



## Holy Cross Parish

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Holy Cross is the Parish of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, a Charity registered in Scotland – number SC008540

### 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - year B

**Mass Times:** 5.30pm (vigil); 9.30am HX; 11.30am MM; 9.00am MM (in Polish) (see end of newsletter for details).

**Streamed: 21<sup>st</sup> January Sunday Mass 11.30am      28<sup>th</sup> January Sunday Mass 11.30am**

Go to the parish website to click on the link for the streamed Mass.

**Confessions:** HX after 10.00am Mass Saturdays; MM 11.15am Sundays, or on request.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Hope is not the same as optimism. To hope is to believe in Jesus' saving us from sin and in his making whole all of humanity. To give ourselves to the call of love and compassion in a violent world seems to be foolish. We make think only a fool would give his or her life to the task of helping build the Kingdom. Believing in the Cross of Jesus we so gladly.

Sincerely

Fr. Hand

**Fr Hand will be on holiday** from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Fr. Henry McLaughlan will be celebrating Mass next weekend. If you need pastoral help, please ring the parish number; if it is not answered please leave a message. The answering machine is checked regularly.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Mass of Enrolment** for those involved in Sacramental Preparation.

**11.30am St. Margaret Mary's** for those receiving the sacraments through St. David's school and the Wednesday Catechetics Class.

**2.30pm Holy Cross** for those receiving the sacraments through Holy Cross school.

Parents meetings for Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance.

### Parents meetings for Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7.00pm in St. Margaret Mary's Hall** for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation through St. David's Primary and the Catechetics class.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 7.00pm in Holy Cross Hall** for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation through Holy Cross Primary.

**Parents are welcome to bring their children; there will activities for them in the respective halls.**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - During this week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are asked to meditate on this year's theme: *'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'* (Lk 10:27) and ensure we extend the hand of friendship and hospitality to our brother and sisters of different Christian denominations, as well as those of all faiths and none, in our community.

**Follow up to Synod:** The group following up the synod will meet in the parish house on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm.

**We pray for Elizabeth Reid** whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm in St. Margaret Mary's and thereafter to Warriston Crematorium.

**Parish Music Morning:** All parish musicians, singers and any parishioners interested in a holy singsong are invited to come along to St. Margaret Mary's on Saturday morning 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am. Come along to help us sing what we already sing and perhaps learn something new.

**Starting at school** - A reminder for parents of children who will start school August 2024: If you intend for your child to go to a Catholic school, they should be baptised before registration takes place. If you have already registered them, it is not too late to have them baptised and to update your application by notifying the school. This will ensure they are given a place, as in cases where places are limited, children who are baptised Catholics will take priority. If your child is not baptised and you intend for them to go to a Catholic Secondary, this is also the case.

**Diocesan Catholic Directory:** Copies of this directory with a lot of information about the diocese are on sale at the back of the church, priced £3.

**Archdiocesan vocations Mass**

The next Mass to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Sunday 21 January at 6:15pm at St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh, EH9 9LD.

**Job vacancy** - The Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Finance Officer (full-time). The role holder should have accountancy experience with relevant qualifications and training. For details and how to apply visit <https://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-finance-officer/>. Closing date for applications is Friday 26 January.

**World Day of the Sick – 11 February** - The World Day for the Sick was introduced by St Pope John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.

**Preface of Sunday II Preface of Sunday I**

**Readings:** First Reading Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 24: *"Lord, make me know your ways."*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Gospel: **Mark 1:14-20**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	5.30pm HX	Mary and Chris Ward
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Clare O'Hare Ann Dixon
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.00am HX	
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.00am MM	Intention of Andrew Dixon
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am HX	
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am MM	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am HX	No Service/Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	5.30pm HX	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	

## From Archbishop

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**EVENT: Calling all singers and musicians!** - The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It is a free event for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Register at [bit.ly/musicday2024](https://bit.ly/musicday2024)

**EVENT: New Dawn Day** - New Dawn in Scotland hosts a conference and parish healing service at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Parish, West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ on Saturday 3 February from 9:30am. Speakers are Fr Frankie Mulgrew, priest from the Diocese of Salford (and a former comedian), and Terry Quinn, an International Catholic Evangelist and bible scholar. Visit <https://newdawninscotland.com/>

**EVENT: Valentine's Retreat** - The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for married and engaged couples takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday 10 February 2024, 2-5pm. It is an ideal way for couples to spend time together in quiet reflection and prayer, in thanksgiving to God for each other and all the positive things that spring from your relationship. Creche available for children of primary school age and older. Register at <https://bit.ly/valretreat>

**Free places at SPUC Youth conference!** - SPUC's Youth Conference is a weekend which brings together 200 like-minded young pro-lifers to learn effective strategies and fuel your passion for defending the most vulnerable among us – unborn children and their mothers. The Conference runs 23 - 25 February at Yarnfield Park Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL. The Archdiocese has five fully funded places available, including travel. To apply: <https://bit.ly/youthconference24> or contact the Pro-Life Office: [prolife@staned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk)

**Soprano and bass wanted** - St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking a soprano and a bass to sing in its Schola Cantorum octet. The choir sings weekly at the 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral, and at other services and concerts throughout the year. Alongside its core liturgical singing, recent highlights for the group have included singing as part of the Cathedral's pilgrimage to Rome in 2023, "Light from Light" candlelit concerts in the Archdiocese in 2022, and singing at the Festival Mass of the Cumnock Tryst in 2023. To apply or for more information, please contact Michael Ferguson, Director of Music, by 29 January: [DirectorOfMusic@stmaryscathedral.co.uk](mailto:DirectorOfMusic@stmaryscathedral.co.uk)

**Diploma in Catechetics 2024** - Register by this Sunday (21 January!) Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday 25 January. Visit [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](https://bit.ly/archdiploma2024).

**Explore God's will** - Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)