



## 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

### 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost 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: 24<sup>th</sup> May Sunday Mass 11.30am; 31<sup>st</sup> May Sunday Mass 11.30am;**

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is a weekend of celebration. 17 children will receive Communion, 3 adults will be received into the Church, and a baby will be baptised. As we rejoice, we could also pray that we live up to our commitment to them to give them the example of being disciples that they need.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Hand

#### First Communions

Congratulations to the children and their families who celebrated their First Communion on Saturday. Thanks to all the parishioners and school staffs who were involved in the preparations of the children and the celebration of the Mass and refreshments.

#### Welcome to the Church.

We welcome to the Church: Aaron, Jean and Ian will be received into the Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Margaret Mary'. Thanks to Colin Hamilton who helped them prepare.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Church is welcome to contact Fr. Hand

**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](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk)

#### SCIAF Celebration

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm- 8.30pm, Holy Cross hall**

**Celebration of the Project:** This celebration takes place as above, so that we can continue to pray with our partners Zambia, and that we can celebrate what has been accomplished. We will have some information about the project, a 20 minute service, and refreshments and get together. The SCIAF project worker for Zambia is going to be in Zambia on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, and we are not sure if another SCIAF worker can come. We will have some information on the project available, and we will organise for the project worker to come and describe what has been happening lettr in the year.

Please make an effort to support the evening.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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@stanned.org.uk](mailto:youth.office@stanned.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](http://bit.ly/sevenhills26)

**Eucharistic Prayer 1(p.18) Preface of the Mystery of Pentecost.- Parish Mass book page 288;**

**Readings:** First Reading Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104: "Send forth your spirit, o Lord, and renew the face of the earth." Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Gospel: **John 20:19-23.**

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>5.30pm HX</b>	Nancy Kerr
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM</b>	Doris Toner
Monday		10.00am HX	
Tuesday		10.00am MM	
Wednesday		10.00am HX	
Thursday		10.00am MM	
Saturday		10.00am HX	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>5.30pm HX</b>	
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## 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

### Mothers and Daughters: May Crowning and Procession

Mothers and Daughters of all ages are invited by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma for an afternoon to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. Activities include a May Crowning and procession, Marian crafts and cookie decorating. The event is hosted on Saturday 23 May from 1:00-2:30pm at St. Andrew's, 77 Belford Rd. Edinburgh, EH4 3DS. RSVP by 20 May to [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org).

Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DP, on Saturday 23 May, beginning at 4:00pm. There will be a talk from Fr Daniel Magaji, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley and a barbecue. Organised by the Archdiocese along with the young adult ministries at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St Mary's Cathedral and St Albert's Chaplaincy. Register at [bit.ly/pentecost26](https://bit.ly/pentecost26). Come, Holy Spirit!

**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](mailto: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/>