

Intimations

Miracle of Faith is how Pope Francis describes *Austin John Maley*, and every Baptised child. May he grow strong in the faith.

Of your Charity please pray for:

Sick: Sr Mary Bernard McCarroll MMM, Tom McLaren, Emma Biggins, Danny & Betty Rooney

And for the happy repose of the souls of:

Recently Dead: Albert Baxter (Westfield) [Sunday 6.30pm & Monday 10am]; Joseph Weldon and Lyn Weldon Glazert, Margaret Johnstone (formerly Croy), William (Billy) Gray (Westerwood), Roy Gillespie, Mrs Ann Taylor, Eddie O'Brien, Catherine Allan, Cathy Lohead, Margaret Quinn. David Cameron, Julia McCafferty

Month's Mind James McVey, Theresa (Tess) Hurrell

6 Months' Mind Mary McWilliams

Anniversary: Fr John McLaren, Mary McLaren, John Rooney, Edward (Ned) Phillips, William McGrath, Isabel McGrath, Catherine Foley, James Taggart, Mary McAdam, Norah Kelly, Hugh Clinton, Joseph & Mary Brady, Susan, Frank & Helen Brady, Tommy & Sadie Drain, John & Mary Docherty, John & Joe Brady, Jenny Kelter, Katie Owens, Brian Harkin, Jessie McCarroll, Peter "Junior" Waters, Mary Waters, John McCann (Snr), Hugh Reid, Tommy Rafferty, Annie Meechan, William Durkan, Mary Waters Curtis, Harry McGarry, Darren Smith, Anne McGuire, Tommy & Bessie McKeon, Charlie & Stella Walls

In Good Company:

Feast days this week: Monday: *St Blase* (Bishop & Martyr) [with Blessing of throats after the Rosary Circle] and *St Ansgar* (Bishop); Tuesday: *St Agatha* (Virgin & Martyr); Wednesday: *St Paul Miki & Companions* (Martyrs); Friday: *St Jerome Emiliani* and *St Josephine Bakhita*



Holy Cross

2 February 2014

Presentation of the Lord

World Day of Consecrated Life

Year A: Mal 3: 1-4; Ps 23; Heb 2: 14- 18; Lk 2: 22-40



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Clergy: Rev Fr Joseph Sullivan

Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil: 6pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.40am

Monday to Saturday: 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confession: Sat. after 10am & 6pm Masses

Holy Rosary daily at 9.30am

Novena in honour of *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* on Tuesdays at the end of Holy Mass

Day Visits the Church building is open during the day.

Mr William McCready is retiring after many happy years as Head Teacher at *Holy Cross Primary*. There will be a "Thanksgiving Mass" will take place at 7pm this Tuesday. All welcome. There will be light refreshment in the *Parish Hall* afterwards.

Enrolment for the Sacraments for P3 Pupils today. We will also hold *Catholic Education Sunday* whose theme is "*Shining the Light of Faith*". There are materials for perusal in the porch area.

In particular we pray for the school Communities of *Holy Cross Primary & St Andrew's Primary* and from *St Maurice's High & Our Lady's High* which are associated with most of our parishioners, without forgetting those at other Catholic Schools. Today the Second Collection will be for *Catholic Education*.

First Holy Communion meeting for Parents/ Carers at 7pm on Monday 3 February in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Archbishop Tartaglia has "decided that, from now on in the Archdiocese of Glasgow, the Confirmation of baptized children will take place around age 11 when children are in P7, their final year of Primary School.

This decision was motivated principally by pastoral concerns. It seemed sensible to prolong the period of sacramental initiation of baptized children to give parents a longer time to accompany their children through the reception of the sacraments and to make the best of the efforts of Catholic teachers and parish catechists. I felt too

that Confirmation will mean more to children who are a little older. And I imagine that most people would agree that it will be spiritually more satisfying to celebrate Confirmation at Mass when the newly-confirmed children can receive our Lord in Holy Communion as the centre and high-point of their sacramental life... The timings of First Confession at P3 and of First Holy Communion at P4 remain unchanged..."

A Copy of the entire Pastoral Note is available in the Porch Area.

Flourish Newspaper on Sale in Porch Area.

Coffee Morning Today at 10.20am in Parish Hall *without the bitter after-taste of injustice*. Proceeds to Alzheimer's Scotland.

Parish Questionnaire & Assembly Mr T. Bolan has kindly summarized both of these. Copies available from the Porch Area. The *Parish Pastoral Council* is considering them & will meet again on Thurs 13 Feb at 7pm. There is an article about the *Parish Assembly* in this week's *Scottish Catholic Observer*.

Justice & Peace Group meet in the Parish Hall on Wed 5th Feb at 7pm. Fr. Willie Slaven has been invited to talk on the work of the *Emmaus Community* and it's response to the growth of the homeless in our society. Many will know of Fr Willie's fascinating pastoral work & the evening promises to be both interesting & enlightening. There will be an opportunity to have an informal discussion over tea & coffee. All interested in Justice, Peace & the plight of the homeless are welcome.

Ladies Guild meets Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Come along & join the *craic*. This week's topic is "Glass Design". Days out & Summer week away. Take the time to meet old & new friends. £2 per week.

Rome Pilgrimage (27 July - 3 August 2014) Message from Fr Paul: "*Due to unforeseen circumstances Fr Paul is unable to lead this year's pilgrimage. However he is delighted to handover the pilgrimage to Alba Tours.*" Re itinerary/ final information for the pilgrimage meet Parish Hall on Wed 12 Feb at 7.30pm. Fr Sullivan has provisionally agreed to be *Spiritual Director* (and show you the best coffee shop & the largest *ice cream parlour* in Rome). *Alba Tours* are based in Motherwell & specialise in pilgrimage travel; Anne Marie Cairns from *Alba Tours* will come to the meeting to meet you and answer any queries. If you have booked or registered interest in the trip, please come along on 12 Feb or make sure you are represented. You are also requested to bring along your *passports* on the evening so that the information can be gathered for the airline. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, contact Anne Marie, *Alba Tours* on 01698 262941.

SPRED is a parish based programme that exists to meet the spiritual needs of those parishioners who have a learning disability. We need new volunteers to continue this ministry in our local area. We also need drivers to take our friends to and from the meetings.

Someone from SPRED will be making an appeal for volunteers at Masses on the weekend of 15/16 Feb 2014. There will be an Info Evening on Tues 18 Feb in *Holy Cross Church Hall* Constarry Rd Croy at 7pm. Further Info from: Isobel Sergeant, Community Outreach Worker, SPRED, 0141 770 5055



"My Mum says her prayers every night
— she says 'Thank God' as soon as
I've gone to bed . . ."