



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

11th October – 28th 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 check the newsletters for the coming weeks for details of weekday Masses/ services and also for the Masses for All Souls.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I will be leaving the parish on Monday after Mass to prepare for going into hospital early on Tuesday morning. Thanks to those who have been preparing for helping in the parish in particular ways when I am off. Fr. John Peter will be here for most of the Masses, and Fr. John McInnes will be here next weekend.

As usual the answer machine will be checked regularly. Also Maciej will be back from India shortly and will be back to work Tuesday 13th. Please contact him with newsletter material and for any information you require, especially with regard to the sick and for funerals.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Yours sincerely, Fr. Hand

Missio Sunday: Next Sunday is Missio Sunday when the Church celebrate its calling to preach the Gospel to the whole world. We celebrate that calling especially when people from all over the world have joined our parishes.

There is a **special collection** next weekend that goes to Rome , where the money is allocated at a meeting where representatives from all countries involved allocate the world wide funds. This is different from the Mission collection at a different time of the year for a particular missionary society.

Census: We have started the work on the census. We ask your co-operation with the efforts of the organising group. We are trying to develop our ways of communication; that obviously involves having good information. Please take a census form and return it.

Sacramental Preparation: The Wednesday evening 6.00pm classes start on 28th October. The Wednesday Confirmation class will start around the middle of January.

Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser 7th November in Holy Cross Hall. Tickets are now on sale.

St. Margaret Mary's Roof: The 2 prints of the original altar backpiece of St. Margaret Mary's have been sold; thanks to those who bought them. The proceeds will go to the roof fund.

October Rosary Club; the Missionaries of Charity are running a Rosary Club for children from 3rd October every Saturday of October at 3.30 PM in St. Margaret Mary's church and hall to explore more

Additional Support Needs Mass

Those with additional support needs of all ages and their families/carers are invited to a special Sunday Mass on 11 October at 2pm in the quiet, beautiful Chapel of St Albert the Great at 23/24 George Square Lane, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD. Mass will be celebrated by Father Jamie McMorris. Families are invited for teas/coffees and biscuits at the adjacent SPRED Centre following Mass to

gather together to offer mutual support and to grow in friendship. This is a new opportunity and will occur quarterly. Entrance to the chapel is on George Square Lane, behind George Square. Parking is free on Sundays in George Square Lane and in the SPRED Centre car park adjacent to the chapel. For more information and any questions, please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM at srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk or on 0131 370 0017.

Deepening our appreciation of the Eucharist – Over 4 Sunday afternoons on the autumn you are invited to come to St Peter's, 77 Falcon Avenue, EH10 4AN for a series on deepening our appreciation of the Eucharist. Pamphlet on notice board.

A JOURNEY FOR OUR ROOF - India 2026 - One journey. Thousands of miles. One shared goal.

This autumn Maciek Samulski, our parish administrator, will be travelling through India and the Indian Himalayas. The plan is to share **a live update every day** during the journey, giving everyone the opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and atmosphere of India as the expedition progresses. Those who enjoy following the expedition and wish to support our Parish Building Fund will be able to make a voluntary donation **directly to the parish**.

Further details, including social media links you can find on the poster at the back of the church. *Follow the journey. Be part of it.*

✈️ **9,494 miles by air.** 🚆 **1,309 miles by train.** 🚗 **1,370 miles by road.**

Save the Date: SCSSA National Safeguarding Conference: The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) National Safeguarding Conference will take place on **Saturday 7 November 2026** at the Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. The conference is aimed particularly at Parish Safeguarding Coordinators, parish clergy and others involved in safeguarding. This year's theme will build on the question: *What have I done to make my parish a safer place?* Please save the date. Further information will follow when available.

Volunteer to Support Children with Special Needs in Edinburgh: Three new adult volunteers are needed for the newly forming Children SPRED (Special Religious Development) group meeting at George Square in Edinburgh on Fridays from 3pm-4pm. The spiritual programme for children with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM (srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested in learning about becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist for this new Edinburgh children's group.

Walking the Way: Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims by experiencing the Fife Pilgrim Way. The mini-caminos take place each Saturday, beginning on Saturday 22 August. To find out times, meeting points and more details please contact Deacon Pat at columbasway@gmail.com

Eucharistic Prayer III Preface Sunday II .- Parish Mass book page 140;

Readings: First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23: **"In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending."** Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Gospel: **Matthew 22:1-14.**

Saturday	10th October	5.30pm HX	
Sunday	11th October	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	John Hastie
Monday	12 th October	10.00am HX	Mass
Tuesday	13 th October	10.00am MM	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Wednesday	14 th October	10.00am HX	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Thursday	15 th October	10.00am MM	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Saturday	17 th October	10.00am HX	No service
Saturday	17th October	5.30pm HX	John Hastie

Sunday	18th October	Polish Mass 9.00am MM 9.30am HX 11.30am MM	Ada Cuthbert
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Special Collections: National, Diocesan and Parish January -December 2026
 Note `Sunday` includes 5.30pm Mass on Saturday

Sunday	
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