



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

31st May – The Holy Trinity 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: 31st May Sunday Mass 11.30am; 7th June Sunday Mass 11.30am;

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have concluded the SCIAF project. It has been successful financially and in helping constructively the SCIAF project in Zambia. Hopefully it will be successful in encouraging us to develop a more sustainable way of life in our domestic, parish and national lives.

Thanks to the group that organised and developed it. We will look again at another project within the next year or two. I think the parish can take real satisfaction in having the faith to take on such a project when we are in such financial need ourselves.

Sincerely,
Fr. Hand

SCIAF Celebration.

Thanks to the SCIAF organising group who planned the evening on the Chowa, Kabwe project celebration on Wednesday. Thanks to the 15 parishioners who came to the celebration. Claire McManus explained the project and Fr. Hand led prayer and reflection on giving thanks for how the parish completed the £12,000 two year project in one year, and on how it enriched the parish life. We had some social time as well. Thanks to you all for the benefits for the parish.

What to do now that we have completed our SCIAF Zambian project. Our aim over two years was to raise £12,000 and we have done that in one year. Because of the pressing financial needs of the parish with special attention to St Margaret Mary's Church, we have decided to discontinue the project now. There are several ways of acting:

- The SCIAF collections will be stopped as of now and we will replace several of these collections with ones for the roof fund.
- People donating by Standing Order can stop their donations through contacting the bank to tell them to stop.
- Standing Order donors may want to transfer the destination of their donation through to the Roof fund.
- Gift orders can be stopped or increased at any time.

There will be people at the back of the Church to ask for information or help.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this project.

Joint Meeting of Pastoral Council Renewal group and Pastoral Council (Temporary): This group meets on Monday 1st June at 7.00pm: It will be drawing up concrete proposals to develop a new pastoral council, a parish census and a parish handbook.

First Communion: The First Communions in St Margaret Mary's place on Saturday 6th June at 10.00am. Please pray for the children and the parents.

Special Collection on 6/7 June: Next week we have a collection towards the roof fund of St. Margaret Mary's. Please continue your support of this important parish project.

100 Club - April Draw:

The draw was made for the April prizes at Holy Cross Hall after the Mass on Sunday 3rd May.

1st prize £100 - Angie Bryce - Holy Cross

2nd prize £50 - Alina Armstrong - Holy Cross

There are still a few numbers available if you wish to participate in the monthly draw.

Book Group: The Book Group on the Gospels meets in the parish house on Tuesday 2nd June at 7.15pm

Annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass: The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at St Peter's Church, 9 Carmondean Centre Road, Deans, Livingston, EH54 8PT on Thursday 18 June 2026. Guest speaker is Peter Diamond from Aid to the Church in Need.

Christian Aid – Many thanks to all who helped our brothers and sisters of Nairobi to grow hope. The wonderful sum of £427.00 was donated and an additional £60.00 will be added due to Gift Aid. Thank you all, Eileen Bryce.

St Margaret Pilgrimage - This annual national Catholic event takes place on Sunday 14 June in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12:00pm Angelus at St Margaret's Cave; 1:00pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2:00pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3:00pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

New Catholic Retreat Day: Have you joined the Church in the last three years? On Saturday 20 June join other new Catholics at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB for a day including Mass, short talks, testimony and time for prayer. Register your interest with Sr Miriam Ruth: srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk

Corpus Christi Procession: The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, at 3:00pm on Sunday 7 June 2026. Afterwards there will be Benediction in the Church followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden. This annual a beautiful, public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

World Youth Day: "Experience the universal Church first-hand amidst the unique and vibrant story of Catholicism in South Korea. From remarkable saints, bustling markets and poignant shrines to Holy Mass with Pope Leo and sleeping under the stars. Come with us from our Archdiocese and discover, in a profound and personal way, God, the Church, and the transforming power of faith." - Archbishop Cushley. If you are aged 19-35 and want to find out about attending the World Youth Day in South Korea, 3-8 August 2027, please register your interest at youth.office@staned.org.uk.

Edinburgh Seven Hills Pilgrimage: The Seven Hills of Edinburgh Pilgrimage route is approximately 26km, taking in Castle Hill, Corstorphine Hill, Craiglockhart Hill, Braid Hill, Blackford Hill, Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill. Starts at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral at 9:00am on Saturday 13 June with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. Details and registration at bit.ly/sevenhills26

A Tainted Legacy: A member of L'Arche reflects on the legacy of Jean Vanier, six years on:

Jim Cargin, L'Arche member since 1980 Wednesday 24 June 2026, 7.30 – 9.00pm. Newington Trinity Church, 18, West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ

All welcome: entrance by donation - £5 proposed

A tainted legacy expresses the situation confronting L'Arche across the world since the shameful double-life of its founder, Jean Vanier, was exposed in February 2020. For an international network of 150 plus communities who were long content to bask in Vanier's reflected glory, the impact has felt 'an overdue crash course in humility'.

It's a painful issue too for the many individuals whose lives had been shaped by a man once considered a spiritual giant, spoken of by some as a saint even within his lifetime. For them, grief has come twice over: first after Vanier's natural death, and then again, a few months later, after the death of his reputation. How does anyone begin to sift the wheat from the weeds?

Eucharistic Prayer III Preface III .- Parish Mass book page 81;

Readings: First Reading Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Psalm Daniel: **"To be praised and highly exalted for ever!"** Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-14; Gospel: **John 3:16-18.**

Saturday	30th May	5.30pm HX	
Sunday	31st May	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	
Monday	1 st June	10.00am HX	
Tuesday	2 nd June	10.00am MM	
Wednesday	3 rd June	10.00am HX	
Thursday	4 th June	10.00am MM	
Saturday	6 th June	10.00am HX	
Saturday	6th June	5.30pm HX	
Sunday	7th June	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Robert Barrett

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

Note 'Sunday' includes 5.30pm Mass on Saturday

Sunday	
07/06/2026	Roof fund
21/06/2026	Day for Life
28/06/2026	Peter's Pence

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.

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. 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/>

National Catholic Event:Join others from across Scotland at Glasgow Caledonian University on Saturday 6 June for Trust in God Still - a Celebration of the Catholic Church in Scotland. Whether involved in parish life, diocesan leadership, education, ministry or simply seeking to grow deeper in mission, this day is for you. Lunch is included on the day. Tickets £45: Register bit.ly/synodality26

Magnifica Humanitas: In his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ('Magnificent Humanity'), Pope Leo XIV reflects on the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence in light of Catholic social teaching, calling all people to safeguard human dignity, truth, justice, and peace. The full text of the encyclical may be read at the Vatican website