

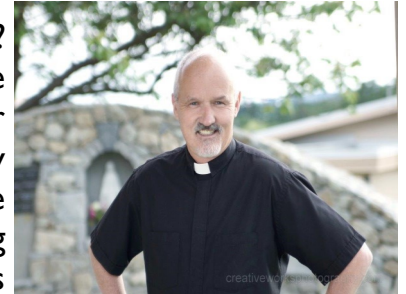
Holy Cross Catholic Parish

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 September 8, 2019
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is Jesus really asking us to renounce our possessions and our family? If so, how do we do that? If not, what does he really mean? The issue here is our discipleship of Jesus. That is serious business, not allowing for compromises. There is something unconditional in our being claimed by Jesus. The radical demands of Jesus in today's Gospel may strike us as quite unreal and make us feel uneasy. Rather than pushing them aside or taking them with a grain of salt, let us allow them to challenge us. These demands are not meant to discourage us. They are meant to encourage us, to urge us to make our discipleship of Jesus count for something rather than allowing it to slide into a faceless and colorless mediocrity.



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My dear friends, when a follower of Christ is called, they must go all the way. The gospel passage is all about commitment. And all commitment involves some kind of cross. As someone once said, "*Commitment doesn't sit it out or sit it through.*" Even among young people today, going to church might mean standing up to ridicule. What Jesus reminds us of today is that it is not enough for us, as his disciples, to stay in the middle of the road. He tells us that we must make choices that make us recognizable as his followers. To see such choices through, we are not left to our own powers; rather we can be confident that the power of the risen Jesus at work in us will enable us to be artisans of God's new world. It is for that same new world that Jesus gave totally of himself. It is for that same new world of God, that Jesus in turn, empowers us.

One final note, God shows mercy, even to the "worst": idolaters and the blasphemer. God does not forget the one who has gone astray, no matter how many are in the fold. The "unworthy" repentant son is worth a party for the simple reason that he came back. Don't put limits on mercy—God's or the mercy you show—the readings say to us this week, no matter how "prodigal" or "foolish" or nonsensical it may seem. Those are my prayers from the edge of the Atlantic. See you next week!

Mercy within mercy within mercy,
Father William

OFFICE HOURS

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

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your office or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Thomas Chinnappa** to make this request.

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY WITH DIARMAID MacCULLOCH

Screenings of his 6 part BBC-TV series with facilitated discussions, plus a live, in-person interaction with Prof. MacCulloch:

Saturday, September 7, 9:00am-Noon—Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra St. & Rockland Ave.

Episode 1: The First Christianity

Episode 2: Catholicism: the Unpredictable Rise of Rome

Saturday, September 14, 9:00am-Noon—Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Rd.

Episode 3: Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire

Episode 4: Reformation: The Individual Before God

Saturday, September 21, 9:00am-Noon—Holy Cross Catholic Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Rd.

Episode 5: Protestantism: The evangelical Explosion

Episode 6: God in the Dock

Saturday, October 5, 9:30am-11:30am—Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra St. & Rockland Ave.

Join Diarmaid MacCulloch in person for conversation on various relevant topics.

*Admission free. Attend as much of the series as you can. More info on the bulletin board or at the office.

The John Albert Hall Lecture Series presents two lectures by Diarmaid MacCulloch,

“Christianity Past, Present, and Future: The Big Picture” - Thursday, October 3rd, 5:30– 7:00pm. Engineering Building (ECS), Room 123

“Christianity and Islam : Drawing the Right Lessons from History” - Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 5:30-7:00pm, Engineering Building (ECS), Room 123

*All lectures are free and open to the public. More info on the bulletin board.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Credible Christian: Countering the New Atheism - Five Wednesday evenings starting Sept 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm @ Pastoral Center. Register on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/credible-christian-countering-the-new-atheism-out-there-and-within-tickets-49451107594>

Beloved: Spirituality for the Autumn of Life- Six Thursday evenings starting Sept 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm @ St. Patrick’s Parish Victoria. No registration needed.

Contact Glen Palahicky for further information. gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

IN THE LIBRARY (Tues-Fri. 9am-2pm)

The Parish Bulletins of this and last week provide a schedule of the BBC-TV series on Christianity by the acclaimed Oxford historian Prof. Diarmaid MacCulloch. One of these six presentations will be held in our parish on Sept 21 from 9:00 to noon. His great book and others on Christ’s story are on the Suggestion Shelf in our parish library.

- *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years* by Diarmaid MacCulloch
- *Jesus Through the Centuries (his place in the History of Culture)* by Jaroslav Pelikan
- *The History of the Church (a history of the Church from Christ to Constantine)* by Eusebius (who lived 260-339)
- *The People of Faith; The Story Behind the Church of the Middle Ages* by A Gilles
- *The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society (a revisionist history)* by Brad Gregory



PRAYER REFLECTION

Our possessions are not ours—God has given them to us to cultivate, that we may make them fruitful and profitable in his service.

—Saint Francis de Sales

The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.

