



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

14th July 2024 – 15th Sunday Mass - year B

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

Streamed: 14th June Sunday Mass 11.30am 21st July 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,

We are well into the holiday season, and we shift pace slightly in the parish. It is an opportunity for all of us to take time to deepen in our prayer and find ways of deepening in knowledge of our faith.

How well are we equipped in explaining our faith to others?

Work, however, goes on and we are expecting a visit from a small health and safety firm employed by the diocese to help parishes develop their understanding of health and safety issues and to put safe policies into action.

A group is being formed to work on these matters. If anyone has an interest in health and safety and thinks they could help, please get in touch with me.

Sincerely

Fr. Hand

Hymn Singalong St. Margaret Mary's Saturday 27th July 11.00am-12.00 noon

Come along to sing and practise some of the hymns we use the parish. The musicians will be sharing material and leading those present in singing these hymns. This is an opportunity help develop the singing in the parish. This is also an opportunity to make any helpful suggestions you may have.

The New Lectionary

As we know, the Lectionary is the volumes that contain the biblical readings used at Mass and in the celebration of the sacraments and other occasions. The Sunday readings contain three readings for the Mass and is in a three -year cycle of Matthew, Mark, Luke, with John being used especially in Advent and Lent. The weekday lectionary is spread over two years.

The Lectionary is based on the history of salvation, the story of God's loving relationship with the human race. The ongoing development of it is continuing the call of the Second Vatican Council to open up the Bible to everyone, so that each Christian learns to appreciate God's word more fully.

We will be taking up some of the above points in the parish in the autumn.

Thanks to those who have supported the appeal for the new lectionaries and the Books of the Gospels. There is still an opportunity to sponsor one of the Books of the Gospels (£235), one of the larger lectionaries (£150) and one study lectionary (£55).

The parish Mass books will have to be replaced gradually and this may also be an opportunity to sponsor new books on a smaller scale. We use two sets of these book a year: two books for years 'A', 'B' and 'C' of the Liturgical Year. We intend to buy 80 volumes for each church; that means buying 160 for each six months of each year. The total cost over three years will be around £2000.

Parish Thrift shop: the opening planned for 10th July is now set for 31st July at 1.00pm.

We pray for James Tennant who has died. His funeral Mass took place in St. Margaret Mary's at 10.00am on Thursday 11th July.

Baptism: We pray for Lillian Deighan who will be baptised in Holy Cross on Sunday 14th July at 2.00pm.

Holy Cross - St Vincent De Paul Conference

For the year ending 31 March 2024 we received £4,872 from parishioners, which allowed us to make donations and provide assistance as follows:

1. Purchased and delivered groceries to:
 - St David's Primary school foodbank
 - The Pilton Community Health Project
2. Arranged a week's holiday for a local family in the SVDP Caravan at Seton Sands
3. Provided financial support for the P7 leavers' school trips at St David's and Holy Cross
4. Donated food vouchers to a local family
5. Made quarterly donations to our twinned SVDP conferences based in South Africa (1No.) and Southern India (2No.)
6. Supported the SVDP Scotland "Emergency Help Middle East Appeal" and the "Caravan Upholstery Project" by making special donations
7. Collected and delivered over 135 children's Christmas presents to the Salvation Army in Edinburgh

On behalf of the SVDP, we would like to thank you all for your kind donations which make our work possible.

Thank you.

Yours in St Vincent and Blessed Frederic

SCIAF School Volunteers: SCIAF is looking for volunteers to support its work in schools across the Archdiocese. You'll receive training, travel expenses and a fulfilling role that uses your gifts to serve God and others. To find out more email schools@sciaf.org.uk

Lourdes

Pilgrims from across the Archdiocese are in Lourdes this week for the annual pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Leo Cushley. We wish all pilgrims a happy and holy time. Find out more about the pilgrimage at <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/>

Mass for the Chinese Catholic Community | 華人天主教團體彌撒

Mass is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in Cantonese and English at 2:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. The next Mass in Cantonese and English will be on Sunday 14 July at 2pm. On Sunday 21 July, Fr Li Chi Yuen will celebrate Mass in Cantonese at 2pm. All welcome.

每月第二主日下午二時有粵語和英語雙語彌撒，有懂粵語的神父來訪時會另開粵語彌撒。彌撒後有茶聚。歡迎所有人參加。如有查詢，請聯絡劉偉明執事

'A City of Faith' walking tour: This free walking tour will visit key sites in Scotland's capital that have been centres of the worship of God. Meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Broughton Street, at 9:30am on Saturday 13 July. Bring a packed lunch and dress for the weather. Includes Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at St Patrick's in The Cowgate at 12:30pm. Queries to frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Preface for Sunday II EP I

Readings: First Reading Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84: "Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help." Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14; Gospel: **Mark 6:7-13**

Saturday	13th July	5.30pm HX	
Sunday	14th July	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Mr. Walsh
Monday	15 th July	10.00am HX	
Tuesday	16 th July	10.00am MM	
Wednesday	17 th July	10.00am HX	
Thursday	18 th July	10.00am MM	
Saturday	20 th July	10.00am HX	
Saturday	20th July	5.30pm HX	
Sunday	21st July	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	James Tennant

From Archbishop

Funding for teachers: Are you a teacher considering studying for the Catholic Teacher's Certificate to teach Religious Education? The Archdiocese will pay half the cost of this course for 20 teachers working in our Archdiocese. For an application form please email kay.leslie@staned.org.uk

Way of St Andrews - Pilgrimage in Scotland? Try the 'Little Camino', Scotland at its best. Great trails, great scenery and a great opportunity for reflection. Visit <http://www.thewayofstandrews.com/>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

To mark this day, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin, on Sunday 28 July at 3:00pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop John Keenan (Paisley Diocese), who is President of the Bishops' Conference Marriage, Family and Life Commission. The Café will be open for refreshments.

Columba Trust - The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals to support projects which promote the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year is **31 July 2024**.

Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at: <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

Events in the Archdiocese - For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Save the Date – 3 October

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on the evening of Thursday 3 October 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Details to follow soon.