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 SCO08540

18th October – 29th 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,
We welcome Fr. John McInnes to the parish this weekend. Fr. McInnes has retired fairly recently and is resident at St. Kentigern's, Barnton.
Yours sincerely, Fr. Hand

Missio Sunday: This 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** this 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 & Sandwiches - Sat. 7th Nov. 11am - 1pm Holy Cross Church Hall
The Parishes next social activity is our Soup & Sandwiches event, Sat. 7th Nov. from 11am to 1pmin Holy Cross Church Hall. Tickets £5 on sale after all weekend masses. We also plan to run a home baking stall so please donate home baking on the day, or speak to John Allan.

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

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 – We welcome Maciej Samulski back from his journey to India. Thanks to those who donated to the roof fund.*

100 Club - September Draw

The draw was made for the September prizes at Holy Cross Hall after the Mass on Sunday 4th October

1st prize £100 - Vic Laing - HX

2nd prize £50 - Frank O'Dea - SMM

There are still a few numbers available if you wish to participate in the monthly draw. Please contact Robert McGee at robertbmcgee@btinternet.com

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

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.

Eucharistic Prayer Preface Sunday.- Parish Mass book page 140;
Readings: First Reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96: **"Ascribe to the Lord glory and power."** Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-21.**

Saturday	**17th October**	**5.30pm HX**	John Hastie
Sunday	**18th October**	**Polish Mass 9.00am MM** **9.30am HX** **11.30am MM**	Ada Cuthbert
Monday	19th October	10.00am HX	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Tuesday	20th October	10.00am MM	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Wednesday	21st October	10.00am HX	Mass
Thursday	22nd October	10.00am MM	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
Saturday	24th October	10.00am HX	No service
Saturday	**24th October**	**5.30pm HX**	James Alphonso DSouza
Sunday	**25th October**	**Polish Mass 9.00am MM** **9.30am HX** **11.30am MM**	

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

Note 'Sunday' includes 5.30pm Mass on Saturday

Sunday	
18/10/2026	Missio
1/11/2026	Roof Fund
08/11/2026	Day for the Poor
22/11/2026	Catholic Education
06/12/2026	Roof fund
27/12/2026	Crib

Pope Leo
Please keep the Holy Father in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. May the Lord may give him strength and peace as he continues his ministry.

World Mission Sunday
This Sunday we have the annual special collection for the 100th World Mission Sunday. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is *One in Christ, United in Mission*. Our prayers and donations will support missionaries and communities in need, including Missio Scotland's projects in Albania and Ukraine. Please pray for missionaries throughout the world and give what you can. Donations can also be made online at missioscotland.com/donate

Mass for the Faithful Departed
Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

White Mass for Healthcare Workers
Catholic healthcare professionals are invited to a White Mass for the Feast of St Luke at 11:00am on Sunday 18 October at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh. All healthcare workers are warmly welcome. Register at bit.ly/whitemassedinburgh

Celebrate with the Sisters of Mercy
The Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, are celebrating 10 years in our Archdiocese. Join them on Tuesday 20 October, 6:30pm–8:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a short documentary about the Sisters and their community life, Q&A, pizza and conversation Register at bit.ly/dinnerdoc.

Edinburgh Day for Life
SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny. Register for this free event at bit.ly/dayforlife

'Who is Jesus?' course
If you want to explore Jesus, God, life, love and much more you are welcome to attend this free course which takes place each Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, 23 George Square, Edinburgh. Contact Fr Andrew Brookes OP at andrew.brookes@english.op.org