



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

12th July – 15th 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: 12th July Sunday Mass 11.30am won't be streamed.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Hopefully most of us will get a change this time of the year, whether it is being away on holiday or being at home but doing different things. A trip to Aberdour, may not seem the same as a trip to Lanzarote, but walking part of the Fife Pilgrim's Way may calm our soul more than lying in the sun. 'Holidays' comes from Holy Days, times in Christian Europe, when people had some days off to be refreshed spiritually and physically. Why don't we take some time to reflect on how personally or spiritually we can gain a deeper sense of ourselves and our faith.

Summer Play School 13th-24th July

The Missionaries of Charity start their two weeks of children's activities in St. Margaret Mary's hall from this Monday. Places are still available.

The play school runs from 13th-17th July and 20th July -24th July. 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.

Congratulations to Fr Matthew McCafferty who was ordained to the priesthood on Friday 3rd July 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: We pray for all pilgrims, particularly the sick and our own parishioners, who left on Friday for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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

Parish Roof Fund – This weekend there is a special collection for the parish roof fund. The process of getting grants is slow and laborious, but we cannot carry out our project in St. Margaret Mary's without them. Please continue our efforts to develop our fundraising either by direct giving or being prepared to organise some fundraising activity.

Sea Sunday: Sunday 12 July is Sea Sunday and the Church encourages us to support Stella Maris, a Catholic charity helping seafarers in need, including at port destinations in our Archdiocese. Donate using the QR code or visit stellamaris.org.uk/donate/ Read more about its work at: archedinburgh.org/news

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 26 July

From Fr Benedict Iwatt VE for marriage and the family : 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.

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.

100 Club - June Draw

The draw was made for the June prizes at Holy Cross Hall after the Mass on Sunday 5th July
 1st prize £100 - Julia McCaskey- Holy Cross
 2nd prize £50 - Dougie Shearer - Holy Cross
 There are still a few numbers available if you wish to participate in the monthly draw.
 Robert McGee

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

Readings: First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65: "Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit." Second Reading Romans 8:18-23; Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23.**

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| Saturday | 11th July | 5.30pm HX | Sister Veronica |
| Sunday | 12th July | Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM | Breda Duffy |
| Monday | 13 th July | 10.00am HX | |
| Tuesday | 14 th July | 10.00am MM | |
| Wednesday | 15 th July | 10.00am HX | |
| Thursday | 16 th July | 10.00am MM | Anna Pereira |
| Saturday | 18 th July | 10.00am HX | |
| Saturday | 18th July | 5.30pm HX | |
| Sunday | 19th July | Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM | Special Intention of Rab and Eileen Bryces. |

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

Note 'Sunday' includes 5.30pm Mass on Saturday

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| 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.