



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

21st June – 12th 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: 21st June Sunday Mass 11.30am; 28th June Sunday Mass 11.30am;

Day for Life Collection Sunday 21 June: The National Day for Life Collection is split 50/50 between the Archdiocese and the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. The Archdiocesan share will be used to support pro-life work covering issues at the beginning and end of life: the unborn and their mothers, the disabled, the elderly and the dying. More details at bit.ly/dayforlife26

Fr. Hand is on holiday from after 10.00am Mass on Thursday 18th June- Thursday 2nd July. Please check the newsletter for Communion services and Masses.

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.

Annual Mission appeal (13/14 June) we collected £680. Thank you,

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.

Ordination of Rev Matthew McCafferty: The priestly ordination of Rev Matthew McCafferty takes place at 7:00pm on Friday 3 July at St Mary's, 9 Livery Street, Bathgate, EH48 4HS.

Ordination of Rev Gerard Holden:

Congratulations to Rev Gerard (Ged) Holden, ordained a deacon Wednesday at the hands of Cardinal James Harvey in St Paul's outside the Walls.

Rev Allan Ocdenaria RIP:The Requiem Mass for Fr Allan Ocdenaria is at midday on Tuesday 30 June in St Mary's Cathedral, thereafter 2:00pm Committal Service at Warriston Crematorium. Remains to be received at the Cathedral at 6:00pm on Monday 29 June.

100 Club - May Draw

The draw was made for the May prizes at Holy Cross Hall after the Mass on Sunday 7th June
1st prize £100 - Sandra McGee - Holy Cross
2nd prize £50 - Frank O'Dea - St Margaret Marys
There are still a few numbers available if you wish to participate in the monthly draw.

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.

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'.

Eucharistic Prayer Preface - Parish Mass book page 93;

Readings: First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69: "In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord." Second Reading Romans 5:12-15; Gospel: **Matthew 10:26-33.**

Saturday	20th June	5.30pm HX	Breda Duffy
Sunday	21th June	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Special Intention
Monday	22 nd June	10.00am HX	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Tuesday	23 rd June	10.00am MM	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Wednesday	24 th June	10.00am HX	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Thursday	25 th June	10.00am MM	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Saturday	27 th June	10.00am HX	No service
Saturday	27th June	5.30pm HX	Bishop Monaghan
Sunday	28th June	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Breda Duffy

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

Note 'Sunday' includes 5.30pm Mass on Saturday

Sunday	
21/06/2026	Day for Life
28/06/2026	Peter's Pence
19/07/2026	Roof Fund
30/08/2026	Roof fund
18/10/2026	Missio
08/11/2026	Day for the Poor
22/11/2026	Catholic Education
06/12/2026	Roof fund
27/12/2026	Crib

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/>