truth says, 'I relieve your shoulders of the burden; your spirit is free to create.' Trust, believe, and lean into the peace only God can give.

In God's abundance,  
**Mona Goodman**



#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS**

**HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS:** 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. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

**OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY**

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/>  
**Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!**

**Live Mass broadcast this Saturday!** Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, July 4th at 4pm on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

During this time, we are offering our Marriage Preparation Course fully online, and couples will be able to work through the program at their own pace. The cost is \$125 per couple, and the price also includes an online individualized couple assessment as well as a liturgy planning guide. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3hzgRGW> or find the course on Eventbrite. You may also find the information on the Diocese website. Questions? Contact Louis Melendez at [lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:lmelendez@rcdvictoria.org)

**OFFERTORY AND A NOTE ON GIVING**

At this time, there will be no Offertory during the Mass. With regard to donations/collections, a basket will be provided and located at the front of the church by the altar and, if you wish, you may leave your contributions in the basket either before or after the Mass.

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In addition, to make it convenient for those that are able to contribute but are not attending mass at this time, there are new online and remote options now available:

- Online through Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/register/tier-two/>
- Automatic Debit (PAD) - If you need to cancel or change your automatic payments, please contact the parish office at (250-477-5321) or email us at [office@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:office@holycrossvictoria.org)
- E-transfers and credit cards (e-transfers can be made to the following email: [developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:developmentoffice@rcdvictoria.org)—please be sure to include your name and parish in the e-transfer message).

**REUSABLE CLOTH MASKS FOR SALE**

There are still some reusable, cloth masks for sale for \$15 each. They are washable, have ties to tie around the back of the head, and a bendable bridge to secure around the nose. Please call or come by the office if you are interested in buying one. *\*The BC Provincial Health directives encourage us all to wear a facial covering when out in public.*

**LIBRARY CORNER**

**July the 3<sup>rd</sup>** honours the feast day of St Thomas who is known as “the doubter”. Some have hailed him as one of the early proponents of the scientific method because his belief seemed to hinge on seeing the actual evidence of the resurrected Christ. However, Thomas was doubtful of another kind of evidence and that is the evidence of the witnessing of his apostolic colleagues who had actually seen Jesus. Hence Jesus takes the occasion to remind all the generations to come down through the ages, that we will be blessed in our belief in the faithful witnessing of him even though we have not actually seen him.

St Thomas travelled through out Asia as far as India bearing witness to what he eventually actually did see. Wikipedia describes his active apostleship [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\\_the\\_Apostle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_the_Apostle)

### PRAYER REFLECTION

Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The work of the Spirit is the bringing to be of the vision of God . . . . The birth of the church is the beginning of the End. . . . The kingdom of God as the miracle of . . . newness when "the blind see" makes its impact on history in the creation of a visionary community. —Gabriel Fackre, A Christian Story

### A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: Diocese of Victoria or go to [www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream).

SUNDAY ..... 10 AM

MONDAY TO FRIDAY ..... 7 PM

**MERLIN'S MUSINGS:** Merlin has just sent in his latest musing. Please click here to access his video: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesan-blog/merlinsmusings17>

**Note:** During the summer months the Diocesan Pastoral Centre will be closed on Fridays. Please see their website for current opening hours: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/>



### OPENING AT ST. CLARE'S VILLA

Available Listing at St. Clare Villa, #206 – 2045 Carrick Street. For further information please visit: <https://www.primeteam.ca>.

### UPCOMING FUNERAL SERVICES

A funeral service for Charlotte Girard will be held on July 11th at 11am at Holy Cross Parish. This service is for close family relations only, but your prayers of support are welcomed this day and always.

A sincere **thank you** for the anonymous gift recently received by one of our parishioners from another. This act of generosity was gratefully received. Thank you.



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



### OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

#### SATURDAY, July 4, 2020

2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass: **Salvatore Ciccone +**

#### SUNDAY, July 5th

9:00am Mass: **Norma Kratchmer +**

#### MONDAY, July 6th

Office Closed/No Mass

#### TUESDAY, July 7th

9:00 am Mass: **Hugh Loughran +**

#### WEDNESDAY, July 8th

9:00am Mass: **Gordon Holden (int)**

#### THURSDAY, July 9th

9:00am Mass: **Robert Rumsey +**

#### FRIDAY, July 10th

9:00 am Mass : **Corinne DeShaw +**

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**At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:**

[officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org](mailto:officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org)

**Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:**

**Tuesday –Friday:** 9am Mass

**Saturday:** 4pm Mass (full)

**Sunday:** 9am Mass (full)

*\*please note that if these Masses are inconvenient for you, you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick's Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat's at: 250-592-7391*

**The church will remain open for private prayer next week from 9:30am (after morning Mass) to 11:00am Tuesday to Friday only.**



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### COLLECTION for June 27th, 2020

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:**

Envelopes	\$ 2, 520.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1, 452.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 972.00</b>