



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

5th July – 14th 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).

Please note that the Wednesday morning Mass will be a funeral Mass at 11.30am. There will be no Mass or service at 10.00am that morning.

Streaming: 5th July Sunday Mass 11.30am; 12th July Sunday Mass 11.30am;

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.

Finance Committee: 7.00pm in parish house Monday 6th July

Fabric Committee: 2.30pm in parish house Tuesday 7th July.

Scripture Book Club: 7.00pm in parish house 7.00pm Tuesday 7th July

Congratulations to Fr Matthew McCafferty who was ordained to the priesthood on Friday at St Mary's in Bathgate. He will continue a further year of study in Rome before returning to minister in the Archdiocese. Please keep him in your prayers.

We congratulate and pray for Rab and Eileen Bryce on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

We pray for Sheila Murray whose funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 11.30am in Holy Cross, followed by a service in Warriston Crematorium at 12.30pm.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 26 July

From Fr Benedict Iwatt VE: This special day is an opportunity to honour the priceless presence of older people in our families, parishes, and communities. The Marriage and Family Commission encourages all pastors and parish communities across the Archdiocese to mark this occasion by reaching out in love and compassion.

Parish Development : As in the newsletter of the last few weeks our planning for the new pastoral council , parish census and parish information booklet will pick up again this month.

Peter pence special collection: We collected **£575.89**. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer III Preface Sunday II .- Parish Mass book page 99;

Readings: First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145: "I will bless your name for ever, my God and king." Second Reading Romans 8:9, 11-13; Gospel: **Matthew 11:25-30.**

Saturday	4th July	5.30pm HX	
Sunday	5th July	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	60 wedding Anniversary of Robert Bryce and Eileen Bryce(Dohan)
Monday	6 th July	10.00am HX	
Tuesday	7 th July	10.00am MM	
Wednesday	8 th July	11.30am HX	Funeral Mass
Thursday	9 th July	10.00am MM	Betty and Margaret Daly
Saturday	11 th July	10.00am HX	
Saturday	11th July	5.30pm HX	Sister Veronica
Sunday	12th July	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	
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.

Understand Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

From Sr Miriam Ruth RSM, Catechetics: This form of Children's Catechesis has been offered in our Archdiocese for a few years now. What is its purpose? How does it work? What are its requirements? Clergy are welcome to attend an info session at the Gillis Centre (2:00pm) or an online session (7:00pm) on Tuesday 7 July to learn more: <https://forms.office.com/e/j5MdeaAx4K>. Cannot come but want the recording - or simply to discuss (positively or critically) Please email me at smiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.