



Holy Cross Parish

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First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*; Psalm 62: **“For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.”**

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*;

Gospel: **Matthew 16:21-27.** *“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.”*

Masses during week: Monday 31th August 10am Holy Cross, Tuesday 1st September 10.00am St. Margaret Mary's, Wednesday 2nd September 10.00am Holy Cross, Thursday 3rd September 10am St. Margaret Mary's, Saturday 4th September 10.00am Holy Cross.

Masses next weekend:

Saturday 4th September 5.30pm Holy Cross; Sunday 5th September 9.30am Holy Cross, 11.30am St. Margaret Mary's, 1.00pm Polish Mass St. Margaret Mary's.

Booking for Mass Places:

Ring 07546454419.

Email hx_mm@btinternet.com.

Use parish website: go to **events** at the top of the first page. To help us make sure that we do not overbook for any Mass (one is now close to the limit) a small adjustment has been made to the booking arrangements. **From now on from midday Thursday only the designated booking mobile phone can be used, 07546454419.** The website booking function will no longer be operational from midday Thurs, day until after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. Also it won't be possible to book on the parish email from midday Thursday until after Mass Sunday. Having 3 or 4 ways of booking ran the risk of not being able to calculate easily when we had hit our limits.

Masses. Sunday Mass is important to us but please keep in mind that you are free to go to any Mass from Monday to Sunday, as long as there are places. You may also decide to make weekday Mass your weekly Mass to help provide places for those who cannot come during the week.

For 29th/30th : 5.30pm Singing; 9.30am Organ hymn music 11.30am Singing. 5th/6th September 5.30pm Singing; 9.30am Singing; 11.30am Organ hymn music.

Volunteers Needed

Could you help with the important task of welcoming and passkeeping at our Sunday and Weekday Masses

We are running system for Mass which is as safe as can be. To continue doing that we need more volunteers to help with welcoming and passkeeping. The basic duties are to give directions to people as to where to sit and then how to come to Communion. Also a passkeeper checks the names and contact details of those attending. At the end of Mass the seats where people sat are sanitised. This takes about 10 minutes. Please contact the parish office to offer to help.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Many people have responded generously to the needs of those around them during the Corona virus crisis. We celebrate that as a good thing that has come out of the last few months. The Church continues to call us to remember those throughout the world who suffer from the effects of the virus and also those who suffer most from Climate Change.

Five years ago Pope Francis wrote the great papal letter 'Laudato Si' in which he called on the Church and world to take on much more deeply our responsibility for the whole of creation and for Climate Change. What do we need to do? What do we need to change? To help us take that on he has asked the Church to celebrate the Season of Creation from the World Day of Prayer for Creation: Tuesday 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis). Also there is a year's programme of events from the 1st September. The archdiocese has organised a World Day of Prayer for Creation Mass in St. Columba's, Edinburgh on the 1st: booking is required <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/justice-and-peace-mass-world-day-of-prayer-for-creation-tickets-115018318888>.

To help us celebrate this Season of Creation that will be the theme of the **Feast of the Holy Cross Mass on Monday 14th September at 10.00am in Holy Cross Church**. It will be streamed at 7.00pm that evening.

As the year goes by we will look at some of the themes of 'Laudato Si' and give information on finding material about it on the internet.

This is an opportunity for us to be work and pray together in this difficult time of apparently unending restrictions and of worry for many,

Fr. Hand

First Communion and First Confessions

Fr. Hand will be meeting the Catholic Primary School headteachers and the parish catechists this week to discuss how to celebrate the much delayed First Communion and First Confessions (Holy Cross Primary). The only option seems to be that in late autumn we organise a number of First Communion Masses for a small group of children and families. There should be more information about this next week.

Future Group: Meets Tuesday 1st September 7.00pm.

<p>Online Giving: If you wish to use the new Offertory giving link click on the following link PayaCharity Donation Portal. The parish has done well using this new diocesan method of paying. Thanks for that. Perhaps others would consider using this method.</p>

Virtual Tea/Coffee: Join other Parishioners for a **Virtual Tea or Coffee** after Mass at 11:00 to 11:30 on Zoom. Meeting ID: 734 9918 6205 Password: 5DhvjJ

Justice & Peace Mass - The annual Justice and Peace Mass takes place on the Day of Creation, 01 September, at St Columba's in Edinburgh.

Marriage Preparation

Are you getting married? The Archdiocese is running marriage preparation courses on Saturday 17 October and Saturday 14 November, 10:30am-4:30pm. Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions these are likely to take place online using Zoom. For an application form please contact Irene Furlong, irene.furlong@staned.co.uk, 0131 623 8900, or download the form from the resources tab at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/marriage-families/>

Pregnancy Support – How Can I Help?

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life office aims to start a pregnancy support service and wants your help. An online event takes place on Saturday 05 September featuring Sr Roseann Reddy who will share her experiences from running the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative for over 20 years. Register on Eventbrite by searching 'Pregnancy Support – How Can I Help? Or visit the events section of the Archdiocese's Facebook page.

Street Pastors

Edinburgh Street Pastors are recruiting new volunteers. Training will take place on the weekends of 18 to 20 October and 15 to 17 November and will be run on the Friday evening, Saturday part day and the Sunday afternoon of both weekends. If you are interested please email edinburghsp.training@gmail.com or call 07523 267 906. For background information see www.streetpastors.org.

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion (May be used during streamed Mass):

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. (St. Alphonsus)*

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Stipends:

Saturday 29th August 5.30pm (vigil) Mass for the People
Sunday 30th August 9.30am Simon Muir
11.30am Joan Hume
Monday 31st August 10.00am Harry McCusker
Tuesday 1st September St. Margaret Mary's Anne Marie
Wednesday 2nd September Holy Cross Eileen Gillen
Thursday 3rd September 10.00am St. Margaret Mary's Anne McDonald
Friday
Saturday 4th September 10.00am Holy Cross Special Intention
Saturday 4th September 5.30pm (vigil) Iris McLaughlin
Sunday 5th September 9.30am Mass for the People
11.30am Thomas Reddington