



## 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

### 12<sup>th</sup> April – Divine Mercy Sunday- year A

**Mass Times:** 5:30pm HX (vigil); 9.00am MM (in Polish); 9.30am HX; 11.30am MM; (see end of newsletter for details).

**Streaming: 12<sup>th</sup> April Sunday Mass 11.30am; 19<sup>th</sup> April Sunday Mass 11.30am;**

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#### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A happy Easter again and welcome back those who were away over the Easter weekends. Thanks in particular for the way everyone co-operated in the bringing back of the chalice and restoration of the sign of peace.

Sincerely,

Fr. Hand

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### ***Thanks to all those who supported the Holy Week Services and Easter Services.***

*A particular thanks to all those who gave particular help with everything to do with the liturgy and preparation of the Church*

#### **Communion Ministers**

***There is a meeting in Holy Cross hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm.***

*This is for both old and new ministers. We will be looking at the purpose of the Communion ministers and some practical points. Please let Pat Shearer know if you cannot attend.*

#### **Afternoon Tea: Roof Fund**

**St. Margaret Mary's**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April after 11:30 Mass**

*Tea, scones, cakes, sandwiches, tombola.*

*Tickets £5 – please come and support this fundraiser for roof fund.*

**Parish SCIAF project:** The next SCIAF Project collection is this week.

**Diocesan Directory:** Diocesan Directories are on sale at the back of the church. Price: £3

**Social Committee:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm Holy Cross Hall.

**Finance Committee meeting:** 7.00pm Tuesday evening 14<sup>th</sup> April.

We pray for **Canon Michael Cassidy**, whose anniversary falls this Sunday.

## Holy Cross - Bacon Rolls

Because it was Easter Sunday last weekend, we're a week late with the bacon rolls. They'll be available in the hall after 9.30am Mass. See you there!

**Lourdes summer pilgrimage:** There are some spaces available on the Archdiocesan Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes for supported pilgrims and their carers, as well as nurses. Supported pilgrims are those who are ill, disabled or infirm, and they will fly out with the Archdiocese from Edinburgh and stay in the Saint Frai supported accommodation. Please email [enquiries@edinburgh-lourdes.com](mailto:enquiries@edinburgh-lourdes.com). Demand for spaces on the plane for hotel pilgrims is high, but they can still take part in the pilgrimage. Contact Tangney Tours to be placed on a waiting list or to ask about alternative travel arrangements. Visit <https://www.tangney-tours.com/>

**Young Adults Pilgrimage to Rome:** The Edinburgh Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart invites Young Adults to join them on pilgrimage in Rome from 1 - 4 May 2026. Contact Fr David Stewart SJ at [ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk)

**Day for Poor:** A total of £31,500 was raised in the Archdiocese from the Day of the Poor collection in November. The money has been donated to the Mercy Centre at St Catharine's Convent of Mercy, Lauriston, which helps the homeless and those in need. Sr Aelred Timmins said: "Thanks to all those in the Archdiocese for their generosity, which will help so many people. God bless you all." Watch the 45 second video about the Mercy Centre at [bit.ly/mercycentre](http://bit.ly/mercycentre)

## Eucharistic Prayer I Preface 1I of Easter- Parish Mass book page 255;

**Readings:** First Reading Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118: "Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever." Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9; Gospel: **John 20:19-31.**

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>5.30pm HX</b>  |                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Polish Mass 9.00am MM<br/>9.30am HX<br/>11.30am MM</b> | Mary Boner                            |
| Monday          | 13 <sup>th</sup> April       | 10.00am HX  |                                       |
| Tuesday         | 14 <sup>th</sup> April       | 10.00am MM  | Cecilia Glover                        |
| Wednesday       | 15 <sup>th</sup> April       | 10.00am HX  | Breda Duffy                           |
| Thursday        | 16 <sup>th</sup> April       | 10.00am MM  | Fr. Cassidy                           |
| Saturday        | 18 <sup>th</sup> April       | 10.00am HX  |                                       |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>5.30pm HX</b>  |                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Polish Mass 9.00am MM<br/>9.30am HX<br/>11.30am MM</b> | Special Intention<br>Stephen Matthews |

## Special Collections: National, Diocesan and Parish January -December 2026

Note 'Sunday' includes 5.30pm Mass on Saturday

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| <b>Sunday</b> |                         |
| 12/04/2026    | Sciaf Zambian project   |
| 26/04/2026    | Ecclesiastical Students |
| 17/05/2026    | Communication           |
| 07/06/2026    | Roof fund               |

### **Rachel's Vineyard**

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Glasgow on Friday, 24 to Sunday 26 April. This confidential, supportive retreat is helpful to anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call or text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk). For more details, visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**Save the Date:** The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married and Engaged Couples takes place at 7:00pm on Friday 19 June in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

**John Henry Newman:** An introduction to the life and thoughts of St John Henry Newman takes place at Mayfield Salisbury Church 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ on Thursday 16 April, 7:30pm-9:00pm with Monsignor Rod Strange, leading scholar of the life of the saint. Entrance by donation. Event organised by the Edinburgh Circle of the Newman Association

**Job opportunity:** Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) is seeking to employ a full-time Operations Administrator to join its team in Glasgow. Contact Louise for an application pack: [louise@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:louise@archtrust.org.uk) Closing date: 18 April. More at [www.archtrust.org.uk](http://www.archtrust.org.uk)

**Rosary and National Pro-Life Chain in Edinburgh:** SPUC's annual Edinburgh Pro-life Chain is on Saturday 25 April on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. The day includes three simple opportunities to take part — come along for all of it or join in for whatever you can: 10:00am: Rosary for Life, Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Road, EH3 9DJ, led by Archbishop Cushley. [Register here](#), or just come along on the morning. 11:00am: Pro-Life Chain. 1.15pm: Refreshments and social - Sacred Heart Church Hall.

**Divine Renovation:** Divine Renovation hosts a free event at St John the Baptist Church, Uddingston, G71 7AH on Saturday 25 April from 9:30am to 5:00pm. It's a chance to get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of parish transformation. Concludes with Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal. Lunch provided. Registration and details at [divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland](http://divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland)

**Catholic Conversations for Women:** All women are welcome to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 18 April, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. Followed by a Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

**Feel called to the priesthood? :** If you have been wondering whether God could be calling you to become a priest, you are not alone. If you are considering this call, take that step and get in touch today. Contact our Vocations Director at [frpatrick.burke@staned.org.uk](mailto:frpatrick.burke@staned.org.uk). Come and see where the Lord may be leading you.

**Get funding for your Catholic project:** The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals for projects which support the practice of the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2026. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>