—Stephen Hawking

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

More information and details on bulletin board or parish office

- **VERITAS—ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITY:** A seven week series, beginning October 8th, **VERITAS** is for persons seeking to renew their understanding of the catholic faith or perhaps learn various ‘truths’ that were never explained in their youth. **VERITAS** is also for those persons who are returning to the church after a period of absence. Located in Seghers’ Hall, at the Cathedral, beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm followed by a DVD where Father Dean Henderson, shares his personal testimony and offers a teaching on the topic of the day. Small group discussion follows. To register: please contact the office at 250-388-5571 or email standrewscathedral@gmail.com
- **CONCERNED ABOUT THE AMAZON?:** Pope Francis has called a Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme "Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology". Join us for a special webinar to launch the Fall campaign, *For our Common Home: A future for the Amazon, a future for all*, where a panel of special guests will provide insight on the Synod and how we can take action. St. Joseph the Worker Church, 753 W. Burnside Rd. on **Tuesday Sept. 10th, 10am-12noon**. Hosted by Development and Peace
- **JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Island Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following positions:
 - Full-time Middle School Teacher with ability to teach core French Gr. 7-9 at Queen of Angels School, Duncan
 - After-School-Care Workers at St. Patrick’s and St. Joseph’s School, Victoria
 - Casual Bus Drivers for various schoolsApplication forms and details are posted at:
<http://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities.php>

SOCIAL BRIDGE

The 37th year of this once a month social gathering at Holy Cross commences **Sunday, October 6th**, in the Parish Centre. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. with social bridge followed by refreshments. If you enjoy Bridge in a hospitable and non-competitive environment you are invited to join the Group. All levels of Bridge are most welcome! Please contact Tony Southwell for more information at (250) 477-5738 or via e-mail: tsouthwell@shaw.ca or Mike Neal at (250) 477-1309 or via e-mail: mneal49@shaw.ca

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY, September 8th

9:00am Mass: **Barbara Thompson +**

MONDAY, September 9th

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 10th

9:00am Mass: **Gary Gagnon +**

WEDNESDAY, September 11th

9:00am Mass: **Agnes Feher +**

THURSDAY, September 12th

9:00am Mass: **Ruth Derrick +**

FRIDAY, September 13th

9:00am Mass: **Bill Wharf +**

SATURDAY, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1:00pm Funeral for Fernando

Antoniazzi

4:00pm Mass: **Eufrocina Narciso +**

SUNDAY, September 15th

9:00am Mass: **Noel Gantly +**

THANK YOU CORNER!

Thank you to Fr. Thomas for serving the people of Holy Cross while Fr. William was away. We were so grateful to have you with us over these last six weeks. You will be missed!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GROUP

This weekly card and social group is back! New members are welcome to join starting on **Wednesday September 11th at 1pm**. The afternoon starts with a few card games, and follows with tea, treats and conversation. If you need more information or want to join please call Veronica Rampon: 250-477-1963.

The liturgical ministry is in need of volunteers at the 4pm Saturday mass. If you can help or want to learn more about the various liturgical ministries please contact the office.

CONTACTS

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COLLECTION for September 1, 2019

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes	\$ 3,839.50
Loose	\$ 392.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,095.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,326.50

HOLY CROSS MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
Liturgy	Debby Pietraszek	250-477-7375
Liturgical Ministries:		
Usher / Greeter	Maria Arruda	250-477-5526
Altar Server	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Music	Various Choirs	250-477-5321
Altar Linens	Marg McDonnell	250-477-6332
Flowers/Art Envir.	Ann Francis	250-477-8650
Sun. Coffee, 9:00	Darlene Southwell	250-477-5738
Bulletin Folders	Vicki Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Sacramental Wine	John Bartle-Clar	250-995-1891

SERVING OUR HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY

Responsible Min.	Martha Oleson Muna Haddad	250-477-6455 1-778-881-5843
Parish Council	Debra Prior	250-661-0252
Finance	David Begg	250-658-0870
Maintenance/Bldg.	Ed Boomars	250-881-8124
Annual Shed Clean	Jack Ponsioen	250-383-0654
Parish Grounds	Joe Mendonca	250-888-8930
Social/Comm. Life		
Baptism Prep.	Call office	250-477-5321
Marriage Prep.	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Children's Rel. Ed.	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Valentina Boyd	250-813-0230
Catholicism		
Library	George Murphy	250-658-6061
Outreach/Visiting	Sheridan Cooper	250-598-0248
Bereavement / Funeral / Follow-Up	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
Funeral Reception	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322

SERVING COMMUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOORS

Diocesan Appeal	John Bartle Clar	250-995-1891
Could You Ever Come Back To The Church	Fr. William Hann	250-477-5321
RCIA	Glenn Palahicky	250-479-1331
	Phil / Sheila Wall	250-385-7007
RCIC	Barb Shenton	250-592-7391
Ecumenism	Terry Marner	250-380-0157
Social & Eco. Justice	Yvonne Hsieh	250-385-8322
Anawim	Parish Office	250-477-5321
Christmas Project	Coordinated by the Parish Office	
D&P/Share Lent	Barb McKrow	250-477-8322
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 Outreach	John Oleson	250-477-6455