



# Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Twining 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 - June 5th, 2022**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus' death and resurrection, the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, empowering them, gifting them, and filling them with God's grace. The Spirit of God came in an unexpected way – as a *violent wind* and *fire* – an intense force to be reckoned with! Both images illustrate a dramatic cleansing, purification, and transformation from former ways to a newness, a strength, a confidence, a knowing that we are one dynamism. We are called to leave our pride, our prejudices, and our hostilities on the cross as we resurrect into the one body of Christ, emboldened by the enveloping power of the Spirit.

The Spirit loosens our tongues and various languages flow forth enabling us to understand one another – unexpected! Brian McLaren says, “*The Spirit of God is multilingual. The Spirit isn't restricted to one elite language or one superior culture. Instead, the Spirit speaks to everyone everywhere in his or her native tongue, unity and diversity in harmony.*” The energizing strength of the Spirit brings us together. When we share with others how God is working in our lives, the Spirit gives us the right words. When fear stops us from reaching out to others that are different from us, the Spirit softens our hearts so we can reach out in love. When relationships are broken and we don't know how to reconcile, the Spirit fills us with mercy and humility. The indwelling Spirit answers our prayers, we just need to ask and place our trust in God's promises.

God freely gifts us with a variety of graces and asks us to be partners in creating a better way for all – unexpected! Each of us is called to work together to serve the common good. These gifts engender lovingkindness, mercy, and generosity, and with these gifts we praise God, build up the holy body of Christ, and activate the power of love for all. McLaren states we are called to the way of love, not fear; openness, not prejudice; service, not supremacy; equality, not inferiority; reconciliation, not resentment; connection not isolation; the spirit of hospitality, not hostility. The way of God, the way of love is all inclusive as we drink from the same Spirit, the one cup of Christ.

Jesus comes to us, offers us peace, and calls us forth to serve even though the doors of our hearts are locked in fear – unexpected! Jesus knows our worries and gently enfolds us in unconditional love, forgiveness, and wholeness of life. Intimately, Jesus *breathed* the Holy Spirit into us, filling us with light and empowering us to go forth and be Good News. Let the Spirit in! Allow the passion and promise of 'God with us' dwell within and flow out to all those we encounter!

Today we celebrate Pentecost when the Spirit was given to the disciples by Christ. It is the birth of the Church, the day when the fearful and tentative apostles were transformed into bold preachers of Jesus and his resurrection. That same Spirit is alive and active in the Church today, transforming it - and us – to stand strong in the world as the body of Christ, breathing the gift of peace and love to all. Expect the unexpected!

Filled with the Spirit, Mona



## 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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**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend!** Mass is livestreamed this week from *Holy Cross Parish* on Saturday at 4pm. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

**FUNERAL FOR FLORENCE BUSHELL**

The funeral for Florence Bushell will be on **Saturday, June 18th at 1:30pm** with a reception to follow in the parish hall. This funeral will be livestreamed and the link will be sent out closer to the date.

**CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE**

After the liturgy committee meeting this past week and with consultation and feedback from parishioners there will be adjustments made to our mass times. **Starting on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>, our weekend Mass schedule will be:**

Saturday at 4pm at Holy Cross, Sunday 9am at Holy Cross

Sunday 11am at Saint Patrick's and Sunday at 4pm at Saint Patrick's.

**Our weekday daily Mass schedule starting in September** will be Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am at Holy Cross and Wednesday and Friday at 12:10pm at Saint Patrick's.

**During the month of August when I am away**, our liturgy of the word service with communion will be held on Tuesday and Thursday at 9am at Holy Cross and Wednesday and Friday at 12:10pm at Saint Patrick's. Thank you for your understanding in this time of change and opportunity.

**Fr. William Hann**

**ARE YOU A FAITH FILLED, COLLABORATIVE PERSON?** **Father William is seeking such people to assist him on Parish Pastoral Council at Holy Cross.** The Pastoral Council is the principal planning body for our Parish. The members who serve, collaborates with the Pastor on all aspects of parish life. The Council meets regularly September to June (3 to 5 times a year), to develop long range goals, to monitor progress in meeting the parish's mission and to seek ways to deepen the faith life of the parish community. **If you are interested, please contact** the parish office. **Our Annual General Meeting at Holy Cross is Sunday, July 3 after the 9am mass. All are welcome!**

**RCIA INFORMATION**

*Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?* Parishes in the city of Victoria have come together to offer an opportunity to learn more about our faith in small group settings. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact your local pastor (Father Dino, Father William, Father Alfredo). To register for the 2022-23 year starting October 6 , 2022 at Saint Joseph the Worker parish email Carmelle to register at [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com).

**KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE**

Our parish is hosting a KAIROS Blanket Exercise on **Saturday, June 18th, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** This teaching tool is a way to build awareness and understanding of the shared history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. This event is fully sponsored by the Diocese in hopes that as many people will experience this valuable workshop. Hospitality will be provided by Social and Ecological Justice Committee. Pre-registration is required. All COVID protocols will be followed (masks are required to ensure everyone's health and safety). **Please register emailing [sonjaruffell@gmail.com](mailto:sonjaruffell@gmail.com). or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer** of the church. For more information about the Kairos Blanket Exercise: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise>

**PRAYER REFLECTION**

Let's ask ourselves: Are we open to the Holy Spirit, do I pray to the Spirit to enlighten me, to make me more sensitive to the things of God? —Pope Francis

Proceeding from the love of the eternal Father, the church was founded by Christ in time and gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. —Gaudium et Spes

To each who receives the Spirit, it is as if that person alone received it; yet the grace the Spirit pours out is quite sufficient for the whole of humanity. —Saint Basil the Great

**NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE**

Please note the following changes to the Diocesan livestream schedule. We have also posted these changes at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.

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Please find attached Bishop Gary Gordon's 2022 Pentecost Message. It has also been posted on the Diocesan website at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-2022-pentecost-message>.

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On Friday, June 10 at 7:00 pm, Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a special Mass to mark the Diocesan Health Care Committee's 15th Anniversary. All are welcome to participate, either in person at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, or via the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne>. Plan to arrive or tune in by 6:45, as the Committee's first Chair, Fr. William Hann, will be interviewed about the history and current activities of the Committee before Mass begins.

A reception will follow the Mass in Segher's Hall. Space is limited, so if you wish to attend the reception, please RSVP by Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> by emailing [marymccgovern72@gmail.com](mailto:marymccgovern72@gmail.com).

**LIBRARY CORNER (entrance of the Church)**

The next four successive Sundays celebrate the rich Christian heritage given to the apostles to spread the Good News

- the Ascension of Christ as he leaves his earthly home (May 29)
- Pentecost: the appearance of the Holy Spirit which will encourage the apostles to spread the gospel
- The Holy Trinity which reminds us of the triune nature of our Creator: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Corpus Christi the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist which will enrich our Christian life

A selection of related books is displayed on the table in the church entrance (foyer)

**Please return all books taken from the entrance table when you are finished reading**

**OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:**

**SATURDAY, June 4th**

3-3:45pm: Confession  
4pm Mass: David Gaffney +

**SUNDAY, June 5th**

9am Mass: Florence Barry +

**MONDAY, June 6th**

Office Closed/No Mass

**TUESDAY, June 7th**

9am Mass: Dan Taft +

**WEDNESDAY, June 8th**

9am Mass: Jeanine Marcotte +

**THURSDAY, June 9th**

9am Mass: Julia Macivor (int)

**FRIDAY, June 10th**

9am Mass: Mary Aerts +

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*Masks are no longer mandatory indoors, though we do encourage those who feel more comfortable to wear them as needed. As always, if you are feeling unwell or symptomatic please stay home.*



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**COLLECTION for May 15, 2022**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 1,086.25
Loose	\$ 332.35
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,677.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,095.60</b>



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

Beach field trips and the Saanich Police K9 Unit both make an appearance on Facebook this week!

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

## **FUNDRAISING CONCERT IN JUNE**

Mark your calendars! Arbutus Singers will hold a concert at Saint Patrick's church on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Concert will last an hour and is by donation and monies raised will support the Ukrainian people in this time of great challenge.

## **FR. LEO ROBERTS BURSARY**

### **2022 Father Leo Roberts Bursary Eligibility requirements:**

Individual facing family difficulties / financial hardship.

Strong academic marks with experience in church, community involvement and volunteer work.

Full time student at Post Secondary institution/ college or trade school.

A practicing catholic involved in their parish community.

**Scholarship:** \$2000 per year. Scholarship will be renewed for up to three additional years based on financial hardship and need.

**Essay:** Write a one page essay (maximum 200 to 250 words) stating your career objectives, your accomplishments, your community and volunteer involvement. Tell us why you need financial assistance.

**Deadline:** Thursday, June 30, 2022

**How to apply:** email essay to Father William Hann at [wjhann@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:wjhann@rcdvictoria.org) or send in mail to Father William Hann, Holy Cross Parish [4049 Gordon Head Road, BC V8N 3X7](https://www.holycrossvictoria.org/)

## ***WE'RE HIRING!***

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- Principal - St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Science Teacher - St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Computer Sciences/CLE Teacher - St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Primary Teacher - St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- PE Teacher - St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Music/Band Teacher - St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni
- Indigenous Educational Assistant - St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria
- Educational Assistant - St. Patrick's School, Victoria
- Early Childhood Educator - Queen of Angels School, Duncan
- After School Care Worker - Queen of Angels School, Duncan
- Casual Bus Drivers - Schools in Victoria

If **YOU** are interested in joining one of our vibrant teams, please use this link:

<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

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