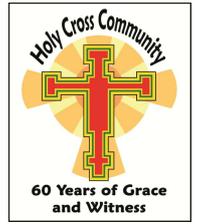




*Proud to Profess Faith through Generations*



# Holy Cross Jubilee News

## *Sixty Years of Grace and Witness*

**Sunday 8th December 2013**

**Sacrament of Confirmation & Start of Jubilee Year**

Jayne Crudge welcomed everyone to the special Mass celebrated on 8th December.

“Welcome to our Parish Jubilee Celebration. We welcome Bishop Tom, Fr. Cyril, Deacon Peter, those here to join in the celebration of Confirmation: the candidates, sponsors, family and friends. To all our parishioners and any visitors, welcome and we are glad you could join with us today.

Today marks the start of our Jubilee Year. The parish of Holy Cross is extremely blessed to be able to celebrate 60 years of grace and witness. We are proud to profess the faith we have shared and built up in our community and remember especially the generations who have brought us here to this day.



To mark this occasion, six members of the parish have been chosen to represent our community, past and present, through the six decades. From one of the oldest

members of the congregation, to one of the youngest, a special commemorative lighted candle will be brought from the old Church where we started our faith journey together. This is to symbolise the light of Christ that has been passed down through the generations. It is a reminder to all of us that our faith is a gift, a gift to be shared with all that we meet. This task of passing on the faith is especially important to the youngsters here today who are making their Confirmation, as they will continue to grow and enrich others by the light of Christ in their own lives.

These members will be accompanied by Fr. Cyril, who will be carrying a wreath to represent all the people who have worked in our community and gone to their eternal rest. The light will be given to the Bishop who will light the Jubilee Candle, officially opening the Jubilee Year”.



### **The Candidates**

During their formation and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the candidates worked with enthusiasm and commitment, guided and led by their catechists Jayne Crudge and Anne Hacche.

They created the ‘Door of Faith’ (to mark the end of the Year of Faith), they assisted Anne in designing and creating the beautiful wall hangings displayed in the Sanctuary and of course prepared themselves to carry out their various roles in the celebration of the Mass— readings, singing of the Psalm, the offertory procession and bidding prayers, the liturgical dance, the vote of thanks.

And finally there was the new Jubilee Hymn specially composed for the occasion by Teresa Hacche. The candidates sang, played flute and drums, as they joyfully invoked the Holy Spirit to ‘send them out’.

***May God bless them and their families with the abiding presence of the Spirit.***

## **Some of the Candidates’ Work**



Wall hangings



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Door of Faith

***May he bless them with his wisdom and knowledge. May he make them the witnesses of his love, joy and peace.***