

# Holy Cross Catholic Community

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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**Year of Matthew**

**22nd December 2019 Fourth Sunday Advent**  
**Reading cycles: Sundays Year A Psalter Week 4**

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<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Saturday 21st December First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Julie & Carl, Peggy Christmas Blessings
Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday Advent	9.30 am	Maria & Ron Morgan Christmas blessings
Monday 23rd December 4th Week Advent	9.30 am	John Kelly RIP Doreen Gilligan RIP Marie Griffiths RIP
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Vigil	6.00 pm Midnight	Hobbs family Special Intention Parish Community
Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	9.30 am	Lucia de Francesco Christmas Blessing Jackie Birthday Blessings
Thursday 26th December St Stephen	11.00 am	Yrma Bartolo RIP A P Joseph & Unni RIP
Friday 27th December St John Evangelist	11.00 am	Binoy & Thomas RIP
Saturday 28th December Holy Innocents	12 noon	Srs Lour Mary & Claudia RIP
Saturday 28th December First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	John O'Sullivan RIP Bernard Whelan RIP
Sunday 29th December Holy Family	9.30 am	Jean Thomas Christmas Blessings

**Recently Died**  
Bernard Whelan

## **Anniversaries**

John Kelly  
Raymond Amor  
Mick McCarthy  
John O'Sullivan  
Annie Halloran  
Jean Browne  
Yrma Bartolo

*Eternal rest grant unto  
them O Lord  
R. And let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May they  
rest in peace. Amen*

**Pray for the Sick of the Parish**  
Heavenly Father,  
look with mercy on the sick of  
our parish community and help  
them in this time of sickness.  
Restore them to health, we pray,  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Confessions Saturday 11.15—12.00 noon**

<b>Sunday 22nd December</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Parish Carol Service</b>
<b>Tuesday 24th December</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>
	<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Carols</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 25th December</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 26th December</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>St Stephens Day Mass</b>
<b>(Day of Altar Servers—all altar servers are highly encouraged to attend Mass and to renew their commitment to serve our parish community)</b>		
<b>Friday 27th December</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God and the peace of God, which surpasses all human understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus".Philippians 4:6*

**Patience is not about the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.**

**Last weeks Collection £ 453**  
**200 Club winner 37**

**Christmas offering envelopes are in the porch. They are your personal Christmas gift to Fr. Cyril**

**Legion of Mary Prayer group**  
**Mondays after Mass.**

**First Communion Class**  
**Restarts 6th January**

**Confirmation Classes**  
**Sunday after Mass until 12.00 noon**

**Charity Shop**  
**CLOSED FROM**  
**18TH DECEMBER UNTIL**  
**7TH JANUARY**

**Growing in Faith Mondays 7.30 pm**



### **Prayer to St Joseph**

O St Joseph, loving custodian of our redeemer, you are our model of unconditional trust to the will of God.

You followed in total surrender the noble mission entrusted to you by the Father revealed by the Angel Gabriel while you were immersed in sacred slumber.

Grant we pray that through your powerful intercession God may give us that unwavering determination and filial confidence to his loving care.

Give us also a share in your enlightened disposition while we are in doubt and courage of heart when we face trials and difficulties so that, at the end of our life's journey we may close our eyes with calm serenity and wake up in the tender love of God the Father in

### **CRIB COLLECTION**

**'MIKEY CURA FOUNDATION'** Mikey Cura died aged 16, from a heart condition, whilst on a 560-mile pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in 2016. His parents have set up **'THE MIKEY CURA FOUNDATION'** which aims to conduct medical outreach for the detection and prevention of early onset cardiac problems for children up to 16 years old. They also aim to disseminate information regarding cardiac well-being. It is the hope that through a programme of health awareness, to be implemented in schools and community groups, the early detection of heart conditions can be achieved so that fewer families do not have to endure the sudden loss of a child.

### **Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers** **Christmas Eve 6pm**

<i>First</i>	Angel J
<i>Second</i>	Erin
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Rita
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pam Lorraine Siji
<b>Midnight Mass</b>	
<i>First</i>	Sue
<i>Second</i>	Daniya
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Juno
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jean Patricia Donna
<b>Christmas Morning</b>	
<i>First</i>	Ryan
<i>Second</i>	Hannah
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Jayne
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Avril Larry Maria

### **Weekend 28th/ 29th December**

<b>Saturday</b>	
<i>First</i>	Emma
<i>Second</i>	Karen Mc
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Patricia
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Karen Pam

### **Sunday**

<i>First</i>	Ryan
<i>Second</i>	Jayne
<i>Bidding Prayers</i>	Josie
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Avril Siji Shirley

### **Church Cleaning**

<b>December 28th</b>	No clean
<b>January 4th</b>	Marion Justine Imelda

**Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know. For Sundays contact Donna ( 460411 Mobile 07745947773) and for Saturdays contact Pam Phillips (07816980698**

### **God has given us:-**

**Eyes, not to judge others but to look beyond situations**  
**Mouth, not to criticise but to speak for the truth.**  
**Hands, not to punish but to give a helping hand.**  
**Ears, not to be insensitive but to listen and aid those in pain.**  
**Everything God gave us has its purpose. Use them for the Greater Glory of the Lord.**