

# The Catholic Community of Holy Cross Church and Saints Philip and James Church

Our Parish Family: Cherishing the Past,  
Celebrating the Present, Embracing the Future.



Each Church will be open twenty minutes prior to Mass and Exposition.  
Thank you to our stewards who make it possible to open our churches for worship.

## Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

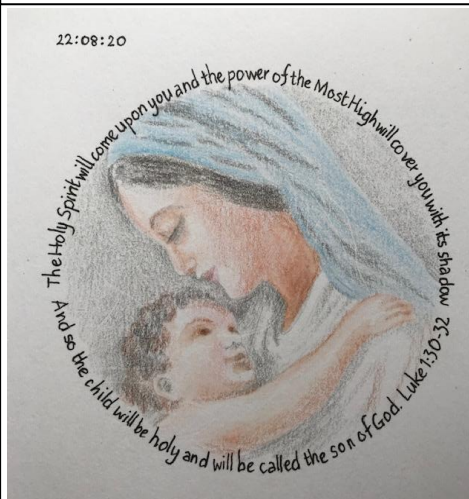
Fr Wayne continues to celebrate Mass  
on live-feed from Holy Cross Church

Sat 29 Aug 5:30pm PJ	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b> Memorial Eileen, Protection
Sun 30 Aug 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 5:30pm HC	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Victoria Kondoh, Thanksgiving Andrew Dowds, RIP Missa pro Populo
Mon 31 Aug 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	<b>Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mike White, RIP Paul Souter, RIP, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Tue 1 Sep 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	<b>Feria</b> Teresa Gray, RIP Noel Whitworth, RIP
Wed 2 Sep 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	<b>Feria</b> Teresa Church, RIP Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction)
Thu 3 Sep 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	<b>Pope St Gregory the Great</b> , Doctor, Apostle of England - Feast Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction) Colin Jones
Fri 4 Sep 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	<b>Feria</b> Ken Church, RIP Hugh Clark, RIP
Sat 5 Sep 9:15am HC 5:30pm PJ	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> Patrick O'Connell, RIP Patrick Reddin, RIP - 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sun 6 Sep 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 5:00pm HC 5:30pm HC	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Stephanie Lee, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of being our Catholic Youth Minister Tracy Marshall, RIP Holy Rosary Missa pro Populo

## The Sacrament of Confession on Saturday

Holy Cross: 10:00 to 10:30am  
Ss Philip and James: 4:45 to 5:15pm

The Sacrament of Confession may be celebrated by arrangement or after Mass on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.



*Our Lady  
of Sorrows  
intercede to your  
Son Jesus Christ  
for our parishes  
at this time.  
Amen*

The **Mass of Confirmation for adults** will be celebrated on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September (the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady) in Ss Philip and James Church at 7:15pm. Please hold each of the candidates in your prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Joseph MCGIRL, RIP**, whose Funeral Mass takes place in HC this Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at 11:00am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Joseph COSTELLO, RIP** whose Funeral Mass takes place on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September in HC at 11:00am.

### Please hold in prayer all those who:

- Are suffering in body, mind and/or soul.
  - Are grieving and are in sorrow.
  - Have recently died and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May the Lord be gentle in His judgement.
- Please also pray for **Deacon Liam** as he returns to *St Mary's College (Oscott)* this weekend.

## Who Are All Those Saints in the Roman Canon?

A series written by Anon

### The Saints after the Consecration:

**Saint Matthias** is the *elected* Apostle who replaced **Judas Iscariot** thus maintaining the number twelve as a symbol of the universality of the Church of Christ. **Matthias** is not listed with the other apostles earlier in the Roman Canon, and there is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of disciples or followers of Jesus in the three synoptic gospels, but according to Acts (Acts1:22), he had been with **Jesus** from his baptism by **John** until his Ascension. His calling as an apostle is unique, in that his appointment was not made personally by **Jesus**, who had already ascended into heaven, and it was also made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. *'They drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles'* (Acts1:26). No further information about **Matthias** is to be found in the canonical New Testament. **Saint Matthias** is the patron of carpenters, tailors, and in prayers for hope. His feast was originally celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> February but in 1969 was moved to 14<sup>th</sup> May so as to be celebrated outside of Lent.

