



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

3rd November 2024 – 31st 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).

There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion service on Wednesday of this week as Fr. Hand will be at the training day on the new lectionary in Glasgow.

Streamed: 3rd November Sunday Mass 11.30am; 10th November 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 had an interesting and informative session with two SCIAF staff a week ago Saturday. There will be more information on this in the newsletter next week. Of particular interest was information on two projects of practical help to people in Africa, one of which we hope to choose as our parish project to offer financial support to the project as well as an opportunity for us to learn what is involved in helping people improve the situation of their lives.

We will start asking people to sign up to the introduction to the New Lectionary next week. As well as learning about the new lectionary, this is opportunity to commit ourselves to deepening in our understanding of the place of the Word of God in the Scripture during Mass. We may need to ask ourselves how much commitment do we give in practice to being a people of the Word.

Sincerely

Fr. Hand

Christmas Craft and Table Sale

Holy Cross Hall Saturday 2nd November 11:30 - 3pm

Hot soup, rolls, mince pies and mulled wine all available for your enjoyment.
Contact John Allan - johnoallan@hotmail.com, if you wish to take a table, £20.

Tea Party St. Margaret Mary's after the 11.30am Mass Sunday 17th November.

Introduction to the New Lectionary Saturday 30th November 10.45am -12.45pm

Holy Year: Preparation Day in Gillis.

There is a preparation day for parishes for the Holy Year 2025 in Gillis on 9th November. If anyone is prepared to go to represent the parish please contact Fr. Hand.

SCIAF Workshop: Thanks to those who supported last Saturday's workshop. Details of the follow up meeting will be given next week.

Programme: Grandparents and Elderly Group-Wednesday: 13th November 2.00pm

Holy Cross Prayer for those who have died, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December Babinelli Sunday

Health and Safety: Fire Drill

There will be a practice evacuation of each of the churches at the end of each Mass next week. We have been working recently on the best way to evacuate the churches in emergency. Please listen carefully to the instructions at the start of Mass, and then follow the passkeepers' instructions.

Book Club on Mark's Gospel: Tuesday 5th November at 7.00pm in the parish house.

Thrift Shop: There is a meeting at 1.00pm on Sunday 3rd November

Father Tommy Greenan's book - "The Song of the Poor" - Please read the attachment to this week's newsletter regarding Fr Tommy's book. Some parishioners will remember Fr Tommy from his time spent in Holy Cross as curate. "The Song of the Poor" will be available after Mass and at the Parish Sale on Saturday morning. £15 with all profits going to Sisters that Fr Tommy worked with in El Salvador.

Continuous Reading of the Gospel of Luke: This will now take place on Wednesday 4th December in St. Margaret Mary's.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: This catechesis, based on the Montesori method is being run for children in Gillis Centre. Please see poster at the back for more details.

One month to stop assisted suicide! The most vulnerable in our society are at risk. MPs will vote on whether to introduce an extreme assisted suicide law on 29 November. To protect the vulnerable from this radical law change, contact your MP and ask them to vote NO.

Take action now - it only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using the tool here:

www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow

Archbishop Romero Lecture: The annual Romero Lecture took place recently in the Sacred Heart, Lauriston. You watch it on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvOQa84zDxY>

Diploma in Catechetics: Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of newness and deepening in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

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Readings: First Reading Dt 6:2-6; Psalm 17: "*I love you, Lord, my strength.*"

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28; Gospel: **Mark 12:28-34**

Saturday	2nd November	5.30pm HX	Special Intention
Sunday	3rd November	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	William Matthews Daisy Sanderson
Monday	4 th November	10.00am HX	Gordon
Tuesday	5 th November	10.00am MM	Mass for the People
Wednesday	6 th November	10.00am HX	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service.
Thursday	7 th November	10.00am MM	
Saturday	9 th November	10.00am HX	
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Sunday	10th November	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Special Intention of David Park

From the Archbishop

Youth Day – Wonder Woman St Margaret! - The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at <https://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret>

Ceilidh Ball - The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball is at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on **Saturday 16 November** at 7:00pm. Includes live band and buffet. Details and tickets (£40) at bit.ly/edinburghceilidh Queries: Fr Robert Taylor frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Buy your new Missal - From Advent, the Church will be using a new Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book of Scriptural Readings proclaimed at Mass. In the new Lectionary, the order and selection of readings will be the same, but their *translation* into English will be slightly different. You can buy a new Missal (or your first one) from various outlets: www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org, and <https://www.hachette.co.uk>.

Safeguarding Conference - Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators (PSCs) are invited to the National Safeguarding Conference at Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre 99 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RD, on Saturday 16 November 2024. The conference theme is *preventing abuse in faith organisations*. Please make your PSC aware of this event, and clergy are also welcome to attend. Registration to attend in person or online: <https://buff.ly/3T8KFhV>

Healing weekend - Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to help deal with painful emotions. Participants can experience forgiveness, find peace and restore their life. The next Scottish retreat is in November. Contact Andrea at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk or on 07816 942 824.

Advent Rosary - The annual Archdiocesan Rosary takes place each Monday at 7:45pm through Advent, beginning on 2 December, Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

Defending Human Dignity - Pope Francis tells us that human dignity exists "beyond all circumstances." He asks us all to defend human dignity in every cultural context and every moment of human existence, regardless of physical, psychological, social, or even moral deficiencies. "Safeguards" concerning assisted suicide don't work, as shown in Canada and Holland. If you are worried that this may happen in Scotland, please contact your MP and MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

Save the Date – Youth Day - The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p3-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Details to follow soon. **Zoom series on new Lectionary** - The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 4 December**, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent