



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

7th June – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday (Corpus Christi) - 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).

Please note that the 10.00am Mass 11th June, normally in St. Margaret Mary's is now a funeral Mass in Holy Cross church.

Streaming: 7th June Sunday Mass 11.30am; 14th June Sunday Mass 11.30am;

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are moving towards the summer and school holidays. Many of us are not affected by this, but nevertheless the pace of life does change. It is good to rest from what we normally do, but this time is also an opportunity to renew our faith. We could come to morning Mass, take time to read anything that would renew our faith, or take time to come together to share our faith.

Sincerely Fr. Hand

Holy Cross BBQ - Sat. 20th June

Join us for the annual Holy Cross BBQ in the grounds of Holy Cross Church, Sat 20th June after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, BYOB. All Welcome, see you there. Excellent cuisine and good company.

Fr. Hand will be on holiday from after 10.00am Mass on Thursday 18th June- Thursday 2nd July. If you need to see him, please arrange to see him before then.

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

Parish Development

Following the Parish General Meeting the temporary pastoral council and the pastoral council renewal group have met and propose the following developments:

The new pastoral council will start at the beginning of October. For the present it will consist of 8 members and the parish priest. It will be prepared for by a sub group finalising the basic purposes of a pastoral council, and then a period of recruitment and formation. It is important to see that any pastoral council will work in the context of meetings of group leaders meetings , , group meetings, parish general meetings. This will be developed next week.

Census: We are doing a major update of our parish records. This is important as we need to know the names and contact details of our parishioners in order to develop contact with them. It is also important in helping us get some idea of the make up of our congregation. One of the organising group will explain about this in the next few weeks.

Parish Information and Welcoming Folder: A parish folder including basic information about the parish that would be useful to all parishioners, and especially new one, will be developed for general parish use. A parish directory of all groups will be developed in course of the year.

Annual Mission appeal 13/14 June

The SMA Fathers (Society of African Missions), whose base is in Dunblane, will be making the annual missionary appeal next weekend.

Each year a missionary society is given some deaneries from which they may make an appeal to support their work. The SMA fathers are making the appeal in the Edinburgh deanery this year.

Summer Play school 13th-24th July

The Missionaries of Charity are organising two weeks of activities in St. Margaret Mary's hall from 13th-17th July and 20th July -24th July this year. The age group is 5-10 years old. Please ring the parish office or contact the Sisters directly on 07710208767. Activities; songs, small drama, art and craft, games and outings.

Consultation

Archbishop Cushley invites you to respond to consultation questions from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland regarding the structures of the Church in Scotland. The consultation questions are online at bit.ly/archconsultation26. For context, please see the BCOS statement at bit.ly/bcosstatement. Responses must be submitted by Friday 26 June.

Fr. Hand will be in the Holy Cross hall on Monday 15th June 7.00pm- 8.00pm to discuss the questions and possible answers. All are invited to come along. The questions are:

- Where do we see examples of mission in our parishes, deanery, diocese and country.
- Where does mission need to develop or even begin? What are the barriers to better mission, and what can encourage it?
- Does the present structure of eight dioceses in Scotland support mission?
- Does our diocese already have all that it needs. Would it help if we were to share resources with another diocese or dioceses

We pray for Theresa Cameron who will be buried on Wednesday 10th June at 12.00 noon in Mount Vernon.

We pray Michele Gallo, whose Funeral Mass will be in Holy Cross church

on Thursday 11th June at 10.00am, and his funeral service will take place at 11.00am on the same day at Warriston Crematorium.

We pray for Elizabeth Docherty (Bee formerly of East Lillypot) whose Funeral Mass will take place in Star of the Sea this Wednesday at 12.00 noon.

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.

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

Holy Cross Church BBQ - Sat. 20th June - Join us for the annual Holy Cross Church BBQ in the grounds of Holy Cross Church, Sat 20th June after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, BYOB. All Welcome, see you there.

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 83;**Readings:** First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147: "O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!" Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Gospel: **John 6:51-58.**

Saturday	6th June	5.30pm HX	
Sunday	7th June	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Robert Barrett
Monday	8 th June	10.00am HX	
Tuesday	9 th June	10.00am MM	Eva Louisa Garcia
Wednesday	10 th June	10.00am HX	
Thursday	11 th June	10.00am HX	Funeral Mass
Saturday	13 th June	10.00am HX	
Saturday	13th June	5.30pm HX	Fr. John Rhatigan
Sunday	14th June	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Godfrey Edward Pinto

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

Note 'Sunday' includes 5.30pm Mass on Saturday

Sunday	
07/06/2026	Roof fund
14/06/2026	Mission Society
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