



## 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 SCO08540

### 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 16<sup>th</sup> 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: 21<sup>st</sup> July Sunday Mass 11.30am**

**There won't be streaming at 28<sup>th</sup> June 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 welcome the White Fathers to the parish this weekend. The annual visit from missionaries is an encouragement for all of us to be committed to the mission of the Church both at home and abroad.

In the newsletter this week there are some items, which could help us develop our parish life; the hymn singalong can help us develop our commitment to music in the Mass; the Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly is a call for we elders to come together to support one another in faith and life; the work that we will be doing on the new translation of the Mass readings is an important opportunity to develop our understanding of God's Word being read to us every week; the SVP and thrift shop notices remind us of our commitment to those in need.

Please pray and think about what you can contribute to these important parish activities. Perhaps we cannot do everything, but we could do one of them.

Sincerely

Fr. Hand

### **Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) Visit to the Parish 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July**

Next week we welcome a visitor from the White Fathers' community at Rutherglen; every year we have a member of a missionary society visit the parish to tell us about the society's work, to ask for our prayer and for financial support. There will be a special collection at the end of each Mass next week to support the work of the White Fathers.

Fr. Hand will be celebrating the 9.00am Mass for the Polish community next week as Fr. Peter is away.

### **Hymn Singalong St. Margaret Mary's Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Pope Francis started the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. Previous to that, in various parts of the world the Catholic Grandparents Association was developing. Its purpose is to encourage recognition of the important part that grandparents and elderly play in the Church; in particular, they recognise the role they play in passing on the faith to the young.

**We will celebrate the Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly at 10.00am on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July** in Holy Cross church. All are welcome to come to take part. You are welcome to invite your grandchildren to come along.

**After the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August** you are invited to the hall after Mass for a cup of coffee and to share ideas on whether we could start group of the Grandparents and Elderly Association in the parish.

Information: Social media- The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly;  
website: [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

### **The New Lectionary**

The organisation of the readings remains the same, but the translation is slightly different. We will be looking at what this means in the months to come.

The Vatican Council of the 1960s was encouraging the Church to open its mind and heart to the Word of God that renews the life of the Church. It was always recognised that what was brought in the 60s would have to be revised in the light of experience and the development of different translations, made in the light of ongoing study of the original texts. A number of countries have chosen to use **the English Standard Version: Catholic Edition**.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to take this change as a call to deepen our appreciation of the place of the Scriptures in the Mass and other forms of liturgy in the church. We will be looking at how we can do this in the months to come. The new translation comes in use on the first Sunday of Advent.

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.

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 31<sup>st</sup> July at 1.00pm.

### **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

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**Preface for Sunday II EP I**

**Readings:** First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22: *"The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want."*  
 Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18; Gospel: **Mark 6:30-34**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	5.30pm HX	Mass for the People
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Polish Mass 9.00am MM</b> <b>9.30am HX</b> <b>11.30am MM</b>	James Tennant
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.00am HX	
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.00am MM	
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am HX	
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am MM	James Donaly
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am HX	
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**From Archbishop**

**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.

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.