In the month of August **The Holy Father** asks us to pray for **The Maritime World**  
 We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

### NHS TEST AND TRACE

As we have a pastoral duty of care towards one another it is requested that those who physically come to Mass or Adoration, participate in the "NHS Test and Trace" scheme. It does however remain optional. If you want to participate in this scheme we invite you to email:

bedfordparishfamily@gmail.com

Please include: your **name**, contact telephone **number**, the **church**, the **date** and your anticipated **arrival and departure time** (plus the **number of people** in your group if more than one). You can also provide these details to one of the stewards when you arrive (but please do so with plenty of time). Details will be held securely by the parish in accordance with GDPR.

### Volunteer Stewards are still Needed

In order to open each church building for Mass, Exposition and Confession during the month of September we are looking for people (from eighteen up to seventy years of age) to be stewards. If you can help, please contact Sheila.

*Please adjust your mask/covering before the Blessed Sacrament - the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus - is reverently placed in your hand.*

### THANK YOU to those people who:

- Have generously sponsored the live-stream.
- Donated funds towards the purchase of cleaning materials and sanitising products.
- Recently made one-off monetary donations to the parishes.
- Make financial contributions to our community each week.
- Have volunteered to clean SsP&J on an *ad hoc* basis. We thank the HC cleaners for their diligence!
- Are doing "little jobs" around the churches and Presbytery garden.
- Make everything we do possible: e.g. laundry sacristans, stewards, money counters, bankers, SVP members and associates, grass-cutters, Newsletter Team, etc.
- Have sent words of appreciation for the Parish Circular (the readership of which continues to grow each week).

### First Holy Communion 2021

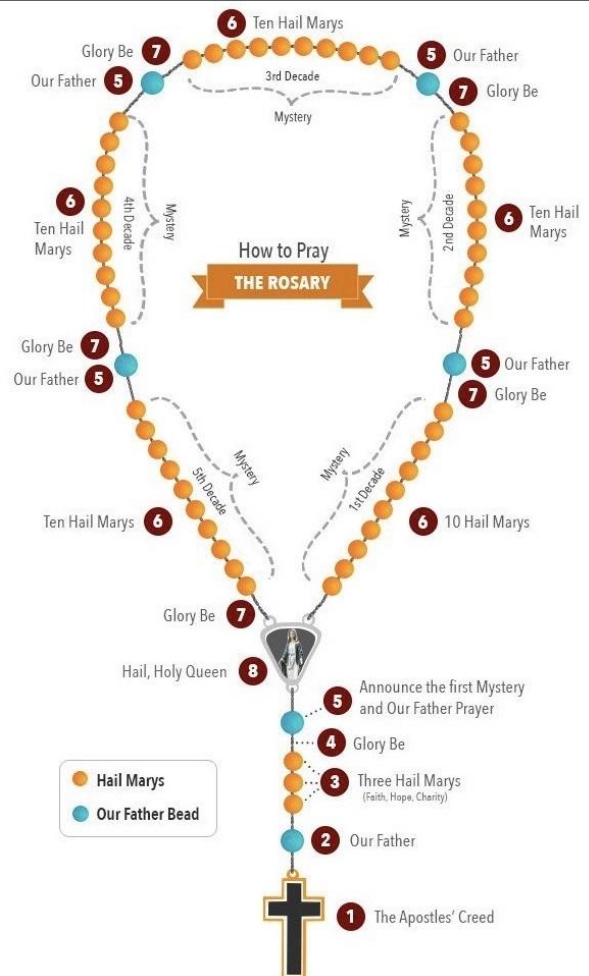
We are looking to celebrate the **2021 First Holy Communion Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> June 2021)**. Parents who are interested in finding out more information about this "not the easiest but the best" course of sacramental preparation are invited to speak to Fr Wayne after Mass and also email Sheila, the Parish Secretary who works out of Holy Cross Church.

### Foodbank donations required:

Cup-a-Soup, Jellies (pre-made), Tinned Rice Pudding, Toothbrushes, Tooth-paste, Hand Soap, Washing-Up Liquid, Deodorant, Shower Gel and Shampoo. More details from Graham: (01234) 400094.

**Items requested by the SVP:** tea and coffee; tinned meat, fish, vegetables, soups and desserts; packs of pasta and rice; jam and marmalade.

Donations for both organisations can be left in the Presbytery porch and HC Church (when open for worship).



The **Holy Rosary** will be offered (including via the live-stream) at 5:00pm on each Sunday of September as we honour Our Lady of Sorrows. If you have already been to Mass that day you are always welcome to join us just for the Holy Rosary.

September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows** whose *memoria* the Church celebrates on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Normally this would follow **Holy Cross Day** but this year we shall observe this on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Anne and Michael Simmonds, OFS**, express their appreciation to the person who recently arranged the Mass Intentions.

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